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THANK YOU, ASU COLLEGES AT LAKE HAVASU CITY!

Lake Havasu City, Arizona, was the site of the 44th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest. The meeting was hosted by ASU Colleges at Lake Havasu City, and held from September 10-13, 2015. Special thanks go out to Danielle Alfandre, the Local Arrangements Chair, who did yeoman's (yeoperson's?) work on coordinating hotel reservations, technology, student help, and meeting spaces, to name only a few of the many tasks she performed! Thanks also go to Regina Morin, who served as the Program Chair.

The LASSO Business Meeting was held Thursday evening, with an evening cruise around Lake Havasu following. Temperatures were pleasantly warm, so no sweaters were needed! The morning of Friday, September 11, featured parallel sessions on Spanish in the U.S., pedagogy, and phonetics and phonology. These were followed by papers dedicated to language maintenance and revitalization, formal linguistics, and a special session titled "Preparing yourself for the languages and linguistics job market". The afternoon saw a special session on publishing in our journal, IJLASSO, conducted by editor Jeremy King, as well as work on sociolinguistics and contact linguistics. We wrapped up the day with Jennifer Leeman's keynote address, "Shifting language borders: Migration, immigration and social demographics".

Saturday, September 12, saw a full day of presentations including such diverse topics as pragmatics, socio- and anthropological linguistics, discourse and text analysis, and applied linguistics, among others. A special session titled "The future of IJLASSO" was also conducted. Pamela Anderson-Mejías finished with her Presidential Address, followed by the Presidential reception. A good time was had by all!

LASSO XLV

SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2016, CALL FOR PAPERS, AUSTIN, TEXAS

HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN CAMPUS, AUSTIN, TEXAS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: K. DAVID HARRISON (SWARTHMORE COLLEGE)

FEATURED PANEL: ENDANGERED LANGUAGES OF THE SOUTHWEST (PANEL MEMBERS TBA)

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND PROPOSALS:

We welcome abstracts for papers in all areas of linguistics. Abstracts for papers or panels on linguistic variation and contact, endangered languages, and living languages in the Southwest, and particularly those with special emphasis on Indigenous languages found in the Southwest U.S., are especially welcome. Proposals for complete panels with multiple speakers are also welcome but must fit within the 90 minutes time frame of the conference presentations.

Submissions by graduate students are especially welcome, and students are eligible for the Helmut Esau Prize, which includes a \$400 award.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT/PROPOSAL SUBMISSION IS JUNE 1, 2016

DEADLINE FOR PANEL SUBMISSION IS MAY 15, 2016.

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, (<https://linguistlist.org/callconf/call-action-individual.cfm?submissionid=36144037&&confid=241396>), as a .pdf, .txt, or .doc file. 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 José Esteban Hernández at lasso2016@utrgv.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://clas.ucdenver.edu/lasso/ijlasso.html>.

REMINDERS

LASSO 2017 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

Thanks to those who have renewed their membership for 2016. If you have yet to do so, you can 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 2016 Membership Renewal Form at the end of this newsletter that you can print out and send in.

HELMUT ESAU PRIZE DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2017

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 LASSO Vice-President José Esteban Hernández. The prize is awarded to the best of all high-quality submissions received. Recipients of this prestigious prize receive a \$400 award. To be considered for the 2016 Esau Prize, polished, article-length manuscripts must be sent, preferably as an e-mail attachment, to the Vice-President, lasso2016@utrgv.edu, following our fall meeting, and must be in his hands by **March 31, 2017**. Now is a good time to start working on your paper!

Papers may also be submitted via surface mail to:

José Esteban Hernández
Department of Writing and Language Studies
University of Texas - Río Grande Valley
1201 West University Drive
Edinburg, TX 78542

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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MEA CULPA

The gentle reader will note that February has come and gone, and we are now well into March. The delay in getting this newsletter out is due (in large part) to the fact that IJLASSO 32,1 was winging its way to New Mexico State University during the last week of February, and I wanted to get it packaged, labeled and mailed out before publishing the newsletter. In sending out the issue, I worked off the 2013 membership list, but folks move, addresses change, so I wanted an opportunity to let all 2013 members know through the newsletter that if you don't see your copy of the journal in the near future (mailing services here picked up the packages Friday, March 11), please let me know via email: lasso.executive.director@gmail.com. Please include a current mailing address, and I'll get your copy to you. ¡Mil gracias por su paciencia!

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 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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

If you have renewed your membership for 2016, we thank you. If you haven't renewed yet, you may do so on line at http://clas.ucdenver.edu/lasso/dues_payment.html. Alternatively, if you prefer to pay by check you will find a copy of the 2016 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 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2015-DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Opening Balance January 1, 2015			31,430.60
INCOME			
Memberships and dividends	3,772.51		
Interest received Jan 1-Dec 31, 2015	10.61		
Total Income	3,783.12		
EXPENSES			
2015 Esau Award Winner (Francisca Aguiló Mora)		400.00	
Conference costs, Lake Havasu		245.02	
Bank fees		10.00	
Total Expenses		645.02	
Closing Balance December 31, 2015			34,568.70

**MINUTES FROM LASSO BUSINESS MEETING, LAKE HAVASU CITY,
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

Members present: Daniel Villa, Jeremy King, Leila Lomashvili, Danielle Alfandre, Holly Cashman, Chase Raymond, Vanessa Elias, Juan Colomina, Sarah Little, Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, Pamela Anderson-Mejías, Hugo Mejías, Regina Morin, Irene Moyna, Jens Clegg, Devin Jenkins.

(1) Executive Director Daniel Villa explained that the second page of minutes from San Diego went missing on the drive from Las Cruces to Arizona. Hugo and Pam were left out of the attendees in the minutes from San Diego.

(2) Danielle A. mentioned that the LASSO website is down. Devin J. said that he is working on it.

(3) Discussion of IJLASSO custom printing via Diggypod vs. traditional printing, led by co-editor Jeremy King: custom printing would be financially sustainable (seemed to be the consensus); questions about whether on-line articles (.pdfs) might be made available for back issues; Jeremy K. says that they are working on it, but it is very time-intensive; if back issues are needed, people should get in touch with him.

(4) It was suggested that a handbook be developed for future conference organizers. Conferences should be self-sustaining. The handbook could include information about events that are usually held, costs, problems, etc. With institutional support drying up, the conferences need to be frugal.

(5) Daniel Villa suggested that the by-laws be updated to allow for email ballots or on-line survey (Survey Monkey, Qualtrics) rather than a mail ballot. Jens C. clarifies that not all proposals can be sent out. Such matters need to go through the executive committee. Vote could take place via email or on-line survey.

(6) Pamela A. M. suggests that LASSO's \$40 membership is too low.

(7) Pamela A. M. announced that the winner of the Helmut Esau Award is Francisca Aguiló Mora, for her paper "De las aulas a la calle: el ámbito pedagógico como *maitre à penser* en las ideologías y actitudes lingüísticas en

Mallorca". She suggested that the Esau Award winner should be announced/recognized publicly at the conference, perhaps before the keynote address or the presidential address.

(8) Danielle A., local organizer for the conference, announced that there were 47 registered participants as of 4:00 p.m. that day. A \$150 per person registration fee was charged. There were \$375 in PayPal fees (or 2.5%), which might be saved by using another system. Regarding the reduced number of members presenting, it was suggested that the date of the call for papers (right at the end of the spring semester for a lot of people) might have been to blame, as well as the lack of proximity to the airport.

(9) Report for the LASSO XLV was presented by UT Austin organizers Juan Colomina (UT Austin) and María Irene Moyna (Texas A&M). The conference will be held September 15-17. He expects 250 people to register. May 1 or June 1 abstract deadlines were discussed. A program of a Thursday night keynote and Friday and Saturday full day sessions is being considered, but this is subject to change. Re: accommodations, \$180/night hotel is available right on campus, a 5 minute walk to the conference site. It was suggested that the hotel rate is too high. The organizers will consider graduate student crash space and more hotel options.

(10) Nominations were sought for program chair. Adam Schwartz and Elise Dubord were suggested. They should be contacted to see who is interested in serving. They should be told to contact Daniel Villa.

(11) Jeremy King, co-editor of IJLASSO, announced that issue 32.1 is almost done, and issue 32.2 is in the works. Volume 33 will be a special double issue. Eduardo Faingold stepped down as book review editor. María Ciriza (University of North Texas at Dallas) was nominated to be the new book review editor.

(12) Jens C. moved to adjourn. Chase Raymond seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

*Thanks to Holly Cashman for taking the minutes. Any errors are mine alone. 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

Regina Morin, The College of New Jersey (2016)

Past President

Pamela Anderson-Mejías, University of Texas - Río Grande Valley (2015)

Vice President / Program Chair & President Elect

José Esteban Hernández, University of Texas - Río Grande Valley (2016)

Executive Director

Daniel Villa, New Mexico State University (2016)

Executive Committee

Danielle Alfandre, ASU Lake Havasu (2016)

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

Chase Raymond, University of California Los Angeles (2018)

Nominating Committee

Vanessa Elías, Indiana University (2018)

TBA

Local Arrangements Committee Chair

Juan José Colomina Alminana, the University of Austin, Texas (2016)

Development Committee

TBA

THANK YOU, IJLASSO VOLUNTEERS

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

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Carmen Jany, California State University, San Bernardino

Reviews Editor:

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

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Carmen Silva-Corvalán, University of Southern California (2017)

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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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