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Happy Friday! Registration opens at 8:00 AM in the Marquis Ballroom Foyer!

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January 8, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

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

Registration

Those of you who arrived too late to register today may do so beginning at 8:00 AM this morning. Registration counters are in the Marquis Ballroom Foyer near the escalators.

Expert Consultancy Sessions

We are offering 15-minute consultation sessions with experts on topics such as applying to grad school, research funding, being on the job market, careers on higher education and beyond academia, professional self-presentation, explaining your research to job search committees, and more. Sign up for one [here](#).

Exhibit Hall

The Exhibit Hall will be open from 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM in Salon 6.

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Complimentary hot beverages will be served from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM and 3:30 - 4:30 PM. Get the exhibitor passport in your registration packet stamped by each exhibitor and bring it to the LSA booth, where you can spin the Prize Wheel for a chance at complimentary LSA memberships, meeting registrations, LSA swag, and more.

Student Lounge

The student lounge will be open from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM in Salon 11, offering complimentary hot beverages, snacks, and free wifi for our student attendees.

Friday Committee Meetings and Office Hours

- African American Linguistics SIG Meeting 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Tulip Room
- Committee on Scientific Communication in Linguistics, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Capitol Hill
- Linguistics in the School Curriculum Committee, 8:00 - 9:00 AM, Scarlet Oak
- Public Relations Committee, 7:30 - 9:00 AM, Capitol Hill
- Endangered Language Fund Meeting, 8:00 - 9:00 AM, Tulip Room
- Endangered Language Fund Office Hours, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, Tulip Room
- LINGUIST List Office Hours, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, Tulip Room
- 2017 Linguistic Institute Office Hours, 9:00 - 10:30 AM, Cherry Blossom Room
- National Science Foundation Office Hours: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Poster Boards 14 and 15 in the Marquis Ballroom Foyer.

Friday Special Events

- Special Session on Broadening the Connections Among Researchers in Linguistics and Human Language Technologies, 7:30 - 9:00 AM, Salon 1
- Special Session in Tribute to Paul Chapin, 9:00 - 10:30 AM, Shaw
- Invited Plenary Address, Raffaella Zanuttini (Yale University), "Dialect Syntax in American English", 12:45 - 1:45 PM, Salon 6
- Wikipedia Edit-a-thon, 2:00 - 5:00 PM, Salon 17
- Round Table for Department Chairs and Program Administrators, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Union Station
- Linguistics Beyond Academia Salon, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, George

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Washington University Room

- LSA Business Meeting and Induction of 2016 Class of Fellows, 6:30 - 7:30, Salon 12
- Invited Plenary Panel on Language Contact and Language Acquisition, Elissa Newport (Georgetown University), Don Winford (The Ohio State University), Charles Yang (University of Pennsylvania), and Jeff Lidz (University of Maryland), Discussant. 7:30 - 9:00 PM, Salon 6
- Student Panel on Explaining Your Research in Different Contexts, 8:30 - 10:00 PM, Salon 12
- Student Mixer, City Tap House, 901 9th Street NW, 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM

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 45, low 40, 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 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 Area PowerPoint

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

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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.

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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