



# LASSO

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OF THE SOUTHWEST

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## 2009 LASSO MEETING TO BE HELD IN PROVO, UTAH

Please visit the conference website for more detailed information:

<http://linguistics.byu.edu/faculty/eddingtond/LASSO/>

### Program Highlights and General Information

Brigham Young University will host LASSO Sept. 25-26, 2009, with the board meeting in the evening of Sept. 24. Sessions will be held in the nearby mountain resort of Aspen Grove on Friday, and on the BYU campus on Saturday. Within three or four hours of Provo are famous national parks like [Zion](#), [Bryce Canyon](#), and [Arches](#). We are pleased that Sali Tagliamonte of the University of Toronto will give our keynote address. Information on our keynote speaker may be found on her webpage at:

<http://individual.utoronto.ca/tagliamonte/index.html>

The plenary talk on Friday at BYU will be held on the BYU campus in the [library](#) auditorium (#53). The remainder of the sessions on Friday will be held at [Aspen Grove](#). Shuttles from campus to Aspen Grove are provided. Lunch and dinner will be served at Aspen Grove, which is a BYU-owned conference center that is about 20-25 minutes from campus in the mountains, near Robert Redford's [Sundance resort](#). Both Aspen Grove and Sundance are beautiful locations -- in the middle of pine trees at the base of [Mount Timpanogos](#).

All of the sessions on Saturday will be held on the BYU campus ([campus map](#)). The presidential address will be held in the Little Theater of the Wilkinson center (#92). The remainder of the Saturday sessions will be in the library, via the south entrance. Lunch and dinner on Saturday will be held in the [Skyroom](#) in the Wilkinson Center (#91).

Detailed program information will appear in the August Newsletter.

### Facilities

All of the conference rooms at BYU and at Aspen Grove will have a PC laptop, high-speed Internet connection, data projector, and overhead projector. There will also be guest Internet access at both locations.

### Parking

Free visitor parking is available on campus. For more information, see the "Parking" tab [here](#).

### Note

Please be advised that because BYU is a church-owned school, there are some unique restrictions for activities that are held on campus. As far as your participation at this conference, the main issue is that there is no smoking anywhere on campus, and that while on campus (and at Aspen Grove), participants are asked to refrain from coffee, tea, and alcohol.

### Travel Information

Nearly all major US airlines fly into Salt Lake City (SLC), and it is the western US hub for Delta Airlines.

### To Provo (about 45 minutes south of SLC)

If you are arriving by plane, two commercial shuttle services are available to transport you from the Salt Lake International Airport to Provo. Advanced reservations are required.

### [Express Shuttle](#)

Approximate cost one way: \$30 for first person/\$14 for each additional person in your party.

### [Anytime Airport Shuttle](#)

Approximate cost one way: \$30 for first person/\$14 for each additional person in your party.

### Accommodations

Rates range from \$59 to \$95 per night. In order to take advantage of these special rates, hotels must be booked by Aug. 15, 2009. Reservations at the special rates may be made at the following hotels:

#### Marriott Courtyard Provo

1600 N Freedom (200 West) Boulevard  
Provo, Utah 84604 USA  
Phone: 801-373-2222

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/slcp-courtyard-provo/>

### Super 8 Provo BYU Orem

1555 N Canyon Road  
I-15 exit 269 Univ Parkway  
Provo, UT 84604  
Phone: 801-374-6020

[http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/property\\_info?propertyId=15343&brandInfo=SE](http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=15343&brandInfo=SE)

### Western CottonTree Inn

2230 N University Pkwy.  
Provo, Utah, 84604-1509  
Phone: 801/373-7044

<http://www.bestwesternutah.com/hotels/best-western-cottontree-inn-provo/>

Best Western and Marriott Courtyard have free shuttles to and from BYU, while the Super 8 is across the street from campus (a 5-10 minute walk to the conference).

### Registration

Due to the location of the venue, registration includes all meals except breakfast, (which some hotels provide), the conference banquet, and between session

snacks. Before Aug. 15, regular registration is \$195, and for students \$155.

There will be a link on the conference website for conference participants to register and pay by credit card. This is the preferred method for registration and payment. If you are unable to pay by credit card, you can pay by check at the conference, but after August 15 the rate will be \$235 for regular registration and \$195 for students.

We also strongly urge you to send in your new or renewed LASSO membership fees prior to the conference. A 2009 Membership form can be found at the end of this newsletter for your convenience

**Procedure for cancellations:** Please notify us in writing at [LASSO@byu.edu](mailto:LASSO@byu.edu) via e-mail no later than one week before the start of the conference.

### Contact Information

Contact Devin Jenkins at [LASSO2009@gmail.com](mailto:LASSO2009@gmail.com) for questions regarding abstracts, panels, and paper scheduling. For questions about local arrangements contact David Eddington at [LASSO@byu.edu](mailto:LASSO@byu.edu).

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## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

### 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST

SEPT. 25-26, 2009

## Plenary Speaker: Sali Tagliamonte of the University of Toronto

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: JUNE 1, 2009**

Abstracts for papers or posters in any area of linguistics are welcome, as are proposals dealing with language issues of special interest in the Southwest. Proposals for complete panels with 2-3 speakers are also welcome. **Deadline for submission is June 1, 2009.** Early submission of panel proposals is desirable. **Presentation time for papers will be 15 minutes plus 5 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.

Electronic submissions are strongly preferred. You may e-mail abstracts to [lasso2009@gmail.com](mailto:lasso2009@gmail.com) 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:

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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 present a paper, poster, or panel, and to be listed in the conference program. For membership information, contact LASSO Executive Director: Regina Morin at [rmorin@tcnj.edu](mailto:rmorin@tcnj.edu). A membership form is included at the end of this newsletter for your convenience

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## 2008 HELMUT ESAU PRIZE

Congratulations go out to **Katharina Schuhmann** of Stony Brook University, winner of the 2008 Helmut Esau Prize. Katharina received the award for her paper “**Degrees of (Un)Acceptability in Syllable-Contact**”.

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 Provo should plan now to enter the Esau competition. To be considered for the 2009 Esau Prize, polished, article-length manuscripts should be sent to **Devin Jenkins** (see mailing address

above) following our fall meeting and must be in his hands by **January 1, 2010**.

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.

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### THE SOUTHWEST JOURNAL OF LINGUISTICS

Joint Editors Pamela Anderson-Mejías and Hugo Mejías at the University of Texas Pan-American are accepting manuscripts for consideration for publication during 2009-2010. Four hard copies of your manuscript 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. Manuscripts may also be sent electronically to [swjlasso@utpa.edu](mailto:swjlasso@utpa.edu), but must also be accompanied by hard copies to the above mailing address.

### 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.

### 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.lsadc.org/info/pubs-lang-style.cfm>

In addition to meeting *Language* requirements, Southwest Journal of Linguistics contributors should also:

- Prepare manuscripts using Word, WordPerfect 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 four hard copies of the manuscript. Once a manuscript has been accepted for publication, the revised manuscript must be submitted in both hard copy and on diskette.

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.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Please take a look at the mailing label on your most recent copy of the Southwest Journal of Linguistics. The first line indicates when your LASSO membership expires. If your label does not have a date of 2009 or beyond and you have not already sent in your renewal, it is time to write a check to update your membership status. A copy of the 2009 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.

### **BOOK, BOOKS, BOOKS!!**

Books sent to the SWJL Book Review Editor, Peter Gingiss, can be found at: [http://clas.cudenver.edu/lasso/swjl/review\\_list.html](http://clas.cudenver.edu/lasso/swjl/review_list.html). If you would like to review one of the books for SWJL, please contact Peter at [pjgingiss@uh.edu](mailto:pjgingiss@uh.edu), and he will send the book for review. Guidelines for the review can be found at: [http://clas.cudenver.edu/lasso/swjl/Review\\_Guidelines.html](http://clas.cudenver.edu/lasso/swjl/Review_Guidelines.html).

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### **THANK YOU, CORVALLIS!**

Corvallis, Oregon was the site of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest which boasted the theme “Building Communities and Making Connections”. The meeting was hosted on its beautiful campus by Oregon State University. Special thanks go out to Juan Antonio Trujillo, the Local Arrangements Chair, and Susana Rivera-Mills, the LASSO Vice President and Program Chair. They graciously conquered many obstacles to bring us another successful LASSO conference.

Forty-five papers were presented by 72 conference participants at the 2008 meeting. The Presidential address, *Linguistics and the Scientific Method*, was presented by Dave Eddington, of Brigham Young University. The Presidential Reception was held Friday, October 17, followed by *Viva Hispania!*, a rousing concert performed for the LASSO membership and the surrounding community by the Corvallis-OSU Symphony. On Saturday, October 18, there was a special symposium honoring Garland Bills for his extensive contributions to the field of Linguistics and for his role as an extraordinary teacher and mentor, in many cases for former students who are now linguists and current LASSO members. In keeping with the conference theme, the plenary address by James Crawford, *Policies and Politics Affecting Education*, was free and open to the public.



**2008 LASSO Financial Report**  
For period ending 19 September, 2007-30 September, 2008

**LASSO Office Financials 2008**

<b>Balance forwarded by MacGregor-Mendoza</b>	\$33,007.24	
<b>Membership checks forwarded by MacGregor-Mendoza</b>		\$930.00
<b>Opening balance 25 Feb. 2008</b>		<b>\$33,937.24</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Memberships	\$3,812.00	
Forwarded from Denver Conference	\$636.07	
Dividends	\$57.16	
<b>Income Received 25 Feb.-30 Sept. 2008</b>		<b>\$4,505.23</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$38,442.47</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Bank Discrepancy	\$0.20	
Bank Fees	<b>\$12.70</b>	
SWJL 26:1		
Printing	<b>\$3,474.37</b>	
Postage	<b>\$203.88</b>	
SWJL 26:2		
Printing	<b>\$3,437.29</b>	
Postage	<b>\$127.73</b>	
07 Esau Award Winner (D. Sanford-UNM)	<b>\$250.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$7,506.17</b>
 <b>Current LASSO Account Balance</b>		 <b>\$30,936.30</b>

**2008 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

The LASSO Executive Committee met Thursday night, October 16, 2008 in Corvallis, Oregon at the Hilton Garden Inn. Members in Attendance: David Eddington, President; Regina Morin, Executive Director; Members: Joke Mondada, Devin Jenkins, Hugo Mejías, Pamela Anderson Mejías, Susana Rivera-Mills, Juan A. Trujillo, Michelle F. Ramos-Pellicia, Jens Clegg, and Daniel Villa.

The committee:

1. Approved the minutes of the 2007 Executive Committee Meeting in Denver, CO.
2. Accepted Morin's financial report for the period of Sept 20, 2007 through October 15, 2008. The balance forwarded by the outgoing Executive Director, Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza was \$33,007.24. There was an additional amount of \$930.00 from uncashed membership checks, for a total opening balance, deposited February 25, 2008 at the Credit Union of New Jersey, of \$33, 937.24. Income for the year was \$4,505.23, including \$636.07 forwarded by Devin Jenkins from the Denver conference, \$57.16 in dividends, and \$3,812.00 from memberships fees. Total expenses for the year were \$7,506.17, resulting in a bank balance of \$30,936.30. Current SWJL financials could not be precisely determined due to missing files resulting from an office move during the year. Expenses included \$307.61 for postage and shipping. The LASSO financial report will be corrected to reflect any funds in the SWJL account when an accurate figure can be determined.
3. Accepted Eddington's report on the Esau Award. Eddington reported that there were only 4 submissions. The Award went to Daniel Sanford Of UNM.

4. Accepted Rivera-Mills' and Trujillo's report on the Corvallis conference finances and program.. There were 45 papers presented by 72 presenters. Special events included the Presidential address by Eddington, a special concert by the Corvallis-OSU Symphony, a symposium honoring Garland Bills, and a plenary address by James Crawford, free and open to the public. Rivera Mills and Trujillo noted the following challenges in hosting the conference, all of which resulted in a higher than usual number of cancellations: Budget crises and reductions in university travel funds, high travel costs, geographical factors. Conference expenditures for Facilities, Catering and Entertainment, the Keynote Speaker, and Program Costs came to \$11,681.49. Income, included \$6,200 in funding from OSU and \$5,500.16 from registration fees, for a total to date of \$11,700.16. Final financial figures will be calculated after the completion of the conference.

For the Corvallis conference, Trujillo established a Google account which gives us free processing as a non-profit. Money collected for registration was deposited at WaMu. It was agreed that the Google account would be maintained to collect registration fees for the 2009 conference in Provo, Utah. Trujillo will work with Dave Eddington on transferring email addresses, accounts, etc. to him for the 2009 conference. Current signatories will be removed from the WaMu account and David Eddington's name will be added.

5. Accepted Eddington's report the 2009 conference in Provo, Utah. .

6. Accepted Villa's report on plans for hosting LASSO 2010 in Las Cruces, NM. Presenters would fly into El Paso, which has good shuttle service. Lodging should not be a problem, and it should be possible to get funding from his Dean. Villa proposed putting out a separate call for a special interest group on Spanish in the western part of the US. It would be like a parallel conference to be held concurrently with the main LASSO conference.

7. Accepted Morin's report on the LSU proposal to host LASSO in 2011. The representative from LSU, Danielle Alfandre, was scheduled to formally present the proposal at the Business Meeting on Sunday, October 19..

8. Accepted Devin Jenkins' report on the Nominating Committee. Jenkins pointed out discrepancies in the committee assignments listed in Vol. 27(2) of the Newsletter. Michelle Ramos-Pellicia should have been listed as a member of the Nominating Committee.

- The Nominating Committee is still working on finding a program chair for the 2009 conference in Provo.
- Devin Jenkins agreed to continue on the Nominating Committee through 2011.
- Jens Clegg will continue on the Executive Committee through 2011.
- Juan Antonio Trujillo will be on the Publicity Committee through 2011.
- Mark Waltermire will be on the Development Committee through 2011.
- Pamela Anderson Mejías and Hugo Mejías agreed to stay on as editors for Volumes 28, 29, and 30.

9. Accepted Anderson-Mejías and Mejías' report on the status of the journal. Volume 27(1) was mailed 10/10/2008 (4 articles and 1 review; 109 pages). Volume 27 (2) was mailed just before the conference (5 articles and 1 review; 120 pages). The current juror pool has 715 volunteers. In 2008 there was a \$750 subvention from the Department of Hispanic Studies at Texas A&M. UTPA provided support through release time.

10. New Business:

- Devin Jenkins has made many changes to the LASSO website. It was agreed that he would upload past newsletters to the site.
- Morin signed a licensing agreement with EBSCO. SWJL will be included on the EBSCO data base to be available in digital form beginning with Vol. 27(2). EBSCO will not list back issues, but will list all issues we send them beginning with this one. We will receive small royalty payments for all articles downloaded from our publication. Inclusion on EBSCO will increase our exposure and make more people aware of our journal.
- LASSO needs a new registered agent in Texas because the organization is incorporated there. Pamela Anderson Mejías agreed to sign on as registered agent. Morin will work on verifying which forms need to be filed with the IRS and in Texas to make sure our status as a non-profit remains current.

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### NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

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



## **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**

Susana Rivera-Mills, Oregon State University (2009)

### **Past President**

David Eddington, Brigham Young University (2008)

### **Vice President / Program Chair & President Elect**

Devin Jenkins, University of Colorado Denver (2009)

### **Executive Director**

Regina Morin, The College of New Jersey (2010)

### **Executive Committee**

Joke Mondada, University of New Orleans (2009)

Larry Gorbet, University of New Mexico (2010)

Jens Clegg, Indiana U-Purdue U at Fort Wayne (2011)

### **Nominating Committee**

Michelle Ramos-Pellicia, George Mason U. (2009)

Holly Cashman, University of New Hampshire (2010)

Devin Jenkins, University of Colorado Denver (2011)

### **Local Arrangements Committee for 2009.**

David Eddington, Brigham Young University

### **Publicity Committee**

Peter Gingiss, U of Houston (2009)

Dirk Elzinga, Brigham Young University (2010)

Donna E. West, SUNY Cortland (2010)

Juan Antonio Trujillo (2011)

## **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  
(2006-2009)

Hugo Mejías, U of Texas Pan American  
(2006-2009)

### **Associate Editors:**

MaryEllen García, University of Texas-San Antonio

María Irene Moyna, Texas A&M University

Susana Rivera-Mills, Oregon State University

Brian Imhoff, Texas A&M University

Glenn Martínez, University of Texas—Pan American

### **Reviews Editor:**

Peter Gingiss, University of Houston (2006-9)

### **Editorial Board**

Timothy L. Face, University of Minnesota (2009)

Domnita Dumitrescu, California State University (2009)

Jon Jonz, Texas A&M University-Commerce (2010)

Pamela Munro, University of California-Los Angeles  
(2010)

Elly van Gelderen, Arizona State University (2011)

Carmen Silva-Corvalán, University of Southern  
California (2011)

## **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, please contact Regina Morin.



# LASSO The Linguistic Association of the Southwest

## 2009 Membership Application\_\_\_\_ or Membership Renewal\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Office: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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: Dr. Regina Morin, Executive Director of LASSO, TCNJ, Modern Languages, P.O. Box 7718, Ewing, NJ, 08628

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