Summer Institute for Advanced Conversation Analysis
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University of Colorado, Boulder (United States)

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Description:

This 5-day institute is designed to hone the conversation-analytic skills of scholars who have already received formal training in CA fundamentals. This includes relatively advanced students who have taken CA courses, as well as faculty who have published CA work. The Institute will involve the six facilitators listed above and a small group of 36 participants, which will promote deep and individualized interaction. All training will be organized around audio- and video-taped mundane (i.e., non-institutional), English-language data, which will be provided by the facilitators.

Each day of the Institute will include the following:

1. a plenary talk by one of the facilitators;
2. small-group data sessions (~12 persons) that will involve two facilitators who will change daily such that all participants will ultimately have access to all facilitators. The focus of these sessions will include various issues related to the fundamentals of turn-taking, sequence organization, repair, and so on;
3. a project session in which small groups of participants (~6 persons) will, over the course of the week, form and refine a collection of cases toward the identification of a practice. Again, facilitators will rotate daily such that all participants will ultimately have access to all facilitators; and
4. after-hours homework assignments to be completed for the next day by small sub-groups of participants.

Rather than formal lecturing, the emphasis of the Institute is hands-on, practical data work. Although the Institute involves training, we refer to ‘facilitators’ – as opposed to ‘teachers’ or ‘instructors’ – because the aim is to learn from and with each other toward the goal of strengthening CA as a discipline.

Registration:

The cost of the Institute is $350 US dollars for (post)graduate students, and $550 US dollars for salaried researchers/faculty. This cost includes five days of training, training materials, and light refreshments (e.g., water, coffee, cookies) during the training. Participants are responsible for securing their own airfare/transportation, lodging, and main meals (i.e., breakfast, lunch, and dinner).

Because the Institute is limited to 36 participants who are already experienced with CA, attendance will be based on an application process. Applicants should email Chase Raymond (Chase.Raymond@colorado.edu) and include the name of their Ph.D. advisor and/or mentors, a list and brief description of CA courses/workshops they have taken, and a PDF-copy of their curriculum vitae. Facilitators will begin reviewing applications on November 4th, 2019, and early submission of your materials is recommended. Applicants will be notified of acceptance as soon as possible.

Any questions should be directed to Chase Raymond at the email address listed above.