January 6, 2017

Dear 2017 Annual Meeting Attendees,

I am writing, with our 2017 Annual Meetings well under way, with some reminders to help you make the most of your time in Austin.

Weather Forecast

Check the Austin weather forecast here, and be prepared for chilly temperatures through Saturday evening.

Meeting Registration

Meeting Registration will take place in the Lone Star Foyer from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Note that conference tote bags and pens will NOT be supplied this year.
The LSA has negotiated for complimentary internet in the guest rooms (instructions provided at check-in) and in the meeting rooms (network JWMarriott_CONFERENCE, password LSA2017).

Please note the following special activities taking place on Friday:

Invited Plenary Address: 12:45 - 1:45 PM, JW Grand Salon 5. Gennaro Chierchia (Harvard University), "The Spontaneous Logicality of Language"

LSA Annual Business Meeting: 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Brazos Room. Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer, Editors of Language and Semantics and Pragmatics, Program Committee; induction of the 2017 Class of LSA Fellows; voting on Honorary Members; In Memoriam.

The Five-Minute Linguist: A Special Plenary Event; 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Brazos Room. Join fellow attendees to hear brief, informative presentations by selected contestants. The event is emceed by John McWhorter (Columbia University). Your audience vote will determine the final winner. Sponsored by the Department of Linguistics at the University of Texas at Austin.

Friday Corrections, Errata, Changes, Withdrawals, etc.

American Name Society: Numerous changes: please check the updated conference schedule on the American Name Society website.

SSILA:

- **Cancelled**: First thoughts about the prehistory of Tlacolulita Zapotec - Rosemary Beam De Azcoma (Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia), originally at 3:00 Friday.
- **Change of Time**: Jeffrey Davis’ (University of Tennessee) talk titled 'Historical and contemporary evidence for a signed lingua franca among American Indian Nations' is now **Friday @ 3:00** rather than 3:30.
- **Change of Time**: The session on **Ideophones** now begins **Friday @ 3:30** rather than 4:00. This session includes the following talks:
- Rethinking mono-sensory, implicational approaches to ideophones in Pastaza Quichua - Janis Nuckolls (Brigham Young University), Sydney Jensen (Brigham Young University), Emily Peterson (Brigham Young University),
The onomatopoeic ideophone-gesture relationship in Pastaza Quichua - Sarah Hatton (Brigham Young University)

Cancelled:

Rosetta Stone Chickasaw - Juliet Morgan (University of Oklahoma) & Joshua Hinson (Chickasaw Nation), originally at 4:00 Friday.

Cancelled:

Copular Clauses in Cherokee and Baker’s Theory of Agreement - Faruk Akkus (University of Pennsylvania), originally at 4:00 Friday.

Cancellations:

• Friday Morning Plenary Poster Session: Emily Moeng et al., “Determining ‘high quality’ tokens of tones in Mandarin infant-directed speech”

• Friday, 2:00 PM, Session 30: Convadonga Sanchez Alvarado et al., “The perception of L1 and L2 focal prominence: Spanish vs. L1-English L2-Spanish”

• Friday, 4:00 PM, Session 49: Juliet Morgan et al., “Rosetta Stone Chickasaw”

Changes

• Friday, 8:30 AM, Session 30: Title is “Typological contributions of Ventureño Chumash possessive constructions."

• Friday, 9:00 AM, Session 11: Session Chair is Minjoo Kim (Texas Tech University)
  
  Friday, 3:00 PM, Session 37: Alethia Cui et al., "Perceptual equivalence between co-articulated cues during a sound change in progress"

• Friday, 2:00 PM, Session 50: Session Chair is Carolyn J. MacKay (Ball State University)

Committee Meetings

• Committee on AP Linguistics: Friday, Meeting Room 306, 7:30 – 9:30 AM

• Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL): Friday, Meeting Room 309, 9:00 – 10:00 AM

• Public Relations Committee (PRC): Friday, 6 January, Meeting Room 307, 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Office Hours

• Endangered Language Fund
  
  —Open Annual Meeting: Friday Meeting Room 301, 8:00 – 9:00 AM
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- National Science Foundation: Friday, Lone Star Foyer, Poster Board No. 87, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- NSF Documenting Endangered Languages Program: Friday, Meeting Room 307, 9:00 – 10:30 AM
- 2017 Linguistic Institute at the University of Kentucky: Friday, Meeting Room 306, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Dining Options: In the Hotel

Present your meeting badge for a 10% discount at any of the following hotel eateries (excludes alcohol):

- Starbucks (Level 2)
  - Monday-Saturday 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM
  - Sunday 6:30 AM – 2:00 PM
- Burger Bar on Congress (sit-down or grab-n-go)
  - 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM every day
- Osteria Pronto
  - Breakfast 6:30 AM – 11:00 AM Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM Saturday/Sunday
  - Lunch 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM Monday-Friday
  - Dinner 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- QP Wine Bar (in Osteria Pronto)
- Lobby Bar
  - 12:00 PM – 1:00 AM; food served until midnight
  - Happy hour menu Sunday – Thursday 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Present your attendee badge at time of ordering and receive a 10 percent discount on your bill (excludes alcohol).

Outside the Hotel

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

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.

I hope you enjoy your time in Austin!
Sincerely,

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