January 5, 2018

Dear 2018 Annual Meeting Attendees,

I am writing, as our 2018 Annual Meetings enters its second day, with some information and reminders which will help you make the most of your time in Salt Lake City. Please read on for more information, and note especially the information near the bottom of this email about cancellations, errata, and late-breaking changes to the program.

**Weather**
Check the Salt Lake City weather forecast [here](https://example.com/weather), 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 forty percent chance of occasional rain showers on Saturday.

**Airport Transportation**
If you’re arriving today, 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 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.

Altitude
Salt Lake City is at an altitude of 4,226 feet. Symptoms of altitude sickness -- not particularly likely at this altitude -- include dizziness, nausea, muscle aches and headache. The best preventative is to stay hydrated and to moderate alcohol consumption.

Meeting Registration
Meeting Registration will take place in the Grand Ballroom Foyer from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Tote bags and pens will not be provided this year.

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 Friday:

- **LSA Invited Plenary Address:** Grand Ballroom C, 12:45 – 1:45 PM. Lisa Green (University of Massachusetts Amherst), “African American English and Fifty Years of Research: Variation, Development, and Implications for the Pipelines”
- **LSA Business Meeting and Induction of 2018 Class of LSA Fellows:** Imperial A, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Open Committee Meetings

- **Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL):** Friday, 5 January, Grand Salon, 8:00 – 9:00 AM
- **Committee on Student Issues and Concerns (COSIAC):** Friday, 5 January, Hermitage, 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM
- **Language in the School Curriculum Committee (LiSC):** Friday, 5 January, Tuscany, 7:30 – 8:30 AM

Office Hours

- **Teaching Linguistics:** Friday, 5 January, Embassy, 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- **Open Meeting on Evaluating Documentation Work for Tenure:** Friday, 5 January, Riviera, 7:30 – 8:30 AM
- **CoLang 2018:** Friday, 5 January, Embassy, 2:00 – 3:00 PM
- **Endangered Language Fund Open Annual Meeting:** Friday, 5 January, Bagatelle, 8:00 – 9:00 AM
- **Endangered Language Fund Office Hours:** Friday, 5 January, Bagatelle, 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Late-breaking Program Changes for Friday

**Changes:**

- The Endangered Language Fund - Campbell Reception will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 in **Earl's Lounge**.

**Cancellations:**

- The Friday morning meeting of the Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics is **cancelled**. (The Saturday meeting will be held as scheduled.)
- ADS Session 3; Brandon Jent, "if you ask me for one, I'll give you three."

Changes to the SSILAProgram
Changes:

- Executive Committee Meeting will be **Friday, January 5 from 7:00 - 9:00 AM in the Embassy Room**
- The special session on Dene (Athabascan) Languages in Story, Poem, and Song will begin at 10 AM on Friday, January 5
- The Semantics Session (Friday 2:00 PM) will be in **Fontainbleau**
- The Demonstratives (and Determiners) session (Friday 3:30 PM) will be in **Fontainbleau**
- Change of titles: Ryan E. Henke The development and possession in the L1 acquisition of Northern East Cree
- New Session Chair, Morphology: Martin Kohlberger
- New Session Chair, Semantics: Bruce Mannehim
- New Session Chair, Syntax 1: Jorge Emilio Rosés Labrada

Cancellations:

- Marie-Lucie Tarpent
- Susan Kalt
- Willem de Reuse
- Anthony K Webster
- Robert Lewis

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](https://lsa.confex.com/lsa/2018/webprogram/start). 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](https://lsa.confex.com/lsa/2018/webprogram/start). Dining hours for hotel outlets are posted in the lobby and on the powerpoint presentation near the registration desk. Remember that there are a range of options at both the Grand America and the Little America. Outside of the hotel, Mill Creek Coffee Roasters, one block south at 657 S. Main St., is open from 6:30 AM - 5:30 PM and serves a range of baked goods, breakfast items and lunch sandwiches.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of your stay. LSA staff and volunteers are on
hand to help; please let us know if we can do so.

Sincerely,

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