



You are invited to attend the upcoming session of the Forksville Philological Society, an online discussion forum for any and all topics related to languages, linguistics, and literatures. The session will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 1100 UTC (0700 eastern), via Google Meet.

Dr. Marla Perkins will be the featured session leader and coordinator and will be talking about **A Brief Linguistic Outline of the Hobongan Language** (available soon on the FPS website at <https://forksphil.org>):

Most language descriptions assume words and/or sentences are the fundamental units of language and are organized accordingly, from sound system to morphology to syntax; relatively few include analysis or description of social or narrative structures, even if a text is included in the description. In this outline, Marla suggests that the fundamental unit of language in Hobongan is the narrative discourse and organizes the outline so that the outline itself is descriptive according to the ways in which Hobongan speakers think about their language, rather than following a more traditional organization. In other words, the description is organized from descriptions of social and narrative structures to the more traditional elements of linguistic analysis. Marla has been having difficulty finding a publisher for a language description that is organized descriptively, and she especially elicits feedback on whether the goal of making description descriptive is worth pursuing, or whether she should accommodate more traditional approaches to describing languages.

Marla Perkins is a linguist who conducts research among the Hobongan and has taught in multiple countries to people from multiple generations, among whom she is appreciated for her quirky yet scientific approaches to information and teaching.

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General instructions:

- Entire this URL into your browser: <https://meet.google.com>
- Enter this meeting code into the box next to the blue, "New Meeting" box: <https://meet.google.com/sgi-edzp-eii>
- The discussion session, if needed, will be at this code: <https://meet.google.com/bws-ozdq-tuk>

- If your computer is set up for other video-conference programs, Google will be able to access your speaker and microphone. If not, you might need to configure your video and speaker settings to be accessible for online conferencing.

This invitation can also be found on the FPS website at <https://forksphil.org>. Any other questions/comments should be sent to Marla Perkins, Ph.D., at forksphil@gmail.com.

**Please feel free to send this invitation to your language-loving friends and colleagues.**