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THANK YOU, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY!

The 46th meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest took place in Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA October 5-7, 2017. Mark Waltermire, chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, did a superb job of identifying and scheduling meeting spaces, arranging for hotel accommodations, conference registration and setting up transportation to and from the conference hotels and around Las Cruces in general. His efforts in doing so, all with a vigilant eye on the budget, resulted in the conference being able to return monies to the LASSO budget (see financial report below). Patricia Gubitosi put together an excellent program of concurrent presentations and panel sessions.

The initial presentations centered on the theme of “Ideologies in Interesting Times” and were held on Thursday afternoon of the 5th, followed by the LASSO Business Meeting. The morning of Friday, October 6th featured parallel sessions on bilingualism, language and education, and sociolinguistics, along with a panel titled “Humor mechanisms in the reproduction of linguistic stereotypes in different domains in the Spanish world”. These were followed by papers dedicated to issues in language attitudes, morphology and semantics, U.S. Spanish, as well as a panel titled “Análisis de la conversación y del discurso en contextos monolingües, bilingües y trilingües”. The afternoon saw papers on linguistic identity, indigenous languages and discursive practices. We finished the day at the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum with Carol Klee’s keynote address, “Divergent approaches to research on language contact: What can they reveal?”, followed by the conference banquet.

Saturday, October 7th saw a full day of talks including such diverse topics as heritage speakers, pedagogy, dialectology, syntax, among others, as well as a special *tertulia* titled “Spanish survival in the hostility era”. The afternoon also saw a special session on publishing in our journal, IJLASSO, conducted by Jeremy King. José Esteban Hernández finished with his Presidential Address; we then closed the 46th LASSO meeting with the Presidential Reception. Many thanks again to Mark Waltermire, Patricia Gubitosi, and all the volunteers who helped make the conference a huge success!

LASSO XLVII

2018 CALL FOR PAPERS, PROVO, UTAH

HOSTED BY BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, OCTOBER 11-13, 2018

CONFERENCE THEME

LINGUISTIC STRATEGIES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE: CONTACT, CONTRAST, AND CONVERGENCE

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND PROPOSALS:

We welcome papers in all areas of linguistics, but we particularly encourage presentations on linguistic justice,

raciolinguistics, languagelessness, ideologies of language standardization, nationalist language ideologies, language variation and contact, language policy, planning, and linguistic attitudes, among other areas. Proposals for panels with multiple speakers are also welcome provided they fit within the 90-minute time frame of the concurrent sessions. We are also open for suggestions on workshops, especially those dealing with interdisciplinary topics. Please submit papers via EasyAbs from March 19, 2018 to June 1, 2018 (see below).

Submissions by graduate students are especially welcome, and students are eligible to compete for the Helmut Esau Award, which includes a \$400 honorarium.

AGAIN: DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT/PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS IS JUNE 1, 2018

PRESENTATION FORMAT:

Presentation time for papers will be 20 minutes plus 10 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.

ABSTRACT FORMAT:

Abstracts should be 250-500 words, single-spaced in 12 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. Abstracts will be distributed via the Internet 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, cellular phone number, and e-mail. If the first author, who will be point of contact for the submission, will not be available at his/her usual address or e-mail during the summer, provide summer contact information in the cover e-mail.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

Abstracts must be submitted via EasyAbs as a .pdf, .txt, or .doc file; see a conference description on the Easy Abs site at <https://linguistlist.org/callconf/browse-conf-action.cfm?ConfID=309956>. Abstracts will be accepted via Easy Abs from March 19th through June 1st (click on the "View Call for Papers" button for specific information). Special font items travel best in a .pdf file. 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 re-sent. Authors will be notified by late July as to whether their papers have been accepted. For questions regarding abstracts or the conference program, please contact Michelle Ramos Pellicia at mramos@csusm.edu.

LASSO MEMBERSHIP:

Participation in LASSO is a privilege of membership. This means that an individual must be a current member in order to present a paper and be listed in the conference program. You may fill out a membership form at the same time you register for the conference online. Membership includes a subscription to the International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest: <http://clas2.ucdenver.edu/lasso/ijlasso.html>.

REMINDERS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Spring is here (at least in southern New Mexico) and time to renew your membership for 2018! You can renew your membership through PayPal; just go to http://clas2.ucdenver.edu/lasso/dues_payment.html and follow the directions.

You do not need to have a PayPal account in order to send your fees. If you prefer to renew by check there is a Membership Renewal Form at the end of this newsletter that you can print out and send in. 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 of the International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest. 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 IJLASSO. Now is also a good time to check local library holdings; if your school does not receive IJLASSO, by all means request that your institution subscribe today.

LASSO 2019 AND BEYOND

LASSO members who would like to host a future LASSO conference should contact Executive Director Daniel Villa, lasso.executive.director@gmail.com, for more information. Proposals may be presented at the General Business Meeting. You do not have to be on the Executive or any other committee to present a proposal to host a LASSO conference. If you are interested in hosting a conference, we encourage you to let us know!

HELMUT ESAU AWARD DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2019

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 Award.

To be eligible to compete for the Helmut Esau Award, students must first present at the Annual Meeting and then submit a closely edited, revised version of their paper to LASSO Vice-President Michelle Ramos Pellicia. The Award is given to the best of all high-quality submissions received. Recipients of this prestigious Award receive a \$400 check. To be considered for the 2019 Esau Award, polished, article-length manuscripts must be sent, preferably as an e-mail attachment, to Vice-President Michelle Ramos Pellicia, mramos@csusm.edu, following our fall meeting, and must be in her hands by **March 31, 2019**. Now is a good time to start working on your paper!

Papers may also be submitted via surface mail to:

Dr. Michelle Ramos Pellicia
Department of Modern Language Studies
CSU San Marcos
Markstein Hall 228-A
333 S. Twin Oaks Valley
San Marcos, CA 92096

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 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST

Joint Editors Jill Brody and Jeremy King of Louisiana State University are accepting manuscripts for possible publication in IJLASSO. Manuscripts should be sent electronically to ijlasso@lsu.edu, but must also be accompanied by a .pdf version or a hard copy to the following address:

Dr. Jeremy King, IJLASSO
Louisiana State University
Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures
316 Hodges Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

EDITORIAL SCOPE

The journal publishes papers across a broad range of topics in linguistics, though research papers dealing with the languages of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico are especially encouraged. The journal also publishes scholarly reviews of the literature, book reviews, and occasional commentary on topics of concern to the journal's readership. Proposals for thematic issues and nominations for guest editors are invited.

BOOK REVIEWS

Book reviews can be sent to [María del Puy Ciriza](#), University of North Texas at Dallas, University Hills Boulevard 7400, Department of Languages and Communications, Dallas, Texas, 75401. Please contact her for guidelines in preparing your book review.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Manuscripts are to be prepared according to the *Language* style sheet, published annually in the December *LSA Bulletin* and available at:

<http://www.linguisticsociety.org/files/style-sheet.pdf>

In addition to meeting *Language* requirements, IJLASSO contributors should also:

- Prepare manuscripts using MS WORD or another common word processing program for PC or Mac. Contact the editor for guidance in using special symbols.
- Submit manuscripts in either English or Spanish.
- Include an abstract in English of between 100 and 150 words.
- Submit 1 copy in MS WORD and one in .pdf or hard copy for comparison (especially if symbols are used).

Given the comprehensive goal of the journal, attention is drawn particularly to the *Language* style sheet provision that contributors provide the names and addresses of appropriate referees.

IJLASSO 32,2 IN THE MAIL

Copies of IJLASSO 32,2 entered the NMSU mailing system the week of February 26th. We cannot predict with complete accuracy how long mailing services will take to process the order, but the Journal should be on its way in the very near future. If you were a LASSO member in 2013 and do not receive your copy, please contact Daniel Villa at lasso.executive.director@gmail.com. If you were NOT a member but would like to purchase a copy, please click on the same link.

**LASSO 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2017-DECEMBER 31, 2017**

OPENING BALANCE, 1/1/2017	Credits	Debits	\$47,687.26
INCOME			
Dues, interest income	3,826.16		
Return, Las Cruces conference	4,352.51		
Total income	8,178.67		
COSTS			
Helmut Esau Award		400.00	
IJLASSO 32:2			
Diggypod, printing		1,191.50	
Compositor		1,000.00	
Total costs		2,591.50	
CLOSING BALANCE, 12/31/2017			\$53,274.43

Note: LASSO is currently in satisfactory financial conditions, both on the short and long terms. Continued vigilance of conference costs and IJLASSO production expenditures will help in maintaining the organization's future financial health. DV

**MINUTES FROM LASSO BUSINESS MEETING, LAS CRUCES,
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017**

In attendance: Len Beké, David Eddington, Patricia Gubitosi, Maryellen García, José Esteban Hernández, Patricia McGregor-Mendoza, Daniel Villa, Michelle Ramos-Pellicia, Ana Sanchez-Muñoz, Israel Sanz-Sánchez, Adam Schwartz, Rachel Showstack, Damián Vergara Wilson, Mark Waltermire, Michael Woods.

1. Executive Director's report (Daniel Villa)

A) We are doing well financially. There are two factors that have helped: production costs for IJLASSO have been reduced considerably with savings in the production process (printing costs), and the conference in Austin contributed a considerable amount to the LASSO coffers.

B) Maryellen proposed that LASSO designates a reduced conference fee for retirees/unemployed. The executive committee discussed this proposal together with ways to solicit donation from members that may be in a position to donate money. Regarding the proposal for retiree members, the executive committee decided to recommend that a reduced fee be implemented at future conferences. Regarding donation solicitations, the development committee (Israel Sanz-Sanchez) will devise a way, such as a letter, to ask for donations. The money might go to a scholarship fund for students, or other similar purpose (still to be decided).

C) We still don't have the final numbers for this conference, but Daniel thinks we will be within budget, and perhaps be able to return some funds to the LASSO treasury. The next financial report will come out in the February newsletter.

D) The number of institutional subscriptions to IJLASSO is down. We have 15 library members. The committee continues to entertain the possibility of an open source journal. The editors will discuss this transition into an online platform and report to the executive committee about the financial ramifications

2. Report of Helmut Esau Award (José Esteban Hernández)

This year we had more submissions than the previous year; this may be due to the fact that grad students were sent a direct reminder. We received 5 papers, 3 of which were sent out for review. We hope to receive more great papers this year, as there are more grad students in attendance at this conference.

3. Report on and program for 2017 (Patricia Gubitosi)

There were 191 abstracts submitted and 3 panels.

There was a 7.8% rejection rate.

The number of confirmed papers was 94 but there were 4 cancellations.

The total number of authors is 112, 27 parallel sessions and 3 panels.

4. Discussion about 2018

David Eddington from BYU is interested in hosting LASSO in 2018. Also, Margarita Jara from UNLV expressed interest. So those two possibilities are on the table for next year and the financial details will be examined before making a decision.

Damian Vergara-Wilson is interested in hosting LASSO in 2019.

5. Committee nominations

Vice President/Program Chair/President Elect: Michelle Ramos-Pellicia* (Nominated by David Eddington, motion passed unanimously)

*Damian Vergara will substitute Michelle in the executive committee while she serves as vice president/program chair. (Nominated by Patricia MacGregor Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously)

Executive Committee: Rachel Showstack (Nominated by Daniel Villa, motion passed unanimously)

Nominating Committee: José Esteban Hernández (Nominated by Patricia Gubitosi, motion passed unanimously)

6. IJLASSO (Jill Brody, Jeremy King)

There has been lots of work involved in completing special issue 32.1 and getting issue 32.2 out (it will be coming very soon). The delay was due to losing the page layout person and having to replace this person with someone else. We finally have a new layout person who has her own company and she has now taken over the job.

We have received good new submissions, but we always need and would like to receive more. We are charged with spreading the word amongst colleagues and graduate students. Daniel suggested that each of us could recruit 4 people each (colleagues/students) for special collections.

Additionally, we need jurors for articles. We need a bigger pool in all disciplines.

As reported in the Executive Director's report, the institutional numbers are down. The transition to online platform may reduce costs, but we will continue with the print version for a while (in tandem with an online presence). Also Jeremy is looking into a digital platform for the peer review process (such as that of *Hispania*).

Related to online issues, Daniel mentioned that we need to find an independent web presence for the LASSO website. It'd be good to not depend on an institutional server (as it is the case now, UC Denver) so that we can get into the site and fix issues without having to wait for the institution to provide access. Daniel is looking into this.

7. New business

Michelle posted a link in the LASSO Facebook page to help Puerto Rico in the recovery efforts. There is a list that academics can sign in and offer help such as free online courses.

Patricia announced that there is an open position in Spanish Linguistics (tenure-track, assistant professor) in NMSU.

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

Patricia Gubitosi, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2018)

Past President

José Esteban Hernández, University of Texas - Río Grande Valley (2018)

Vice President / Program Chair & President Elect

Michelle Ramos Pellicia, California State University San Marcos (2018)

Executive Director

Daniel Villa, New Mexico State University (2019)

Executive Committee

Chase Raymond, University of Colorado Boulder (2018)

Damián Vergara Wilson (2018, serving for Michelle Ramos Pellicia)

Rachel Showstack, Wichita State University (2020)

Nominating Committee

Vanessa Elías, Indiana University (2018)

Devin Jenkins, University of Colorado Denver (2019)

José Esteban Hernández, University of Texas Río Grande Valley (2020)

Local Arrangements Committee Chair

David Eddington, Brigham Young University (2018)

Development Committee

Juan José Colomina, University of Texas at Austin (2019)
Danielle Alfandre, ASU Colleges at Lake Havasu City (2019)
Israel Sanz, West Chester University (2019)

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Sincere thanks are also extended to those named below who contribute their time and talents to the International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest.

Editors:

Jeremy King, Louisiana State University (2019)
Jill Brody, Louisiana State University (2019)

Associate Editors:

María Irene Moyna, Texas A&M University
Susana Rivera-Mills, Oregon State University
Glenn Martínez, Ohio State University
Mark Waltermire, New Mexico State University
Karen Dakin, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Carmen Jany, California State University, San Bernardino

Reviews Editor:

María Ciriza, University of North Texas at Dallas (2019)

Editorial Board:

Holly Cashman, University of New Hampshire (2020)
Jens Clegg, Indiana/Purdue University Ft. Wayne (2018)
Pamela Munro, University of California-Los Angeles (2019)
Rey Romero, University of Houston Downtown (2018)
Elly van Gelderen, Arizona State University (2020)
Carmen Silva-Corvalán, University of Southern California (2020)

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LASSO and IJLASSO 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 IJLASSO, please contact Daniel Villa, lasso.executive.director@gmail.com.



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The Linguistic Association of the Southwest

Membership Application____ **or Membership Renewal**____ **for 20**____
(Please print)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Institutional Affiliation (if not given above): _____

Telephone: Office: (_____) _____ - _____ Fax: (_____) _____ - _____

Home/Cell: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

Annual Dues: Regular -- \$40 US _____

Student/retired/unemployed -- \$25 US _____

Institutional -- \$60 US _____

Overseas postage surcharge: \$15 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: Daniel Villa, LASSO Executive Director, 420 Parker Rd., Las Cruces NM 88005.

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