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LSA 2018 Annual Meeting Day One Newsletter

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Dear 2018 Annual Meeting Attendees,

I am writing, as our [2018 Annual Meetings](#) begin, with some reminders as you prepare to arrive in Salt Lake City.

Weather

Check the Salt Lake City weather forecast [here](#), and remember to pack appropriately. The forecast is for highs in the low to mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s, with a good chance of rain on Saturday.

Airport Transportation

The Grand America Hotel is easily and inexpensively reached by public transit from Salt Lake City International Airport. Follow the signs to the TRAX Light Rail stop [at the south end of Terminal One](#). Take a Green Line train in the

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direction of West Valley Central. Ride ten stops, alighting at the Courthouse station. The Grand America will be 1/2 block ahead of you, on your left, and the Little America directly across the street from the Grand America, on your right. Trains run every 15 minutes weekdays, and every 20 minutes on weekends. Fare is \$2.50. More information is available [here](#). The trip takes about 1/2 hour. Read about other transportation options [here](#).

Internet Access

The LSA has arranged for complimentary wifi access for attendees in their guest rooms and in the meeting rooms. To connect in guest rooms, simply select the appropriate network (GrandAmericaGuesT or GrandAmerica_GuesT for the Grand America, and LittleAmericaGuesT or LittleAmerica_GuesT for the Little America). No password or login page is required. In the meeting rooms, connect to the network GAOrange using the password carolina. Please disconnect from the network when you are no longer using it. Complimentary wifi is also available in the lobby and most of the restaurant areas of the two hotels.

Please note the following special activities taking place on Thursday:

Meeting Registration

Meeting Registration will take place in the Grand Ballroom Foyer from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. Tote bags and pens will not be provided this year.

How to LSA: The Annual Meeting for First-timers

3:00 - 3:45 PM in Imperial C

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 4 before the start of the Annual Meeting. Read more and sign up for a Minicourse [here](#).

Welcome and Opening Plenary

Join us at 7:00 in Grand Ballroom C for a welcome message from LSA

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President Larry Hyman, a report from Executive Director Alyson Reed, and an opening plenary address by Karen Emmorey (San Diego State University) on "The Neurobiology of Language from the Perspective of Sign Languages."

Special Film Showing: Talking Black in America

The plenary address will be followed by a special screening of the documentary "Talking Black in America: The Story of African American English," After the screening, there will be a Q&A session with Walt Wolfram (North Carolina State University).

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 by clicking on the "Personal Schedule" tab. .
- Information about local transportation, dining, culture, and nightlife is available [here](#).

I look forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City!

Sincerely,

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