

Linguistics

Universal Index of Biographical Names in the Language Sciences

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This alphabetical listing of more than 15,000 authors and their life-dates aims to be “universal” in the sense that it covers, as far as possible for the work of a single individual, all linguistic traditions from the earliest beginnings of reflection about the nature of language to the present. The volume is the fruit of the compiler’s many years at the helm of *Historiographia Linguistica: International Journal for the History of the Language Sciences* (1973–) and it will be an invaluable resource for scholars and editors alike. While biographical data may be regarded by some as irrelevant or incidental to the history of particular linguistic ideas, experience has proven the usefulness of such basic information. Many of us can think of misrepresentations of chronology where the life-dates of an author under discussion were either not known or were simply ignored. At its most extreme, such ignorance could result in statements asserting that Edward Sapir was a student of Benjamin Lee Whorf, and that the latter had influenced the former in developing the famous *Weltanschauungstheorie*. But this index is not just for the beginning scholar in need of guidance — it is an indispensable ready reference for anyone in the field.

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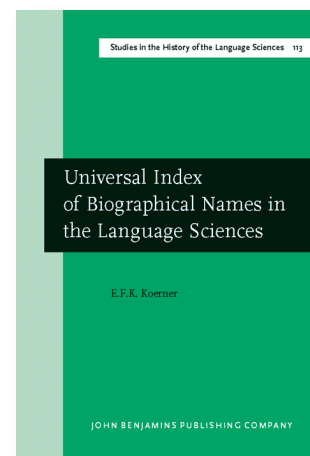


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“The result of years of accumulated knowledge, this index is an invaluable resource for all those interested in the history of the language sciences.”

Wendy Ayres-Bennett, Professor of French Philology and Linguistics, University of Cambridge

“The history of linguistics is filled with thousands of names, only a few dozen of which are widely known. Among the rest are people whose contributions, large or limited, have each helped shape the understanding of language in their time and since. Koerner’s *Universal Index* is their monumental wall. Few of the life-dates it contains can be readily found elsewhere, including on the Internet.”

John E. Joseph, Professor of Applied Linguistics, University of Edinburgh

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