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Professor Donald Burquest to Discuss Linguistics

New Braunfels - Dr. Donald A. Burquest, Professor Emeritus of Linguistics (University of Texas at Arlington), will give a talk entitled “We’re All Silver-Tongued Devils: An Introduction to Linguistics,” on Thursday, August 14, at 7 p.m. at the New Braunfels Public Library.

Burquest earned his PhD in Linguistics from UCLA, and did linguistic research among the Ngas people of Nigeria, during which time he proposed an alphabet for that language and was the primary translator involved in translating the New Testament into it. He taught linguistics at the University of Texas at Arlington for 33 years and in his retirement he is an adjunct professor at Trinity University in San Antonio. Since 2007 Professor Burquest has resided in New Braunfels.

Professor Burquest’s talk will help convey what he calls “some of the majesty that characterizes human language.”

“In keeping with our Summer Reading Program theme of science, we’re pleased to offer a distinguished scholar who will engage our patrons with the story of the scientific study of language,” said Library Director, Gretchen Pruett. “Since we are always communicating, perhaps we take language for granted. I think Professor Burquest will both enlighten and entertain us.”

For more information about this event, please call Alix Samuels at 830-221-4316.

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