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c.c. Native English (US), Linguistics, and Software

Dear Job Search Committee,

I am very interested in applying to the native English (US) speaker position at your company.

I have an expertise in linguistics with a special focus in syntax, semantics, and pragmatics. My graduate school specialization was in the morphosyntax of native American Indian languages and comparative linguistic theories. After graduating I obtained an internship position as an industry linguist at Attensity Corporation where I was able to put into practice much of the theory I had been taught. I was also able to begin acquiring real-world computational skills relevant to the consumer market.

My formal education focused on documenting endangered languages and designing text grammars for language learners and scholars. To these ends I have expertise in evaluating and analyzing a wide-range of linguistic phenomena from a diverse set of languages; this skill has also made me a better analyst of English. I also engaged in high level research into formal and mathematical logic, specializing in recursive procedures. Since graduation I have been focusing on computational linguistics. This includes using a variety of programming languages for specific goal-oriented projects. The languages I have been most involved with are Python (and the Natural Language Toolkit), Scheme, Java, and C++. Software projects include chatbots for language instruction in minority languages, a spell-checker for a minority language, chatbots to deal with idioms and context-dependent information, and a number of language corpora for specific linguistic phenomena in varieties of English.

I offer Lingua my expertise in linguistic analysis, my experience in putting theory to practice, and my determination to get it right. I have a deep commitment to computational linguistics and an unswerving drive to learn all that I can.

I can bring to Lingua a commitment to excellence and a spirit of collaboration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Joshua W. Bowles