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THANK YOU, California State University, San Marcos!

San Diego, California, was the site of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest. The meeting was hosted by California State University, San Marcos and held from September 18-20, 2014. Special thanks go out to Michelle Ramos Pellicia, the Local Arrangements Chair, who did a superb job of coordinating hotel reservations, technology, student help, and meeting spaces, to name only a few of the many tasks she performed! Kudos also go to Pamela Anderson-Mejías, who served as the Program Chair. We would also like to thank all the faculty and student volunteers who contributed to the success of the conference, and the host institution for its generous logistic and financial support.

The LASSO Executive Committee Meeting was held Thursday evening. The morning of Friday, September 19, featured parallel sessions on Spanish in the U.S., English language variation, L2 Spanish varieties, and language pedagogy. There was a special panel titled “Rethinking disciplinary responsibility”, a session on written Spanish, one on attitude in non-U.S. languages, and another on language pedagogy. The afternoon saw a special session on publishing in our journal, IJLASSO, conducted by editors Jill Brody and Jeremy King. During that time slot sessions on Spanish variation, both in the U.S. and elsewhere, and language pedagogy were conducted. The remainder of the afternoon was dedicated to sessions on language rights, history of the languages, Spanish language variation, Spanish dialect contact, discourse analysis, language prestige, Spanish phonology acquisition, and child language acquisition. Whew! The Presidential Address “Explicit critical language awareness – Or, what are we really doing in our linguistics courses?”, delivered by Israel Sanz-Sánchez of the West Chester University of Pennsylvania, brought the day to a close.

Saturday, September 20, saw a full day of presentations including such diverse topics as language use in the media, bilingual lexical preference, language placement in the classroom, bilingual acquisition and identity, phonology, syntax, morphology, discourse, semantics and linguist change, among others. David Eddington offered a statistics workshop on mixed effects models. Kim Potowski (University of Illinois at Chicago) closed the conference with the Plenary Address “Intrafamilial dialect contact: The Spanish of Chicago ‘MexiRicans’”.

LASSO XLIV

Call for Papers, September 10-13, 2015, Lake Havasu, Arizona

Hosted by ASU Colleges at Lake Havasu City

Conference Theme: Shifting Language Borders: Migration, Immigration and Social Demographics

Keynote speaker: Jennifer Leeman, George Mason University

Submission of Abstracts and Proposals: We welcome abstracts for papers in all areas of linguistics. Abstracts for papers or panels on the conference theme are especially welcome. Proposals for complete panels with 2-4 speakers are also welcome.

Submissions by graduate students are welcome, and students are eligible for the Helmut Esau Prize, which includes a \$400 cash award. **Deadline** for abstract/proposal submission is **May 15, 2015**. Early submission of panel proposals is desirable.

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, 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.

Abstract submission: Abstracts should be submitted via EasyAbs: <http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/LASSO2015> as a .pdf, .txt, or .doc file. Special font items travel best in a .pdf file. For questions regarding abstracts or the conference program, e-mail Regina Morin at 2015lasso@gmail.com. Do not submit abstracts to this e-mail address. Questions regarding local arrangements should be sent to Danielle Alfandre at lhclasso@gmail.com (Lake Havasu City LASSO). 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 late July as to whether their papers have been accepted or not.

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 or pay dues electronically 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://clas.ucdenver.edu/lasso/index.html>. See "Reminders" section below for details for membership application or renewal.

REMINDERS

LASSO 2016 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 Executive Committee meeting and/or 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!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL THROUGH PAYPAL

To renew your membership through PayPal just go to http://clas.ucdenver.edu/lasso/dues_payment.html. If you prefer to renew by check there is a 2015 Membership Renewal Form at the end of this Newsletter that you can print out and send in.

HELMUT ESAU PRIZE DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2015

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 closely edited revised version of their paper to the LASSO President, Pamela Anderson-Mejías. The prize is awarded to the best of all high-quality submissions received. Recipients of this prestigious prize receive a \$400 cash award. To be considered for the 2014 Esau Prize, polished, article-length manuscripts should be sent, preferably as an e-mail attachment, to Pamela Anderson-Mejías, following our fall meeting, and must be in her hands by March 31, 2015.

Papers may also be sent to:

Pamela Anderson-Mejías
Department of Modern Languages
University of Texas—Pan American
1201 University Drive
Edinburg, Texas, 78541

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.

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 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 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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

If you have renewed your membership for 2015, we thank you. If you haven't renewed yet, you will find a copy of the 2015 membership form 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 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 2014 Financial Report November 2013-December 2014*

OPENING BALANCE 37990.85

CREDITS		FROM:
4273.99		Dues
1120.00		San Diego return
13.76		Savings interest
63.07		Royalties
37.34		Back issues sales
DEBITS		TO:
-2330.05		Deposit, Holiday Inn Bayside, San Diego, CA
-4767.72		Ginny's Printing, IJLASSO 31 (1)
-4468.59		Ginny's Printing, IJLASSO 31 (2)
-38.60		Harland Clarke Check/Acc.
-13.45		Bank Fees
-400.00		Esau Award
-50.00		Postage to editors
TOTAL CREDITS	5508.16	
TOTAL DEBITS	-12068.41	

BALANCE, 12/31/14: 31430.60

*I have combined the beginning of former Fiscal Year 2014 (November and December) with the new Fiscal Year 2014 (now January through December). The change in the Fiscal Year from October-September to the calendar year

was done in part to reflect the fact that financial activity related to the 2014 conference took place later in the year, and that membership dues cover the calendar year. DV.

LASSO Executive Meeting, Minutes
September 18, 2014
Pizza Nova, San Diego, 5:00pm-8:20pm

In attendance: Daniel Villa, Devin Jenkins, María José Rosales, Jens Clegg, Donny Vigil, Sara Zahler, Vanessa Elias, Danielle Alfandre, Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, Joke Mondada, Regina Morin, Ana Sánchez-Muñoz, Adam Schwartz, Susana Rivera-Mills, Mary Jill Brody, Jeremy King, Juan José Colomina-Almiñana, Israel Sanz-Sánchez, María Irene Moyna, Antonio Naula-Rodríguez, Rey Romero

1. Approval of 2013 Meetings (with dates corrected to read “2013”)

2. Daniel Villa’s financial report

- IJLASSO: Discussion on costs of printed journal and possibility of an online platform. Villa mentioned that the decision to continue paper-based was based on the higher prestige of paper-based publications as opposed to fully online ones. But the discussion is on the table. Villa noted that unless some sort of action to control cost is taken, LASSO will not be able support the printing of IJLASSO within two years. (There are other proposals, see the editors’ report under item #7 of the minutes)
- A member asked to consider raising the cost of dues since we haven’t had an increase for several years. If so, we would have to agree on how much to raise it to. Villa expressed concerns that raising dues drastically could result in reduced membership.
- Honorarium for speakers: Consider raising the amount for key note/plenary speakers. So, we must amend the language of the Constitution so that we can go from \$200 to \$500. If a host institution wishes to increase that amount, it needs to provide resources to do so. In the past some universities have been able to cover the cost of plenary speakers or at least offer some financial support.
- Villa also asked to consider forming a separate “Budget Committee”. We already have a “Budget Committee” set in our LASSO Constitution, so the proposal is to amend the by-laws of the constitution to re-organize the budget committee so that we can have other members access the LASSO budget.

3. Helmut Esau award

- Israel Sanz-Sánchez reported that there were 4 good quality papers. Of those, 2 were not well polished and 2 made it as finalists. The winner is Jacqueline Van Buren who wrote on dialectal variation (social networks and preservation of Mexican features among migrant workers). Van Buren will receive \$400.

4. LASSO 2015

- Danielle Alfandre from Arizona State University will organize the next LASSO Conference on September 10-13, 2015 at Lake Havasu, Arizona.
- It will take place at the London Bridge Resort (around \$123 for a 2 person suite)
- The closest airport is Las Vegas, Nevada. The issue is to organize local transportation to the conference site. Danielle Alfandre will work on this. Jenkins suggested coordinating carpools of folks renting cars from the airport or driving there.
- The theme for 2015 will be “Shifting Language Borders: Migration, Immigration and Social Demographics”; the plenary speaker will be Jennifer Leeman, George Mason University.

5. LASSO 2016

- Juan Colomina-Almiñana presented a proposal for the 2016 LASSO Conference to take place in Austin, Texas. Colomina-Almiñana from UT Austin and Irene Moyna from Texas A&M will co-coordinate the event.
- The theme would be “Endangered Languages of the Southwest”.

- Colomina-Almiñana proposed David Harrison (Swarthmore College, from the documentary “The Linguists”) as the plenary speaker.
- Colomina-Almiñana presented a tentative budget of \$14,000 and the funds from UT Austin to cover the costs (up to \$20,000 has been pledged from different departments/centers at UT Austin; these are specified in the handout Colomina-Almiñana passed at the meeting)
- Program Chair: Regina Morin / Local arrangements: Juan Colomina-Almiñana

6. Jens Clegg agreed to replace Kati Pletsch de García on the Executive Committee; his candidacy was approved by acclamation.

7. IJLASSO –editors’ report

- To date (September 18, 2014), 17 new manuscripts have been received. According to J. Brody and J. King, the quality is good and there is diversity of authors, some are LASSO members.
- Brody and King discussed Routledge’s interest in taking IJLASSO. That might raise the prestige of the journal. However, we still don’t know editorial freedom and cost would be impacted. It was agreed by all to have Brody and King have a conversation with Routledge to discuss further details and get more clarity in terms of costs, etc.
- It would be good to have a database of past issues of the journals. We would have to digitize printed copies older than 10 years. The editors asked the exec committee advice on how to proceed so we can have an archive of older issues.
- The editors are also in need of jurors and are asking advice on recruiting reviewers. They suggested for all to spread the word amongst our colleagues and professional networks. Morin also said that we should offer our own expertise to review IJLASSO submissions.
- Suggestions for placing an ad in the Linguist List about IJLASSO since it has a new name, new editors, etc. and we could also put a call for jurors through the Linguist List.
- We have enough submissions for the next two issues of IJLASSO. Suggestions for future Special Issues include “Spanish West of the Mississippi” and “Spanish in Contact”.

8. LASSO 2014 report from Pamela Anderson-Mejías and Michelle Ramos Pellicia

- There are 133 presenters, 73 have registered through PayPal to date (Sept. 18); there have been 6 cancellations.
- There were good quality abstracts (113) and 7 readers for each.
- EasyAbs was not that easy since the system has some glitches.
- Budget: CSU San Marcos covered the cost of photocopying and some office supplies. They didn’t cover a tech support and screens (\$2500). The estimated costs are \$16,000 (Ramos Pellicia has not calculated the exact total, but reported an amount of approximately 16,000). We will break even once everybody registers (since not everybody has registered and some registrations will be processed in-situ).

9. New Business:

- Proposal to amend the Constitution to remove language that the executive committee has to approve the editors of IJLASSO.
- Villa proposed to offer IJLASSO editors life membership --provided that they serve for their entire term (3 years).
- Students and LASSO registration issue: Proposal to allow local students (undergraduate/graduate) who are not presenting to attend LASSO conference presentations without paying costs of registration provided they pay for LASSO membership. Presenters would have to pay for registration. Vanessa Elias suggested facilitating “crash” space for grad students in local students’ housing. It was also suggested to add a voluntary donation through PayPal, additional to membership dues, to raise funds for students to attend LASSO.

Many thanks to Ana Sánchez-Muñoz for volunteering, unasked, to take the minutes! Any mistakes are my own. DV

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

Pamela Anderson-Mejías, University of Texas-Pan American (2015)

Past President

Israel Sanz-Sánchez, West Chester University of Pennsylvania (2014)

Vice President / Program Chair & President Elect

Regina Morin, The College of New Jersey (2015)

Executive Director

Daniel Villa, New Mexico State University (2016)

Executive Committee

Earl Brown, California State University (2015)

Danielle Alfandre, ASU Lake Havasu (2016)

Jens Clegg, Indiana/Purdue University Ft. Wayne (2017)

Nominating Committee

María Irene Moyna, Texas A&M University (2016)

Joke Mondada, University of New Orleans (2015)

Michelle Ramos Pellicia, California State U. San Marcos (2015)

Local Arrangements Committee Chair

Danielle Alfandre, ASU Lake Havasu (2015)

Development Committee

Adam Schwartz, Oregon State University (2015)

Patricia Gubitosi, U. Mass Amherst (2015)

Rocío Delgado, University of the Virgin Islands (2015)

Ana Sánchez-Muñoz, California State University Northridge (2015)

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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 (2016)

Jill Brody, Louisiana State University (2016)

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:

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2015 Membership Application ___ or Membership Renewal ___

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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 _____

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