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LSA 2017 Annual Meeting Day One Newsletter

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January 5, 2017

Dear 2017 Annual Meeting Attendees,

I am writing, as our [2017 Annual Meetings](#) begin, with some reminders as you prepare to arrive in Austin, and to help you make the most of your time here.

#### Weather Forecast

Check the Austin weather forecast [here](#), and remember to pack appropriate clothes. The forecast is for unseasonably cold weather from Thursday night through Saturday night, with lows in the 20s and highs in the 40s.

#### Transportation

Austin's [MetroAirport Bus](#) provides a fast, inexpensive and convenient way to get to the hotel. Ride it to the stop at Congress at 2nd, across 2nd Street from the hotel. Information on other ground transportation is available [here](#). Note that Lyft and Uber do not operate in Austin; information about other ride-hailing options is

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available [here](#).

### Internet Access

The LSA has negotiated with the JW Marriott for complimentary guest room internet (instructions provided at check-in) and for complimentary wi-fi for all attendees in the meeting rooms (Network JWMarriott\_CONFERENCE; Password LSA2017).

Please note the following special activities taking place on Thursday:

### Meeting Registration

Meeting Registration will take place in the Lone Star East Foyer from 1:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday. Note that conference tote bags and pens will NOT be supplied this year.

### How to LSA: The Annual Meeting for First-timers

3:00 - 3:45 PM in Lone Star A

Join LSA Student Member (and student representative to the Program Committee) Megan Figueroa (University of Arizona) and Anne Curzan (University of Michigan), for a lively Q&A session. Get answers to your questions about the Annual Meeting! Network with other newbies and seasoned attendees!

### LSA Annual Meeting Minicourses

The LSA is offering four Minicourses on Thursday, January 5 before the start of the Annual Meeting. Read more and sign up for a Minicourse [here](#).

### Welcome and Opening Plenary

Join us at 7:15 in JW Grand Ballroom Salon 5 for a welcome message from LSA President Alice Harris and an opening plenary address by Colleen Fitzgerald (University of Texas at Arlington) on "The Sounds of Indigenous Language Revitalization."

### Other Meeting-related Information

- The [Annual Meeting Handbook](#) is online in .pdf form, with bookmarks.
- An online version of the LSA meeting schedule is available [here](#). LSA members who are logged in to our website can create a customized schedule of activities.

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- Information about local transportation, dining, culture, and nightlife is available [here](#).

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

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