



# LASSO

THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST

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### MEETING DETAILS FOR LASSO 2007 IN DENVER

Sponsored by the University of Colorado at Denver and organized around the theme "Linguistic Legacies," the 36th annual meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest will take place in Denver, Colorado, September 21-23, 2007.

Local arrangements chair Devin Jenkins of the University of Colorado at Denver and the program committee chaired by Vice-President/ President-Elect David Eddington of Brigham Young University have put together a number of outstanding papers and panels. One of the highlights of the 2007 meeting will be the plenary address by Carmen Silva-Corvalán of the University of Southern California. Dr. Silva-Corvalán's topic is entitled "Early Spanish-English bilingualism: Theoretical issues, empirical analyses." Equally anticipated is the address to be delivered by, LASSO President Kathleen Pletsch de García on "Spanish ¡Ala!: Linguistic Innovation and the Blending of Cultures on the South Texas Border".

A preliminary program with further details appears inside this newsletter. All sessions will be held on the Auraria Campus in Downtown Denver.

#### REGISTRATION & FOOD

The PRE-registration fee for the 2006 conference will be \$125 for regular registration and \$95 for students. Onsite registration will be available at a cost of \$135 for regular registration and \$105 for students. Please note that **the registration fee includes some of the meals.** A form for PRE-registration is available online

at the conference website: <http://carbon.cudenver.edu/~djenkins/LASSO/registration.htm>. **Attendees wishing to take advantage of reduced registration fees should complete their registration by August 24, 2007.** Payment may be completed by check or credit card following the directions on the form.

Conference registrants will receive a packet containing the conference program and abstracts of presentations.

#### LODGING

The conference hotel for LASSO XXXVI is **The Curtis**, located 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, the price is right as well. The per-night conference rate for LASSO is \$109/single and \$119/double. You must make your reservations at least 30 days in advance to be assured the conference rate (1.800.525.6651). **The cutoff date is currently August 21 for the LASSO rate.** Please call for reservations. **Be sure to identify yourself as being with the Linguistic Association of the Southwest to get the lower conference rate.** There are other hotels in the area that are available; check the Accommodations link on the conference website: <http://carbon.cudenver.edu/~djenkins/LASSO/hotel.htm>.

#### TRANSPORTATION

**Denver International Airport** (DEN) is served by most major airlines, including lower-cost carriers such as [Frontier](#) and [Southwest](#).

The Airport stands east of Denver, but Airport Shuttles can be taken from DIA to downtown. [Super Shuttle](#) provides service for \$19 one-way/ \$34 roundtrip. For a complete list of airport ground transportation services, [click here](#).

For the cost-conscious, Route AF (express bus) of [Denver's Regional Transportation District](#) (RTD) 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). A map of campus parking is located at: <http://www.ahec.edu/parking/parking.htm>

(See Conference Info p. 2.)

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**Need More Info?** Continually updated conference information can be found at <http://carbon.cudenver.edu/~djenkins/LASSO>. Send questions about the conference to local arrangements chair Devin Jenkins [djenkins@cudenver.edu](mailto:djenkins@cudenver.edu). The LASSO website is located at [http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/swjl/public\\_html/lasso.html](http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/swjl/public_html/lasso.html), and Executive Director Patricia MacGregor Mendoza can be reached at [pmacgreg@nmsu.edu](mailto:pmacgreg@nmsu.edu)

## CONFERENCE INFO, CONTINUED

### ALL ABOUT DENVER

Local arrangements chair Devin Jenkins notes that there are several sites to see in and around Denver. Listed on the conference website are the following:

- [16th Street Mall](#)--Boutique shopping and many restaurants
- [Denver Center for the Performing Arts](#)--showing *Spamalot*, among other shows.
- [U.S. Mint](#) (reservations required)
- [Denver Art Museum](#)
- [Colorado History Museum](#)
- [Museo de las Américas](#)
- [Downtown Aquarium](#)
- [Coors Field](#)
- [Pepsi Center](#)
- [REI Flagship store](#) (for the outdoor enthusiast)
- [Over 60 restaurants within a five-block radius of the hotel](#)
- [Denver Broncos vs. Jacksonville Jaguars](#) (September 23rd). Football fans may wish to make arrangements to attend the game. *Everyone*, however, should arrange hotel accommodations as early as possible so as not to be preempted by those travelers who will be in town for the game.

In addition, for those who are interested in getting outside the city to visit other sites or to enjoy the foliage, Devin offers advice and directions on the conference website.

### AWARD FOR STUDENTS

All students are eligible to submit their LASSO papers for the Helmut Esau Award, a \$250 prize given annually for the best student paper presented at the conference.

To enter the competition, send your written paper, polished and revised as if for publication, to the attention of vice President/ President-elect David Eddington at [lasso2007@byu.edu](mailto:lasso2007@byu.edu). The entry deadline is January 1, 2008. The winner will be announced in the February 2008 *Newsletter*.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee will meet on **Friday night, September 21, 2007**. Officers and Board Members are expected, but **all members are welcome and invited to attend**.

Anyone interested in hosting a LASSO conference in the future should attend or at least send a written proposal in advance to Executive Director Patricia MacGregor Mendoza ([pmacgreg@nmsu.edu](mailto:pmacgreg@nmsu.edu)).

### BUSINESS MEETING

If at all possible, schedule your travel plans to include your attendance at the Business Meeting held at the end of the conference. All members are welcome to attend. Your input is valued!

### RENEWAL TIME!

Please remember that *presenting a paper at the annual LASSO conference is a privilege of membership*. Also, only those who are LASSO members may have their work published in the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*. Your LASSO membership runs from **January 1 to December 31 each year**.

If your membership has lapsed, or you want to become a member for the first time, please fill out a membership form (at the end of this newsletter) and send it with the appropriate dues amount 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).

*To ensure that your membership is up to date prior to the conference, please send in your membership forms by September 1, 2007.*

### THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

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*.

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.

*Dues for 2007 are: Lifetime-- US\$450, Regular -- US \$35, Student/retired/unemployed -- US \$25, Institutional -- US \$60.*

*If you are outside of the United States, please add a \$10 surcharge to these rates for international postage.*

### SEARCH FOR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A note from LASSO President, Kati Pletsch de García:

As you may know, Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, will be ending her term as our dedicated Executive Director on September 30, 2007. **The search is on to find a new Executive Director for our organization.** This is a volunteer position that requires a person who enjoys working with people, is organized and is detail-oriented. According to our LASSO Constitution, "the Executive Director shall maintain records of the transactions of the Association, keep Minutes of Executive meetings, maintain all membership records, supervise the preparation and distribution of all official Association publications, and perform other duties specified herein or assigned by the President and Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall be the chief fiscal officer of the Association, shall prepare, in consultation with the Budget Committee, and submit to the Executive Committee annually a complete statement of the financial condition of the Association, which, upon being reviewed by the Executive Committee, shall be distributed to the members."

**If you would like to nominate someone (self-nominations accepted) for this position, please send me an email at [kdegarcia@tamiu.edu](mailto:kdegarcia@tamiu.edu).** Please provide contact information for the person you are nominating. Thank you and see you in Denver!

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## PREFACE TO THE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR LASSO XXXVI

- ◆ This newsletter contains a *preliminary* program; a final program and abstract book will be provided at the conference.
  - ◆ Authors who find that they will not be able to attend the conference after all should inform the local arrangements committee at ([lasso2007@byu.edu](mailto:lasso2007@byu.edu)) immediately.
  - ◆ Please advise the local arrangements chairs of any corrections in names, affiliations, or titles that need to be made for the final program.
  - ◆ Participants are reminded that each paper will be allocated 30 minutes: 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion. Authors should practice their presentations to insure that their papers fit in the given time frame.
  - ◆ AV arrangements should have already been made between authors and the program chair, but please contact the local arrangements chairs in advance if you have any questions about availability of equipment in your session.
  - ◆ Papers listed in Spanish will be delivered in Spanish, while papers listed in English will be delivered in English.
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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR LASSO XXXVI Conference Program for the 36th Annual Meeting of THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST

### “Linguistic Legacies”

September 21-23, 2007  
in Denver, Colorado hosted by  
University of Colorado at Denver

Conference Website: <http://carbon.cudenver.edu/~djenkins/LASSO/index.htm>

Contact for Conference Organizers: [lasso2007@byu.edu](mailto:lasso2007@byu.edu)

Conference Hotel: The Curtis,  
1405 Curtis St.,  
1.800.525.6651,  
<http://www.thecurtis.com/>

current as of August 17, 2007

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

Registration can be completed online at:  
<http://carbon.cudenver.edu/~djenkins/LASSO/registration.htm>

To receive your **Early Registration** discount, you should register by  
**August 24, 2007**

All conference sessions will take place on the [Auraria Campus](#) in Downtown Denver. Room numbers will become available after the beginning of the fall semester.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21****9:00-10:30 Parallel Sessions****Discourse Analysis and Pragmatics**

9:00 *El voseo en los negocios en Buenos Aires,*  
Diane R. Uber, The College of Wooster

9:30 *"No Face": The Interrelationship of Characters in Junot Díaz's Narrative,*  
Joke Mondada, University of New Orleans

10:00 *Estrategias de cortesía y gestión de imagen en entrevistas con jóvenes caribeños,*  
Domnita Dumitrescu, California State University, Los Angeles

**Special Session: Code Switching and Stylistic Variation**

9:00 *Syntactic Linguistic Variation in Academic Speech*  
Robert Connor, Louisiana State University

9:30 *Code Switching in Spanish Language Classrooms: A comparative view between native and non-native Spanish-speaking instructors*  
Anne Reynolds-Case, Louisiana State University

10:00 *Early vs. Late Learners in Intrasentential Code Switching*  
Kelly Zirker, Brigham Young University

**Language Attitudes**

9:00 *Mexican Americans and Puerto Ricans in the same community: Their language attitudes towards their linguistic varieties of Spanish*  
Michelle F. Ramos-Pellicia, George Mason University

9:30 *English-Only and Native Language Revitalization*  
Brad Montgomery-Anderson, University of Kansas

10:00 *"You want sell?": Fictitious, fictional, or what else?*  
Luis Silva-Villar, Mesa State College

**Spanish Lexicon**

9:00 *Convergencia lingüística en los calcos fraseológicos: innovación estructural y semántica*  
Ana Ortigosa Pastor, Graduate Center, CUNY

9:30 *A corpus analysis of Spanish locational adverbs*  
Catherine Travis, University of New Mexico  
Timothy Jowan Curnow, University of South Australia

10:00 *E-mail or correo electrónico? Computer- and Internet-related terminology and the preferences of native Spanish speakers*  
Regina Morin, The College of New Jersey

**Break 10:30-10:45**

**10:45-12:15 Parallel Sessions****Language Contact**

- 10:45 *The role of gender in lexical purification: The Valencian scenario*  
Manuel Triano-López, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- 11:15 *An Analysis of the Motivations for Borrowing in the Spanish of New Mexico*  
Jens H. Clegg, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
- 11:45 *Using Split Function of Feature Checking and Movement on Code-Switching Research: Evidence from Amis-Chinese*  
Yi-Ting Chen, Arizona State University

**Discourse Analysis and Pragmatics**

- 10:45 *Patterns of Subjectivity in Spoken Brazilian Portuguese*  
Agridino S. Silveira, University of New Mexico
- 11:15 *The Effects of Second Language Learning on the Perception of Direct and Indirect Speech*  
Rachel Hansen, David Jacob Kartchner  
Brigham Young University
- 11:45 *A Study of Young Men's Cooperative Discourse*  
Keri Griffith, MaryEllen Garcia  
University of Texas-San Antonio

**Second Language Acquisition**

- 10:45 *Interaction Between Motivation and Autonomy in Second Language Learning*  
Manjula Shinge, Emporia State University
- 11:15 *How the complexity of oral speech compares in authentic vs. simulated-authentic video*  
Ryan Rocque
- 11:45 *Phonologic and Semantic Influence of L1 and L2 in L3 learning*  
Silia Lugo, Brigham Young University

**Language Contact**

- 10:45 *La influencia del inglés en la prensa fronteriza mexicana*  
Javier Villarreal, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi
- 11:15 *La interpretación de falsos cognados en un dialecto de contacto*  
Patricia G. González, Texas A&M International University
- 11:45 *Dos caras del mismo cuento: La creación de la narrativa oral por estudiantes bilingües*  
Lisa Gardner Flores, Texas A&M International University

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**Lunch Break 12:15-1:30**

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## 1:30-2:30 Parallel Sessions

### Special Session: 150 Years of Texas German (1)

1:30- 2:30

*The Texas German Dialect Archive*  
Hans C. Boas, Guido Halder  
The University of Texas at Austin

### Special Session: Experimental approaches to second language phonology (1)

1:30 *Lexical-phonological structure in second language acquisition*

Rachel Hayes-Harb, University of Utah

2:00 *The influence of production accuracy on suprasegmental listening comprehension*

Adriana Romanini, Wendy Baker  
Brigham Young University

### Discourse Analysis and Pragmatics

1:30 *The Function of Discourse Markers in the Sermons of African American Television Evangelists*

Tina Marie Villa, Louisiana State University

2:00 *Rising intonation contours and turn-taking in Australian English conversation*

Susan Buescher, University of New Mexico

### Ethnic Identity

1:30 *Ethnic Identity, Language Attitude and Language Choice among Japanese Brazilian Guest Workers in Japan*

Tomoko Sakuma, The University of Texas at Austin

2:00 *Identity, motivation and attitudes related to bilingualism in Denver, Colorado.*

Judy Meza, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center

## Break 2:30-2:45

## 2:45-3:45 Parallel Sessions

### Syntax and Discourse Analysis

2:45 *The Formal Grammar of Reference-Tracking in Japanese: At the Syntax-Discourse Interface*

Yosuke Sato, University of Arizona, Tucson

3:15 *Word order in Spanish clause construction: pragmatic and discourse factors*

James L. Fidelholtz, Rosa G. Montes,  
Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla

**Cognitive Linguistics**

2:45 *Metaphor and Phonological Reduction in English Idiomatic Expressions*  
Daniel Sanford, University of New Mexico

3:15 *The interaction of metonymy and metaphor in verb-noun compounds in Spanish*  
Jiyong Yoon, University of North Texas

**Phonetics**

2:45 *A preliminary acoustic analysis of the Comanche vowel system*  
Dylan Herrick, University of Oklahoma

**Second Language Acquisition**

2:45 *Translation as a Measure of L2 Competence: Evidence from Spanish Aspectual Acquisition.*  
Donna E. West, State University of New York at Cortland

3:15 *Modo y modalidad en las oraciones completivas entre estudiantes de nivel intermedio de español como segunda lengua*  
Martha Xóchitl Robles Bruno, Universidad de Guadalajara

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**Break 3:45-4:00**

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**4:00-5:00**

*2007 Presidential Address by*

*Kathleen Pletsch de García,  
Texas A&M International University:*

***“Spanish ¡Ala!: Linguistic Innovation and the Blending of Cultures  
on the South Texas Border”***

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***6:00 - 8:00 Presidential Reception***

***Zenith Room, 6th Floor  
Tivoli Student Union***

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**Executive Meeting 8:00**

**Room to be Announced in the final program.**

**Officers and Board Members are expected. ALL OTHERS WELCOME,** particularly if you are interested in becoming a LASSO officer or would like to propose hosting a LASSO Conference or learn about either. Please join us!

## Saturday, Sept. 22

### 9:00-10:30 Parallel Sessions

#### **Special Session: Experimental approaches to second language phonology (2)**

9:00 *Psychological and social factors affecting second language dialect acquisition*  
Wendy Baker, Brigham Young University

9:30 *Native English speakers' perception of Arabic pharyngealization contrasts*  
Aleksandra Zaba, Kaitlin Bolewicz, Rachel Hayes-Harb  
The University of Utah

10:00 *Rethinking Transfer: Perception and Production of Nonnative Contrasts*  
Eric Russell Webb, Bruce Anderson,  
University of California, Davis

#### **Tohono O'odham**

9:00 *Q-Morpheme Specifications*  
Jason Ginsburg, University of Arizona

9:30 *Creating a Toolbox Project for Tohono O'odham*  
Jared Hoover, Nathan Jahnke and Kristen Jones  
Texas Tech University

10:00 *Orthography, Phonology, and Dialect Variation in an Endangered Language Community: Issues in Standardization among the Tohono O'odham*  
Colleen Fitzgerald, Texas Tech University

#### **Phonetics and Phonology**

9:00 *The Role of Articulatory and Acoustic Cues in Non-Native Vowel Categorization*  
Yuko Watanabe, University of Arizona

9:30 *Accounting for the Phonology of Reduplication: Precedence vs. Morphological Doubling*  
Charles B. Chang, University of California, Berkeley

10:00 *The Phonetic Context of American English Flapping: Quantitative Evidence*  
David Eddington and Dirk Elzinga  
Brigham Young University

#### **Panel: Natural Language Processing Activities in the Southwest**

9:00-10:30

Kevin B. Cohen, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center  
Martha Palmer, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Kai R. Larsen, University of Colorado, Boulder

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## Break 10:30-10:45

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### 10:45-12:15 Parallel Sessions

#### **Panel Session: Spanish in the U.S. Research as a Living Legacy: Making Connections**

10:45-12:15

Organizer: Susana Rivera-Mills

Participants: Glenn Martinez, Juan Antonio Trujillo, Daniel Villa

#### **Cognitive Linguistics**

10:45 *The Tropic Heart of Variation*

Larry Gorbet, University of New Mexico

11:15 *Acordarse versus Recordar: Spanish Predicate Structures as Cognitive Models*

Antonio E. Naula-Rodríguez, University of Colorado at Boulder

11:45 *Finding Our Way: A Comparison of the Morphosyntax of Spatial Terminology in Elicited Discourse Data*

Susan K. Metheny, University of New Mexico

#### **Native American Languages**

10:45 *Repetition in formal discourse in Ixil Mayan*

Michael Hughes, California State University San Marcos

William Blunk, University of Texas Austin

11:15 *The Discourse Marker *vet* in Ixil Mayan*

Jule Gómez de García, California State University San Marcos

Melissa Axelrod, University of New Mexico

11:45 *Expressing motion with component part prepositions in Tlacolula Valley Zapotec*

Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

#### **Special Session: 150 Years of Texas German (2)**

10:45 *The Feminine Tendency of English Loanwords in Texas German*

Vincent Van der Heijden, The University of Texas at Austin

11:15 *The Last Alsatian Cowboy: Case Maintenance in Texas Alsatian*

Karen Roesch, University of Texas at Austin

11:45 *Usage and replacement of the preposition 'for' in Texas German*

Hunter Weilbacher, University of Texas at Austin

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### Lunch Break 12:15-1:30

## 1:30-3:00 Parallel Sessions

### Computational and Applied Linguistics

- 1:30 *Google as a Concordance for Language Usage*  
Michael Galant, California State University Dominguez Hills
- 2:00 *An Intelligent Environment for Constructive Writing Support*  
Gregory Aist, Arizona State University

### Discourse Analysis and Pragmatics

- 1:30 *Honk if you see an utterance: Bumper sticker pragmatics*  
Randall Eggert, University of Utah
- 2:00 *Utterance Final Even and Conventional Implicature*  
Nathan Jahnke, Min-Joo Kim  
Texas Tech University

### Sociolinguistics

- 1:30 *Perceptions of the best varieties of Spanish: Mexican-Americans in Western Colorado, prestige, stigma and linguistic insecurity*  
Tyler Anderson, Mesa State College
- 2:00 *American Attitudes Toward Six Varieties of English in the USA and Britain*  
Katherine Morris, Wendy Baker,  
Brigham Young University
- 2:30 *Habla y estereotipos femeninos en el teatro mexicano*  
Aranzazú Luna Osorio, Universidad de Guadalajara

### Second Language Acquisition

- 1:30 *La interacción discursiva en el aula en el proceso de aprendizaje de una lengua extranjera: español en Estados Unidos e inglés en México*  
Gabriela A. Elizondo Regalado, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León
- 2:00 *Command Spanish: A communicative approach?*  
Luis Silva-Villar, Tyler Anderson  
Mesa State College
- 2:30 *Interpretation of modals in Brazilian environment*  
Maria Fabiola Vasconcelos Lopes,  
Universidade Federal do Ceará UFC/The University of New Mexico (UNM)
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**Break 3:00-3:15**

**3:30-4:30 Plenary Address:**

*Carmen Silva-Corvalán,  
University of Southern California*

***“Early Spanish-English bilingualism:  
Theoretical issues, empirical analyses”***

***6:00-9:00 Conference Banquet, Curtis Hotel***

**Sunday, Sept. 23****9:00-10:30 Parallel Sessions****Spanish in the U.S.**

- 9:00 *Language maintenance and shift in post-Annexation rural California*  
María Irene Moyna, Texas A & M University
- 9:30 *Recent Trends in Heritage Language Use in the Southwest*  
Edward Heckler, The University of Texas-Pan American
- 10:00 *So, solo and solo que as Subordinators in Chicano Discourse*  
MaryEllen Garcia, University of Texas-San Antonio

**Special Session: 150 Years of Texas German (3)**

- 9:00 *Which factors determine lexical attrition in Texas German?*  
Jansen Harris, Julia Zerger  
The University of Texas, Austin
- 9:30 *A corpus-based study of declining preterite usage in Texas German*  
Sarah Schuchard, University of Texas, Austin
- 10:00 *Language Policies, Attitudes and the Case of Texas German*  
Kathleen M. Shaw, University of Texas, Austin

**Native American Languages**

- 9:00 *Specifying Animate Grounds with Chickasaw Relational Nouns*  
Pamela Munro, UCLA
- 9:30 *Referent Tracking through the Fourth Person in Navajo: A Corpus-based Approach*  
Tammy Gales, University of California, Davis
- 10:00 *Final Suffixes in Shoshoni*  
Irene Appelbaum, University of Montana

**Syntax**

- 9:00 *The Encoding of Definiteness, Specificity and Referentiality in Chinese Nominal Phrases*  
Yi-An Lin, University of Cambridge  
Yi-Ting Chen, Arizona State University
- 9:30 *Interpreting Wh-in-situ in Bahasa Indonesia: A Third Hidden Way of Wh-Scope Taking*  
Yosuke Sato, Jason Ginsburg  
University of Arizona, Tucson
- 10:00 ~~*Wh Questions in Oriya*~~  
~~Pritha Chandra, University of Maryland College Park~~

**Break 10:30-10:45****10:45-12:15 Parallel Sessions****Panel: Learning about Diversity and Language Attitudes in Undergraduate Service-Learning: Undergraduates Speak**

10:45-12:15

Moderator/Organizer: Colleen Fitzgerald

Participants: Katelyn Anderson, Rayond Baeza, Courtney Edwards, Stephanie Franco, Holly Hightower, Naval Patel, Sarah Rockwell, Charlie Wickremasinghe, Mattie Wilson, and Holly Yeary

**Spanish Sociolinguistics**

10:45 *The Mental Representation of Spanish yo*  
Michael Gradoville, University of New Mexico / Indiana University

11:15 *A variationist analysis of aspect: estuvo mal vs. no estaba mal*  
Stephanie Knouse, University of Florida

11:45 *Mantenimiento del español: el bilingüismo en Denver, Colorado*  
Sara Pettit, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center

**Spanish as a Heritage Language**

10:45 *La auto-evaluación como fuente para ubicación y aprendizaje*  
Conchita C. Hickey, Texas A&M International University

11:15 *Position and the presence of subjunctive in purpose clauses in heritage Spanish*  
María Isabel Martínez Mira, University of Mary Washington

11:45 *An Investigation of the Factors affecting the Heritage Language among Generations of Chicanos on the South Plains of Texas*  
Ana Berta Torres, Eva Midobuche, Alfredo Benavides  
Texas Tech University

**12:30 LASSO Business Meeting**

## FUTURE CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

Proposals to host future LASSO conferences are always welcome. Hosting a LASSO meeting brings professional recognition to you and to your institution and provides an opportunity for a university to highlight and showcase its resources.

**Individuals who think they might like to host a meeting should consider attending the Executive Meeting on Friday, September 21, 2007.** As a minimum, your proposal should include tentative meeting dates, (be sure the dates don't conflict with similar conferences or with major local events that would restrict the availability of hotel rooms), a potential theme for the conference, candidates for the plenary speakers, meeting site (hotel and/or campus) with space available for at least 3 parallel sessions, potential lodging sites. If known, you may also wish to include any potential commitments from your institution and/or other organizations in support of hosting the conference, and any other selling points for your location. An excellent set of detailed guidelines regarding the responsibilities of local arrangement committees is found on Mary Jane Hurst's website (<http://www.faculty.english.ttu.edu/hurst/lassolocal.html>). For further information, contact the Executive Director [pmacgreg@nmsu.edu](mailto:pmacgreg@nmsu.edu).

### 2007 ESAU AWARD WINNER

The Linguistic Association of the Southwest is proud to announce the winner of the 2007 Helmut Esau Award: **Brad Montgomery-Anderson** of the University of Kansas, for his paper titled "CITING VERBS IN POLYSYNTHETIC LANGUAGES: The Case of the Cherokee-English Dictionary." In his paper, he presents convincing arguments for citing Cherokee verbs by their stems rather than citing them in the conjugated forms as Pulte and Feeling did in their Cherokee-English dictionary. He asserts that since Cherokee is a polysynthetic language, listing verbs by their stems is not only linguistically sound, but also makes the dictionary more useful. Brad received a \$250.00 cash award for his entry. Congratulations!

### FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Sociological Initiatives Foundation provides grants of \$5,000 to \$15,000 to support community-based research projects. Areas of interest include but are not limited to social justice, social welfare, human rights, literacy, language learning and use, dialect use and curricular issues in teaching second languages and non-native languages.

The Foundation is also interested in supporting research by sociologists and linguists that provide a direct benefit to communities.

Complete guidelines and on-line concept application are available at <http://comm-org.wisc.edu/sif>. Contact Prentice Zinn at [pzinn@grantsmanagement.com](mailto:pzinn@grantsmanagement.com) or 617-426-7080x307.

### TENURE TRACK FACULTY POSITION AT NMSU

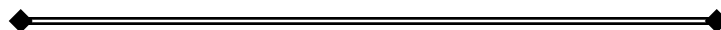
The Department of Languages and Linguistics New Mexico State University is pleased to announce the approval of a search for a Tenure Track Faculty Position in Linguistics and Spanish Linguistics. Flyers regarding the description of the position, the qualifications for applicants and the application procedures and deadlines will be available at the conference. The position will also be advertised in the MLA Job Information List. For further information, please contact Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza at [pmacgreg@nmsu.edu](mailto:pmacgreg@nmsu.edu).

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Congratulations and welcome back to our SWJL Editors Pamela Anderson-Mejías and Hugo Mejías who recently returned from several months in China! Despite their distance and additional duties there, they were still able to get out an issue of SWJL! The December 2006 issue has been mailed out and should be arriving at your mailboxes soon.

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