



# LASSO

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### THANK YOU, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY!

The 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest took place in Aspen Grove, Utah, October 11-13, 2018. David Eddington, chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, did an outstanding job of identifying and scheduling meeting spaces and handling the conference registration. The 11<sup>th</sup> saw papers on service learning, applied linguistics, corpus linguistics, and a special panel on historical sociolinguistics. The 12<sup>th</sup> offered research on Spanish in the U.S., sociolinguistics, syntax and anthropological linguistics, among other topics. Mercedes Niño-Murcia delivered the plenary address, titled “The so called ‘mobility turn’: Toward a more fluid conception of multilingualism”. The 13<sup>th</sup> witnessed work on language acquisition, discourse analysis, and a special session dedicated to publishing in the International Journal of the Linguistics Association of the Southwest, as well as future directions of our journal. Patricia Gubitosi closed the meeting with her Presidential Address, titled “The linguistic landscape of Spanish and Portuguese communities in Massachusetts”. Special thanks go to David Eddington; his efforts in organizing the conference, while keeping a close watch on the budget, resulted in monies being returned to the LASSO coffers (see financial report below), contributing to the financial wellbeing of our organization. Michelle Ramos Pellicia put together an excellent program of concurrent presentations and panel sessions. Many thanks again to David, Michelle, and all the volunteers who helped make the conference a resounding success!

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### LASSO XLVIII

#### 2019 CONFERENCE AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

As of the writing of this newsletter, LSU administrators have yet to commit to firm dates for reserving facilities for the conference. Jeremy King, this year’s conference organizer, has requested two preferred dates for the meeting. The first is October 31<sup>st</sup> -November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The second is November 7<sup>th</sup>-November 9<sup>th</sup>. I will send out an addendum with the final dates just as soon as we get them, as well as particulars on submitting abstract and other conference details. We greatly appreciate your patience in this matter.

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### REMINDERS

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Spring is here (at least in southern New Mexico) and time to renew your membership for 2019! You can renew your membership through PayPal; just go to [http://clas2.ucdenver.edu/lasso/dues\\_payment.html](http://clas2.ucdenver.edu/lasso/dues_payment.html) and follow the directions.

You do not need to have a PayPal account in order to send your fees. If you prefer to renew by check, there is a Membership Renewal Form at the end of this newsletter that you can print out and send in. Membership in LASSO demonstrates commitment to the study of linguistics and provides scholars and students alike the opportunity to develop professional friendships, to obtain information about teaching and research, and to exchange ideas and network with each other. LASSO members receive two newsletters per year and two issues of the International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest. Presentation of papers at the annual LASSO conference is a privilege of membership, and only those who are LASSO members may have their work published in IJLASSO.

#### **LASSO 2020 AND BEYOND**

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

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### **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 consideration for publication in IJLASSO. Manuscripts should be sent electronically to [ijlasso@lsu.edu](mailto:ijlasso@lsu.edu), but must also be accompanied by a .pdf version or a hard copy to the following address:

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

#### **EDITORIAL SCOPE**

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

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Book reviews can be sent to [María del Puy Ciriza](mailto:María del Puy Ciriza), Department of Spanish and Hispanic Studies, Texas Christian University, Scharbauer 3100 Office 3103, 2855 S. University Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76129. Please contact her for guidelines in preparing your book review.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **IJLASSO 33, 1 AND 2 IN THE MAIL**

Copies of IJLASSO 33, 1 and 2, were mailed out in late 2018 and early 2019. If you were a LASSO member in 2014 and have not receive your copy, please contact Daniel Villa at [lasso.executive.director@gmail.com](mailto:lasso.executive.director@gmail.com). If you were NOT a member but would like to purchase a copy, please click on the same link.

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### **LASSO 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 1, 2018-DECEMBER 31, 2018**

<b>OPENING BALANCE, 1/1/2018</b>		<b>\$53,274.43</b>
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Debits</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues, interest income	2489.68	
Return, BYU conference	3019.36	
Total income	5509.04	
<b>COSTS</b>		
Helmut Esau Award		400.00
IJLASSO 33:1		
Diggypod, printing		685.99
Compositor		1,000.00
Mailing		253.68
Total costs		2,339.67
<b>CLOSING BALANCE, 12/31/2018</b>		<b>\$56,443.80</b>

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

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### **MINUTES FROM LASSO BUSINESS MEETING, Thursday, October 11th, Aspen Grove, UT**

**In attendance:** Mary Jill Brody, Katherine Christoffersen, Jens Clegg, David Eddington, Patricia Gubitosi, Claudia Holguín Mendoza, Devin Jenkins, Jeremy King, Covadonga Lamar Prieto, Tom Lewis, Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, Jeannette Sánchez-Naranjo, Israel Sanz-Sánchez, Rachel Showstack, Adam Schwartz, Damián Wilson

Michelle Ramos Pellicia, LASSO President, presiding

#### **1. Review and approval of minutes of the 2017 Meeting in Las Cruces, NM**

- a. Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza's last name was misspelled. Please change from McGregor-Mendoza to MacGregor-Mendoza.
- b. Meeting minutes were approved with this change.

## 2. Executive Director's Report (Villa)

### A. Update on LASSO's financial status

1. LASSO continues to be in a financially positive position (Also found in the August 2018 Newsletter).

**LASSO interim financial report, current as of 7/31/2018 (dues income for this year not included as the final figure is not yet available)**

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>			\$47,687.26
<b>Costs</b>	Helmut Esau Award	\$400.00	
	Conference advance	142.44	
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>		542.44	
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>			\$47,144.82

### B. This current solvency is due principally to two main factors

1. Reduced costs to produce IJLASSO
2. The excellent work of local arrangement committees to keep conference costs within budget, thus not creating a burden on LASSO reserves
3. Our financial health will continue to be good as long as we carefully control all demands on the LASSO budget.

### C. Comments on institutional subscriptions to IJLASSO and future direction of the journal

1. Institutional subscriptions for IJLASSO continue to fall. We are currently down to nine, from fifteen last year.
2. In the past we have discussed moving IJLASSO to some sort of an online format, making it, in essence, open access.
3. Jeremy King will conduct an open forum on the future of IJLASSO at the editors' session, and if you can't attend please give him your input, whether face-to-face at the conference or through email.

### D. Observations and questions

1. We should attend the meeting to discuss publishing in IJLASSO and open forum on its future directions on Saturday, October 13th at 10:15am.
2. Those who would prefer a printed version can request it.
3. How to do the online format? See suggestion in the first question above.
4. The income derived from institutional subscriptions is minimal.
5. Moving the journal to an on-line format would not harm LASSO's financial position, while making IJLASSO's content available to as wide an audience as possible.
6. Villa hastens to add that an on-line option would not eliminate the print version for our members and anyone else (including libraries) who wishes to have one, as our current printing costs are sustainable now on a long-term basis.
7. Initial feedback from the Executive Committee indicates a willingness to move to an on-line format, but the more input we have from members the better.
8. Who has control over the money paid online? David Eddington? Daniel Villa? Devin Jenkins?

### E. Comments on the LASSO website

1. Villa would like us to consider moving our website to our own domain to avoid the vagaries occasioned by an individual institution's change in Internet protocols (such as changing URLs in the middle of the stream).
2. Devin Jenkins has done yeoman's work over the years in maintaining our website, and has indicated he is amenable to moving it to our own domain.

3. We can afford the associated cost, and having this kind of an asset could provide a home for an online version of IJLASSO, in case we should decide to move that way.

#### 4. Questions

- a. If the website were to be housed at a university, could the university decide to shut it down?
- b. Where could we house it?
  - i. In public domain?
  - ii. Go Daddy? Lasso.site? Lasso.ling?
- c. What are the pros?
  - i. It can have a name that everybody can remember.
  - ii. It can be administered by more than one person.
  - iii. It is inexpensive: \$3 per year if paying three (3) years in advance or more.
- d. What are the cons?
  - i. It could be hacked.
  - ii. If that could happen, we can pay more for more protection.
- e. We need to put the idea of moving the website to our own domain to the Executive Committee to decide.

### 3. Report on Helmut Esau Award, 2017 (Gubitosi)

- A. Three (3) graduate students submitted their work.
- B. Seven (7) colleagues were contacted to review the papers; five (5) of them responding.
- C. The Helmut Esau Award went to: Desirée Ramírez Urbaneja, Derlly González González and Jennifer Arnason, University of New Mexico, for their manuscript “Motivaciones de los estudiantes de herencia en las clases de segundo idioma”.

### 4. Report on program for 2018 (Ramos Pellicia)

#### A. Call for Papers

1. The call for papers was done thru the LinguistList.
2. Our conference was advertised at other conferences and through social networks.

#### B. Abstract Submissions

1. The abstract submissions were done as in previous years through the LinguistList EasyAbs.
2. For future conferences, there is no need to have abstracts submitted with the contact information. Only the abstract itself. Otherwise, the Program Organizer will have to delete (and at times, recreate) abstracts. Having the call asking for the abstract’s title and abstract will make the life of the Program Organizer easier!
3. The submissions were received between March 19th – June 1st, 2018.
4. Most abstracts were submitted on June 1st, 2018.
5. The deadline was extended to June 9th, 2018 to give the possibility for the submission of more abstracts.
6. A total of sixty-four (64) abstracts were submitted.
7. Only one abstract was submitted after the deadline was extended.

#### C. Abstract Review

1. The period for abstract review was: June 4th – July 18th, 2018 and it was extended to July 25th, 2018.
2. Michelle contacted forty (40) abstract reviewers. Some were asked to review at the very last minute due to a variety of situations (e. g., two reviewers did not respond, or more were needed).
3. The majority was LASSO members, others from outside LASSO were also contacted, and volunteered.
4. Colleagues who volunteered but who are not LASSO members expressed interest in our association, and future conferences.
5. This might be a good idea to consider for future conferences as a way to expand our membership.
6. Of the sixty-four (64) abstracts; three (3) were tentatively accepted pending revisions. Sixty-one (61) abstracts were accepted. The acceptance rate was: 95%; the ‘acceptance pending revisions’ rate was 5%.

#### D. Conference Program

1. The total number of authors is seventy-one (71), with twenty-three (23) parallel sessions.
2. We have fifty-two (52) presentations.
3. Of the sixty-four (64) abstracts submitted, there were eighteen (18) cancelations.

4. Sixteen (16) cancelations (due to lack of funds, funds not approved)
5. Two (2) cancelations were due to health, and other personal reasons.
6. We also had delays in finding moderators for some panels
7. Michelle contacted colleagues directly and they kindly served as moderators. Thanks!
8. We have five (5) featured panels:
  - i. Reflection and Community Consciousness in Community-Based Learning: Creating Paths for Linguistic Diversity and Social Justice Panel Organizer: Rachel Showstack
  - ii. North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics (NARNiHS) Panel Organizers: Israel Sanz-Sánchez – Jeremy King
  - iii. Recent research on the New Mexico-Colorado Spanish Survey (NMCROSS). Panel Organizers: Damián Vergara-Wilson & Devin Jenkins
  - iv. The Tenure-Track Process: Advice for New or Soon-to-be Tenure Track Faculty. Panel Organizer: Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza
  - v. International Journal of the Linguistics of the Southwest. Panel Organizers: Jeremy King and Jill Brody

E. Other issues

1. There was no confirmation from some other colleagues regarding their attendance to the conference.
2. Very few special requests (e.g., time and dates to be switched because of travel schedules, days to be absent) were received and accommodated.

F. Questions

1. There were several questions about attendance. These were discussed at the end of the meeting. See end of meeting minutes for details.

## 5. Proposal for meeting site, 2019 (King & Brody)

A. Combined with XXX Louisiana Conference on Hispanic Languages and Literatures

1. Registration: \$125, half for students
2. Airports nearby: Baton Rouge, New Orleans
3. Make sure that our meeting does not coincide with HLS, NWAVE, and major religious holidays.
4. The plan is to have three (3) linguistic concurrent sessions.
5. The conference should not fall on the same weekend as a football game.
6. In the case of LSU, there are three (3) to four (4) weekends in a row with football games; the Fall break. There was discussion of holding the meeting during the Halloween weekend.
7. Where: at the Student Union. There is plenty of space: rooms and franchise eating venues.
8. Hotel: LSU Lod Cook. It provides a buffet for breakfast and lunch.
9. Dinner. There are several restaurants across the street from the conference venue.

## 6. Nominating committee. Terms expiring 2018:

A. Executive Committee

1. Chase Raymond, University of Colorado Boulder
  - a. Jens Clegg, Purdue University Fort Wayne, has agreed to serve.

B. Nominating Committee

2. Vanessa Elías, Indiana University Bloomington
  - a. Israel Sanz-Sánchez, West Chester University, has agreed to serve.

## 7. IJLASSO Report: Editor (King)

1. We are chronologically behind.
2. We finally have a process in place.
3. Updates on volumes.
  - i. Volume 32.2 is out. Mark Waltermire and Daniel Villa emailed issues at the beginning of the year.
  - ii. Volume 33.1 is coming out soon. Hugo Mejías and Glenn Martínez are the editors.
  - iii. Volume 33.2 will be out within the next two (2) months.
  - iv. Volume 34. Daniel Villa is the special guest editor. The volume is dedicated to “Spanish in the U.S.”.

- v. Volume 35 is up in the air. The first is full. There is space in issue 2 with time to submit.
- vi. Volume 36. Thalia Bugel is the guest editor.
- 4. The copy editor is fast.
- 5. Jeremy encouraged everyone to attend the meeting to discuss publishing in IJLASSO and open forum on its future directions on Saturday, October 13th at 10:15am.
- 6. Daniel checks the membership before sending.

#### **8. Development meeting report (Sanz)**

- 1. Outreach. On our LASSO website. Include testimonials from graduate students.
- 2. Sell merchandise
- 3. Creation of an endowment.
- 4. Larger donations from people and associations
- 5. Gofund me
- 6. Via regular LASSO subscriptions
- 7. Have different rates for professors according to ranks
- 8. Question: How the funds will be used?

#### **9. New business?**

- 1. After the meeting, we discussed different concerns regarding this year's conference.
  - i. Few abstracts submitted
  - ii. Many cancelations. Possible reasons: several colleagues indicated they lacked funding from their institutions and they did not find out until after they have sent their abstracts (see conference report attached, and notes above).
- 2. The cost to attend the conference.
- 3. The place and location were hard to reach.
- 4. There was another linguistic conference in Utah already in 2018, Spanish in the U.S., and perhaps people could not attend?
- 5. Suggestions for improvement
  - i. Include more information about Utah and be more specific about different options.
  - ii. Alternate big and small venues
  - iii. Have we seen this same situation before? Yes, it has happened before in Lake Havasu, Oregon, and Utah. Last time we were in Utah, in 2010, we had eighty-three (83) participants.

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### **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**

Michelle Ramos Pellicia, California State University San Marcos (2019)

#### **Past President**

Patricia Gubitosi, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2019)

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

Rey Romero, University of Houston-Downtown (2019)

#### **Executive Director**

Daniel Villa, New Mexico State University (2019)

**Executive Committee**

Jens Clegg, Purdue University Fort Wayne (2021)  
Damián Vergara Wilson (2019, serving for Michelle Ramos Pellicia)  
Rachel Showstack, Wichita State University (2020)

**Nominating Committee**

Israel Sanz-Sánchez, West Chester University (2021)  
Devin Jenkins, University of Colorado Denver (2019)  
José Esteban Hernández, University of Texas Río Grande Valley (2020)

**Local Arrangements Committee Chair**

Jeremy King, Louisiana State University (2019)

**Development Committee**

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

**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 (2019)  
Jill Brody, Louisiana State University (2019)

**Associate Editors:**

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

**Reviews Editor:**

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

**Editorial Board:**

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

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LASSO and IJLASSO owe much of their success to the generosity of time, effort and talents of its members serving as volunteers in various capacities. If you are interested in assisting with the operations of LASSO or IJLASSO, please contact Daniel Villa, [lasso.executive.director@gmail.com](mailto:lasso.executive.director@gmail.com).

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**Membership Application**\_\_\_\_ **or Membership Renewal**\_\_\_\_ **for 20**\_\_\_\_  
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Institutional -- \$60 US \_\_\_\_\_

**Overseas postage surcharge:** \$15 annually \_\_\_\_\_

**Life membership:** \$450 US \_\_\_\_\_

**Tax-deductible contribution** \_\_\_\_\_

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