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THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST

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February 2007

### 2007 LASSO Meeting to be held in Denver, Colorado

The University of Colorado at Denver will host the 36<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest in Denver, Colorado, September 21-23, 2007. Mark your calendars now for what promises to be an outstanding event in a great western city.

This year's theme is "Linguistic Legacies." The conference will feature a plenary address by Carmen Silva-Corvalán, University of Southern California. Kati Pletsch de García of Texas A&M International University will present the Presidential Address.

Denver is a fantastic destination and venue for the conference. Many cultural opportunities are available within easy walking distance of the hotel, including the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, the Denver Mint, the Denver Art Museum, Museo de las Américas, and some great shopping on the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall and Larimer Square. Additionally, over 60 restaurants are available within a five-block radius of the hotel, so bring your appetite!

The conference will take place on the Auraria Campus, a unique downtown venue which hosts three institutions of Higher Learning: the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, the Metropolitan State College of Denver and the Community College of Denver. The combined campus has over 33,000 students.

The official conference hotel is the Curtis (1.800.525.6651 or [www.thecurtis.com](http://www.thecurtis.com)), at 1405 Curtis St. in downtown Denver. The hotel is conveniently located two blocks from

campus as well as close to many cultural centers in downtown, most notably the Denver Center for the Performing Arts across the street. In addition to the great location, we have a great price for a downtown hotel. The per-night conference rate for LASSO is \$109/single and \$119/double. While there may be other options to choose from, you will not find another hotel downtown at that rate. For this reason and for the sake of convenience, participants are strongly encouraged to stay at the Curtis. You must make your reservations at least 30 days in advance (i.e. by August 21<sup>st</sup>) to be assured the conference rate, so call 'em early!

Denver International Airport is served by most major airlines, including lower-cost carriers such as Frontier and Southwest Airlines. The Airport sits east of Denver, but Airport Shuttles can be taken from DIA to downtown. Super Shuttle (800.525.3177 or [www.supershuttledenver.com](http://www.supershuttledenver.com)) provides service for \$19 one-way/ \$34 roundtrip. For a complete list of airport ground transportation services, see the conference website.

For the cost-conscious, Route AF (express bus) of Denver's Regional Transportation District ([www.rtd-denver.com](http://www.rtd-denver.com)) runs from DIA to downtown for \$8 each way. To get from the Airport to downtown, simply catch the AF outside Level 5 of the airport, then take it to Market Street Station. From outside Market Street Station, take the 16th St. Mall Ride (free shuttle about every 2 minutes) toward downtown to Curtis Street.

From there, walk less than two blocks to the hotel, at 1405 Curtis St.

Rental cars, taxis and limousines are also available at the airport. All conference activities, as well as many cultural opportunities, are within easy walking distance of the hotel. If you are driving to the conference from nearby and just plan to be there during the day, you'll want to park on campus. Convenient, relatively-close parking garages can be found at 9th St. and Auraria Pkwy (TAPS) and at 7th St. and Walnut St. (PTC).

Abstracts for the conference may now be submitted to the following address: [lasso2007@byu.edu](mailto:lasso2007@byu.edu). Papers or posters in any area of linguistics are welcome, although proposals on the theme are particularly encouraged, as are proposals dealing with language issues of special interest in the Southwest. Proposals for complete panels with 2-4 speakers are also welcome. Deadline for submission is June 1, 2007; early submission of panel proposals is desirable.

Program arrangements are the responsibility of the LASSO Vice-President/President-Elect David Eddington. All proposals for papers, special sessions, panels, or other program features should be submitted to him at [lasso2007@byu.edu](mailto:lasso2007@byu.edu). Any questions regarding the conference site should be directed to Devin Jenkins, local arrangements chair, at [devin.jenkins@cudenver.edu](mailto:devin.jenkins@cudenver.edu).

Student papers can be considered for the Helmut Esau Prize, a \$250 cash award made annually by LASSO for the best student paper.

For much more information about the conference, LASSO, and the city of Denver visit the conference web site at <http://www.cudenver.edu/~djenkins/LASSO>. The web site contains links to most of the services and destinations listed on this page.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

**36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST**

**SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2007 IN DENVER, COLORADO  
HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER**

**PLENARY ADDRESS BY  
CARMEN SILVA-CORVALÁN  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BY  
KATI PLETSCH DE GARCÍA  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

**CONFERENCE THEME: LINGUISTIC LEGACIES**

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: JUNE 1, 2007**

**E-MAIL 250-500 WORD ABSTRACTS TO [lasso2007@byu.edu](mailto:lasso2007@byu.edu)**

- Abstracts for papers or posters in any area of linguistics are welcome, although proposals on the theme are particularly encouraged, as are proposals dealing with language issues of special interest in the Southwest.
- Proposals for complete panels with 2-4 speakers are also welcome. Early submission of panel proposals is desirable.
- Presentation time for papers will be twenty minutes plus ten minutes for discussion.
- Abstracts may be in English or Spanish. Presentations should be given in the same language as the abstract.
- Only one abstract as single author and a second as co-author will be accepted from any one individual.
- Submissions by graduate students are welcome, and students are eligible for the Helmut Esau Prize, a \$250 cash award.
- Abstracts should be 250-500 words, single-spaced in 11 point Times New Roman font. Abstracts should summarize the main points and indicate key aspects of the data and methodology. Use of special font items should be kept to a minimum. In general, omit the bibliography. At the conference, abstracts will be distributed as received.
- At the beginning of the abstract, write the title of the paper. At the end of the abstract, repeat the title and also list the author's name (if more than one author, list names in the order they should appear in the program), academic affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail.
- If the author will not be available at his/her usual address or e-mail during the summer, provide summer contact information in the cover e-mail. Also note whether any A-V equipment will be needed.
- Abstracts should be e-mailed to [lasso2007@byu.edu](mailto:lasso2007@byu.edu) as a PDF, Microsoft Word, RTF, or text file attachment. Special font items travel best as a PDF. In addition to sending the abstract as an attachment, please paste the text of the abstract into the e-mail message itself. Authors without access to e-mail may mail a disk copy accompanied by a paper copy to LASSO VP David Eddington, 4041 JFSB Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.
- Authors will receive a reply notifying them that their abstracts are under consideration. If such notification has not been received within one week, the abstract did not reach its destination and should be resent.
- Authors will be notified by early July as to whether their papers have been accepted.
- Participation in LASSO is a privilege of membership; this means that an individual must be a current member in order to be listed in the conference program. For membership information, contact LASSO Executive Director Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza at [pmacgreg@nmsu.edu](mailto:pmacgreg@nmsu.edu).
- For further conference information, contact [lasso2007@byu.edu](mailto:lasso2007@byu.edu) or visit the website <http://www.cudenver.edu/~djenkins/LASSO>

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## THANK YOU, LAREDO!

Laredo, Texas was the site of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest which featured the theme “Transcending Borders.” The meeting was sponsored by Texas A&M International University and dedicated to Dr. Winfred Lehmann in honor of his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and of his unending support of LASSO.

The success of LASSO’s 2006 meeting was due in large part to the extraordinary planning of our exceptional host Kati Pletsch de García and her local arrangements committee: Dr. Ellen Barker, Dr. Lynda Brown, Ms. Lisa Gardner-Flores, Ms. Patricia González, and Ms. Conchita Hickey. The meeting also benefited greatly from the generous support of Dr. Dan Jones, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jeffrey Cass, Associate Provost, Dr. Nasser Momayezi, Dean and Jacqueline Arguindegui, Executive Secretary from the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Michael J. Patrick, Director of the Texas Center for Border Economics & Enterprise Development, Maribel Juárez, Staff Assistant and Angélica Martínez, Acenet Pérez, and Teresa Rangel, student workers from the Department of Language and Literature.

The 2006 meeting featured over 77 presentations held at the TAMIU campus and the La Posada hotel, both top-notch venues. The presentations included special panels and undergraduate poster sessions highlighting the multifaceted cultural and linguistic nature of the border and in particular of the Laredo region. In addition, a fascinating Plenary Address entitled, “*Transfronterizo talk: Remapping the linguistic and cultural borders in Tijuana-San Diego*”, was presented by Ana Celia Zentella of the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Zentella’s talk emphasized the examination of the border from a diversity of perspectives, including that of those who cross back and forth across it every day. Colleen Fitzgerald of Texas Tech University delivered an outstanding Presidential Address entitled “*Indigenous languages and Spanish in the U.S.: How can/do linguists serve communities.*” Dr. Fitzgerald’s presentation focused on the many different ways that linguists can apply their skills to advocate for underrepresented linguistic communities.

In addition to the outstanding presentations, the conference organizers coordinated a number of complex details to keep us stimulated and entertained. The La Posada Hotel was an elegant and relaxing setting that pampered us with its attentive staff and world-class cuisine. We were treated to the exceptional talents of the Texas A&M International Ballet Folklórico under the direction of Gaby Mendoza-García. We also enjoyed an unforgettable evening of delicious food and the musical gifts of Richard Brown and Ana Aguiar at the gorgeous backdrop of Casa Ortiz.

An exciting addition to this year’s conference was the raffling of door prizes at the luncheons. Several participants went home from Laredo with magnificent souvenirs that reflected Laredo’s extraordinary artistic talents. On Saturday afternoon, conference goers were treated to a chartered trolley that shuttled us to various shops to purchase more of Laredo’s wares. Some participants took the opportunity to walk across the border to purchase items in Nuevo Laredo, México.

Overall, the conference was an amazing success and we will long remember Laredo’s sites, talents, and generosity. **Thank you** to Texas A&M International for being such gracious and able hosts. We are particularly grateful to our Local Planning Committee for their outstanding efforts in funding, planning, and organizing such a spectacular three days!

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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

The three-year term for Executive Director is set to expire at the end of this year. A search for a new Executive Director is beginning. Preference is usually given to members who have actively volunteered their services to LASSO in the past. If you would like to be considered for the position, or would like to nominate someone else for consideration, please send an e-mail to: Kati Pletsch de García at [kdegarcia@tamiu.edu](mailto:kdegarcia@tamiu.edu)

### NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

If you have published a book, if you have other news to report about yourself or others, or if you would like to publicize an event that would be of interest to other LASSO members, please send a message to Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza at [pmacgreg@nmsu.edu](mailto:pmacgreg@nmsu.edu) for inclusion in the next newsletter.

### 2007 HELMUT ESAU PRIZE

A total of eight submissions were received for the 2006 Helmut Esau Prize. These submissions are still being reviewed and the recipient of the Prize will be announced soon.

LASSO is very proud of all of our student members and encourages them to not only present their research at our annual meeting, but to also participate in the contest for the Esau Prize.

To be eligible for the Helmut Esau Prize, students must first present at the Annual Meeting and then submit a revised version of their paper to the

LASSO Vice President. The prize is awarded to the best of all high-quality submissions received. Recipients of this prestigious prize receive a \$250 cash award.

Students who hope to have their abstracts accepted for the meeting in Laredo should plan now to enter the Esau competition. To be considered for the 2007 Esau Award, polished, article-length manuscripts should be sent to David Eddington following our fall meeting and must be in her hands by **January 1, 2008**.

This award is named in honor of Helmut Esau, who was active in the

early days of LASSO. Professor Esau died in an automobile accident shortly after he was elected to the LASSO presidency, and his colleagues at the time established the Esau Award to commemorate his contributions to the Linguistic Association of the Southwest and to the profession at large.

### THE SOUTHWEST JOURNAL OF LINGUISTICS

We know that you have all missed your copies of the 2005 Southwest Journal of Linguistics issues. Guest editors of the 2005 volumes, Daniel Villa and Susana Rivera-Mills have indicated that they intend to publish both issues of the 2005 volume together in the Spring of 2007.

Pamela Anderson-Mejías and Hugo Mejías at the University of Texas Pan-American, our regular editors for the Southwest Journal of Linguistics, are currently in China, but have dutifully been fulfilling their editing duties. The December 2006 issue is in its final stages! Pamela and Hugo are forging ahead on future issues. They encourage all Lassovians to send them manuscripts in consideration for publication.

Manuscripts may be forwarded to them at the following address: Pamela Anderson-Mejías and Hugo A. Mejías, Joint Editors, *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*, Department of Modern Languages, University of Texas—Pan American, 1201 University Drive, Edinburg, Texas, 78541, USA, or may be sent electronically to [swjlasso@panam.edu](mailto:swjlasso@panam.edu).

The Southwest Journal of Linguistics is also seeking submissions for book reviews. Please contact our book review editor, Peter Gingiss, at [pjgingiss@uh.edu](mailto:pjgingiss@uh.edu) for details regarding books available for review and book review guidelines.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Please take a look at the mailing label on your copies of the Southwest Journal of Linguistics when it arrives. The first line indicates when your LASSO membership expires. If your label does not have a date of 2006 or beyond, it is time to write a check to update your membership status. A copy of the 2006 membership form is on the last page of this newsletter.

Membership in LASSO demonstrates commitment to the study of linguistics and provides scholars and students alike the opportunity to develop professional friendships, to obtain information about teaching and research, and to exchange ideas and network with each other. LASSO members receive two newsletters per year and two issues per year of the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*.

Presentation of papers at the annual LASSO conference is a privilege of membership, and only those who are LASSO members may have their work published in the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*.

Now is also a good time to check local library holdings; if your school does not receive the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*, by all means request that your institution subscribe today.



**2006 Executive Committee Minutes**

The LASSO Executive Committee met Friday night, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Laredo, Texas, at the La Posada Hotel. Members in Attendance: Domnita Domitrescu, Past President; Colleen Fitzgerald, President; Kati Pletsch de García, Vice-President; Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, Executive Director; Members: Joke Mondada, Regina Morin, Peter Gingiss, Devin Jenkins, David Eddington, Larry Gorbet, Brian Imhoff, Jon Jonz, Edward Heckler, and Daniel Villa.

1. Approved the minutes of the 2005 Executive Committee Meeting in Lubbock.
2. Accepted MacGregor-Mendoza's financial report for the period of October 5, 2005-Sept 27, 2006. The balance carried forward from the previous report made at the Lubbock conference was \$25,205.93. Income and dividends for the year were \$16,646.14. Total expenses for the year were \$5,288.00, resulting in a bank balance of \$ 35,564.07. The 2005 LASSO annual Meeting net revenue was \$8,686.00.
3. Accepted Fitzgerald's report on the Esau Award. Fitzgerald reported that there were 9 submissions, all of good quality. The Award went to Naomi Fox.
4. Accepted Pletsch de García's report on program for 2006. Assistance for many aspects of the conference was received from numerous Texas A&M International departments and administrators. Approximately 108 students were in attendance and 83 non-student members had registered. Approximately 77 papers, poster sessions, and special panels were scheduled.
5. Devin Jenkins presented a successful proposal to host LASSO in 2007 in Denver, CO. David Eddington presented a successful proposal to host LASSO in 2009 in Provo, UT. A location for the 2008 meeting was not finalized.
6. Accepted Gingiss' report on the Publicity Committee. Regina Morin has been successful advertising the conference in electronic and print sources and is eager to continue to assist in this regard. The Committee needs information regarding the Annual Meeting as early as possible to advertise it in journals.
7. No report given. It was suggested that this committee may be redundant with the Publicity Committee.
8. The Nominating Committee forwarded the following slate of nominees:
  - a. Vice President and Program Chair: David Eddington
  - b. Executive Committee Member through 2009: Larry Gorbet
  - c. Nominating Committee Member through 2009: Michelle Ramos-Pellicia
  - d. Nominating Committee Member through 2009: Holly Cashman
9. Accepted Heckler's report on SWJL on behalf of Anderson-Mejías and Mejías who are currently in China for several months. The June 2006 issue was released containing 5 articles and 2 reviews; the December 2006 issue is on track. Discussion ensued regarding errors that had been overlooked in the editing process; it was agreed that associate editors and editors will continue to make every effort to present a quality journal. Accepted Villa's report on the status of the 2005 journal. A total of 12 manuscripts and 1 review will appear in the double issue volume which should be in print by the end of the 2006.
10. New Business: MacGregor-Mendoza's term as Executive Director will expire in 2007, a search committee will be formed to seek her replacement.

<b>2005 Ending Balance Reported Oct. 6, 2005</b>		<b>\$25,205.93</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Memberships	\$5,240.00	
Lubbock Conference Income	\$8,686.00	
Dividends	\$251.72	
TAMU Subvention	\$751.49	
NMSU Subvention (rec'd from UTPA)	\$250.00	
Close-out of J. Jonz SWJL account	\$445.93	
Misc. Income	\$21.00	
Income Received 7Oct 2005-27Sept06		<u>\$15,646.14</u>
Total Income		<u>\$40,852.07</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Misc. Lubbock Conference Expenses	<b><u>-\$1,268.00</u></b>	
Bank Fees	<b>-\$20.00</b>	
SWJL--Transferred to Pam&Hugo for v25.1	<b>-\$4,000.00</b>	
Total Expenses		<u><b>-\$5,288.00</b></u>
Current Balance		<u><u>\$35,564.07</u></u>
SWJL Financials (Jonz 6 Oct 05)		
Account Closed	-\$445.93	\$445.93
Balance		\$0.00
SWJL Financials (UTPA)		
Account Established 24 May 06	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Deposits		
Interest	\$0.00	
Book Sales	\$42.00	
Subventions		
Cent. For Intern. Studies	\$500.00	
NMSU	\$250.00	
Total Deposits		\$4,792.00
Expenses		
Forwarded NMSU Subvention to Plm-m	-\$250.00	
CELJ Dues	-\$40.00	
Copies and Office Supplies	-\$199.20	
Postage		
Bulk rate journal	-\$102.57	
International Journal	-\$101.20	
Non-bulk journal	-\$48.99	
Regular mail services	-\$41.64	
Printing services		
Mexico	-\$2,272.00	
UTPA compilation & wrap	-\$556.80	
Import & bridge	-\$16.36	
Total Expenses		<u><b>-\$3,628.76</b></u>
SWJL Balance		<u><u>\$1,163.24</u></u>
Combined LASSO and SWJL Balance		<u><u>\$36,727.31</u></u>

## THANK YOU, LASSO VOLUNTEERS

Sincere thanks are extended to those named below who contribute their time and talents as officers and volunteers for the Linguistic Association of the Southwest:

### President

Kati Pletsch de García, Texas A&M International (2007)

### Past President

Colleen Fitzgerald, Texas Tech U (2006)

### Vice President / Program Chair & President Elect

David Eddington, Brigham Young U (2007)

### Executive Director

Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, New Mexico State U (2007)

### Executive Committee

Joke Moncada, U of New Orleans (2007)  
Regina Morin, The College of New Jersey (2008)  
Larry Gorbet, U of New Mexico (2009)

### Nominating Committee

Devin Jenkins, U of Colorado at Denver (2008)  
Michelle Ramos-Pellicia, George Mason U (2009)  
Holly Cashman, Arizona State U (2009)

### Development Committee

Holly Cashman, Arizona State U (2007)  
Michael Galant (2008)

### Ad-hoc Technology Committee

Daniel Villa, New Mexico State U  
Peter Gingiss, U of Houston  
Brian Imhoff, Texas A&M U

### Local Arrangements Chair for 2007.

Devin Jenkins, U of Colorado at Denver

### Resolutions and Publicity Committee

Peter Gingiss, U of Houston  
Daniel Villa, New Mexico State U  
Comfort Pratt (2008)

## THANK YOU, SWJL VOLUNTEERS

Sincere thanks are also extended to those named below who contribute their time and talents to the Southwest Journal of Linguistics:

### Editors

Pamela Anderson-Mejías, U of Texas Pan American (2008)  
Hugo Mejías, U of Texas Pan American (2008)

### Associate Editors

Regina Morin, The College of New Jersey (2008)  
Mary Ellen García, U of Texas, San Antonio (2008)  
Susana Rivera-Mills, Northern Arizona U (2008)  
María Irene Moyna, San Diego State University (2008)  
Brian Imhoff, Texas A&M U (2008)  
Glenn Martínez, U of Texas Pan American (2008)

### Reviews Editor

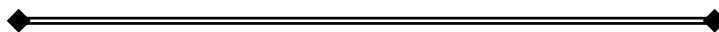
Peter Gingiss, U of Houston (2008)

### Editorial Board

Timothy Face, University of Minnesota (2006)  
George Ann Gregory, Ho Anumpoli! (2006)  
Elly Van Gelderen, Arizona State University (2006)

## YOUR NAME HERE

LASSO and SWJL owe much of their success to the generosity of time, effort and talents of its members serving as volunteers in various capacities. If you are interested in assisting with the operations of LASSO or SWJL or would like to nominate someone else for a position, please contact Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza or any member of the Nominating Committee. Slates of nominees are presented and voted on at the Executive Meeting and confirmed at the Business Meeting. Both Meetings are held in conjunction with our Annual Meeting and are open to anyone who would like to attend. We encourage you to lend your talents to our organization!







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The Linguistic Association of the Southwest

## 2007 \_\_\_New Membership Application or \_\_\_Membership Renewal (Please print)

Name:

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Mailing Address:

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Institutional Affiliation (if not given above): \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: Regular -- \$35 US \_\_\_\_\_  
Student/retired/unemployed -- \$25 US  
Institutional -- \$60 US

Overseas postage surcharge: \$10 annually \_\_\_\_\_

Life membership: \$450 US \_\_\_\_\_

Tax-deductible contribution \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to "LASSO." Your canceled check will be your receipt. Return this form with your remittance to: Dr. Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, Executive Director of LASSO, New Mexico State University, Department of Languages and Linguistics, Box 30001, MSC 3L, Las Cruces, NM 88003 (USA)

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