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Your Thursday Updates for the LSA Annual Meeting

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first day of the LSA Annual Meeting! Please read on for some tips to help you make the most of today.

Local Information

Our headquarters hotel, the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC, is located in a thriving commercial and residential area convenient to public transit, restaurants, and more. For those of you not familiar with the Washington, DC area, locals have prepared a [guide to transportation, dining, sightseeing and nightlife](#), with a focus on areas accessible from the hotel.

Weather Forecast

Today's forecast is for a fairly typical Washington winter day: high 44, low 31, and cloudy. Please dress appropriately if you're leaving the hotel.

Navigating the Hotel

All LSA sessions as well as meetings of the American Name Society and the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics will take place on Meeting Level 2, two levels below the lobby. Take the escalators or elevators to M2. Sessions of

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the American Dialect Society, the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, and The Association for Linguistic Evidence will meet on Meeting Level 3 (M3), one level lower. Ask any uniformed hotel staff member or any LSA meeting attendee with a "Staff" or "Volunteer" ribbon on their badge. Meeting room diagrams on pages 9-10 of the Handbook and electronic signage throughout the hotel can also help you find your way.

Registration

Those of you arriving today can pick up your attendee badges, tote bags and handbooks from 12:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the registration counters by the escalators on Meeting Level 2 (M2).

A PowerPoint slide presentation will be running continuously near the registration counters. Please take a few minutes to watch it; it contains a lot of useful information (dining, student activities, last-minute additions, withdrawals, corrigenda, etc.) that will help you make the most of your time at the Annual Meeting.

Please note the following special activities taking place on Thursday:

- Welcome: LSA President John R. Rickford, 7:15 PM, Salon 6.
- Opening Plenary Address: Marianne Mithun (University of California, Santa Barbara), "Where is Morphological Complexity?", 7:30 PM, Salon 6
- Special Film Presentation: Rising Voices / Hóǵħąjįpi, a documentary film project presenting Lakota language loss and revitalization efforts. 8:30 PM, Salon 6

Thursday special events are listed in detail on p. 12 of the Handbook. Note that the ANS Executive Committee will meet from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, not 3:00 to 6:00 PM, in Salon 14.

Committee meetings and office hours are listed on p. 11 of the Handbook. the Friday, Saturday and Sunday editions of this newsletter will feature reminders of these meetings as well as of those days' special events.

First-Time Attendee Orientation

If you've never been to an LSA Meeting before, plan on attending the

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orientation session in Salon 1 from 3:00 to 3:45 on Thursday. Hosted by Eric Potsdam (University of Florida) and Lauren B. Collister (University of Pittsburgh).

I've enjoyed seeing a few of you around the hotel already today, and look forward to seeing more of you tomorrow. Please let our Executive Assistant Rita Lewis, our Executive Director Alyson Reed, or me know if we can be of any assistance to you while you are here.

Sincerely,

David Robinson
Director of Membership and Meetings

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