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THANK YOU, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY!

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest and the XXX Biennial Louisiana Conference on Hispanic Languages and Literatures took place conjointly in Baton Rouge, LA, from October 31st to November 2nd. The theme of the conference was the Global South as it appears in literary or cultural documents and through different media: manuscripts, books, films, internet, radio, TV, etc.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Hilary Parsons Dick of Arcadia University; her talk was entitled "Call it Whatever the Hell You Want": Communicating Commonsense Racism and Latin American (Im)mobility in the Time of Trump. The LASSO Presidential Address, "Looking into the Linguistic Toolshed: Language as a Device for Resistance" was delivered by Michelle Ramos Pellicia. There were seventy-three participants, from several continents, and a total of seventy-eight presentations in thirty-one parallel sessions.

Many thanks again to Jill, Jeremy, Rey, and all the volunteers who helped make the conference a success!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

The beginning of the year is a good time to renew your membership for 2020! 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. We will send out details about renewing your membership online soon. Stay tuned!

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.

Helmut Esau Award deadline: March 16th, 2020

LASSO is very proud of all of our members, but particularly our students who are encouraged to not only present their research at our annual meeting, but to also participate in the contest for the Helmut Esau Award.

To be eligible to compete for the Esau Award, students must first present at the Annual Meeting and then submit a closely edited, revised version of their paper following our fall meeting. The Award is given to the best of all high-quality submissions received. Recipients of this prestigious Award receive a \$400 check.

The polished, article-length manuscripts must be sent, preferably as an e-mail attachment, to LASSO Vice-President Rey Romero (romerore@uhd.edu). Papers must be submitted by March 16th, 2020. Now is a good time to start working on your paper! Papers may also be submitted via surface mail to:

Dr. Rey Romero
Department of History, Humanities, and Languages
University of Houston-Downtown
N1007
One Main Street
Houston, TX 77002

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.

LASSO XLIX
2020 CONFERENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS
Call for Papers

Conference Dates: September 24th – 26th, 2020
Location: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA
Submission Deadline for panels: May 15th, 2020
Abstract Submission Deadline: June 1st, 2020

Meeting Description:

LASSO, the Linguistic Association of the Southwest, invites abstract submission for papers, posters and group panels for its 49th Annual Meeting to be held at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, USA, on September 24th-26th, 2020. We welcome papers in all areas of linguistics including, but not limited to applied linguistics, linguistic variation, languages in contact, language policy and planning, language attitudes and ideologies, syntax, phonetics and phonology, indigenous languages, etc. This year we especially encourage papers addressing any of the following topics: language and racialization, language and social justice, and Spanish and the Latinx community. Submissions by graduate students are especially welcome. Students are eligible for the Helmut Esau Prize, which includes a \$400 award.

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. Proposals for complete panels with multiple speakers must fit within the 90 minutes time frame of the conference presentations.

Keynote Speaker: Jonathan Rosa, Stanford University

Presidential Address: Rey Romero, University of Houston

Submission Guidelines:

- Abstracts can be submitted through EasyAbs:
<http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/LASSO2020>
- from February 15th, 2020 to June 1st, 2020.
- Papers and posters may be delivered in English, or Spanish.
- Abstracts should be single-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font not to exceed 500 words.
- Abstracts need to include the title of the paper and must clearly present a specific thesis statement and include a description of the topic, the approach, and conclusions.
- To preserve anonymity during the review process, authors should not include their names, academic affiliation, email address or any other identifier or reveal their identity anywhere in the abstract. This information will be completed in a separate form prior to your submission in Easy Abs
- Include the title of the paper, area of research, author names, academic affiliations, and e-mail addresses in the form within the abstract submission system.
- Please specify in your submission whether you wish your work submission to be considered for a presentation as a paper, a poster, or for both categories.
- Abstracts can be submitted through EasyAbs from February 15th, 2020 to June 1st, 2020. academic affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, cellular phone number, and e-mail. Please provide summer contact information if needed.
- Submissions need to be on a .pdf format.
- Authors will receive a reply notifying them that their abstracts are under consideration. If such notification has not been received within one week, it should be re-sent. We also recommend that you contact the Program Chair: Susana de los Heros (sheros@uri.edu).
- Notifications of acceptance/rejection will be sent in mid-July.
- Authors may submit up to two abstracts, an individual and a joint one.

LASSO MEMBERSHIP:

An individual must be a current LASSO and be listed in the conference program member in order to present a paper. You may pay your dues online at: http://lassoling.org/dues_payment.html or fill out a membership form available at: http://lassoling.org/membership_renewal_form.pdf 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.

LASSO 2021 AND BEYOND

LASSO members who would like to host a future LASSO conference should contact Executive Director Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, 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!

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, 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, 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.

Update on IJLASSO 34 and 35.1

We will be coming out with volume 34, which will be a special double issue guest edited by Daniel Villa, in Spring 2020. Issue 35.1 should be out later in the year.

If you have any questions about IJLASSO, please contact Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia at:
lasso.executive.director@gmail.com.

LASSO FINANCIAL REPORT, 2019*

OPENING BALANCE, 1/1/2019			\$53,274.43
	COSTS	INCOME	
Helmut Esau Award	400.00		
IJLASSO 33,2 production costs	1,804.08		
Mailing costs, 33,2	353.35		
Internet domain fee	142.20		
Baton Rouge Conference costs	5,320.00		
Total Costs	8,019.63		
Dues, return from Provo meeting		9,347.41	
Return from Baton Rouge meeting		2,632.76	
Total Income		11,980.17	
CLOSING BALANCE			\$57,234.97

*This report extends past the fiscal year to 2/16/2020. This is due to the fact that the transfer of funds to the new administration has yet to be finalized.

Linguistic Association of the Southwest Business Meeting Thursday, October 31, 2019, Baton Rouge, LA

In attendance: Daniel Villa, Michelle Ramos Pellicia, Patricia MacGregor- Mendoza, Mary Jill Brody, Jeremy King, Israel Sanz-Sánchez, Avea Nsoh, Sarah Frisbie Steele

1. Review and approval of minutes of the 2018 Meeting in Aspen Grove, UT

- Change “NWAVE” to “NWAV”
- Meeting minutes were approved with this change.

2. Executive Director’s Report (Daniel Villa)

- Update on Financial Status
 - LASSO continues to be in a financially positive position.

LASSO interim financial report as of 9/31/19

OPENING BALANCE			\$53,274.43
	COSTS	INCOME	
Helmut Esau Award	\$400.00		
IJLASSO 33.2 production costs	1804.08		
Mailing costs	151.73		
Internet domain fee	142.20		
Total costs	2,498.01		
Dues, return from Provo meeting		9,347.41	
Total income		9,347.41	
ENDING BALANCE			\$60,123.83

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- b. A proposal was presented to recognize those who have worked to put LASSO in great financial shape, as well as the editors who have lowered the cost of publication of the journals, through a lifetime membership to LASSO. This proposal was approved.
 - c. LASSO has a new domain name – <http://lassoling.org/>
 - d. A discussion was held with regard to producing IJLASSO in an online format, as well as continuing the print version. It was pointed out that a vote on providing an online format is not needed due to the constitution's wording that the only obligation on the part of LASSO is to produce a journal. There were several ideas on how to go about producing an online format.
 - e. Will confirm the cancellation of institutional subscriptions to IJLASSO, beginning in 2020.
 - f. In response to the question about the control of funds raised at the Provo meeting, clarification was made as to the involvement from the Executive Director. The Executive Director does not deal with costs or money having to do with conference arrangements. The Executive Director handles money that comes in from membership fees. The local arrangement committee takes care of conference funds and how the funds will be dispersed. The only exception is a \$500 cap on speaker fee.
 - g. Daniel will send out proposal for vote on the following items:
 - i. Editors will receive a lifetime membership after a 3-year term
 - ii. Place wording changes into the constitution instead of having them be amendments.

3. Report on 2018 Helmut Esau Award (Ramos Pellicia)

- a. Two graduate students sent in work.
- b. Three LASSO members served as reviewers.
- c. The Helmut Esau Award went to Tom Lewis for his manuscript "Latinx threat discourse and Anglo public space in New Orleans, LA in the A.T.H."
- d. Would it be possible to compile a list of potential reviewers for the Helmut Esau Award? This would facilitate identifying reviewers for next year's award.

4. Report on program for 2019 meeting (Brody and King)

- a. Abstract submissions
 - i. Abstracts received: 103
 - ii. Rejections: 4
 - iii. Total cancellations: 31
 - b. Final program:
 - i. Parallel sessions: 31
 - ii. Talks: 73
 - iii. Presenters: 78
 - iv. Featured panels:
 - 1. Teaching Spanish to Practicing Health Professionals: ¿Vale la pena? Organizers: Megan Strom, Carina Salas & Sara Seymour
 - 2. The tenured professor in linguistics: Advice for new, soon-to-be, and established tenure-track faculty. Organizers: Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, Michelle Ramos Pellicia, & Mercedes Niño-Murcia
 - 3. Publishing in IJLASSO. Organizers: Jeremy King & Mary Jill Brody
 - c. Estimated costs:
 - i. Estimated Conference costs: \$12,757
 - ii. Estimated Revenue: \$14,635
 - d. It was mentioned that LSU pays for rooms and speaker fees and LASSO pays for catering and printing.
 - e. Questions were raised with regard to low attendance and issues with getting presenters to pay registration fee.
 - i. Many expressed issues with receiving funding to attend conference. Also, HLS was the weekend before LASSO which caused potential presenters to choose between the two conferences.
 - ii. A possible solution to ensure that participants pay registration fees in a timely manner is to not publish a conference schedule until everyone has paid.
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5. Discussion on meeting site for 2020

- c0 There are no proposals currently on the table.
- d0 University of Nevada Las Vegas was interested previously, and Daniel will contact colleagues there.
- e0 UNM is a possibility, but they are hosting the Symposium on Spanish as a Heritage Language in February 2020.
- f0 Patricia will contact colleagues at the University of Colorado Denver.
- g0 LASSO does not have to be at a university. It can be at a conference center in a larger city that is close to an airport.
- f. Philadelphia in 2021?

6. Nominating Committee

- c0Terms expiring in 2019 that need to be filled:
 - i. Executive Committee: Damián Wilson
 - ii. Vice President/Program Chair & President Elect: Rey Romero
 - iii. Executive Director: Daniel Villa
- b. Daniel will walk the incoming Executive Director through his/her responsibilities, which are to:
 - i. send out two newsletters a year
 - ii. keep track of membership
 - iii. maintain financial records – bank account for LASSO
 - iv. editorial responsibilities will not be part of Executive Director job description
- c. As part of new business, a discussion was brought forth with regard to re-instituting the position of Treasurer.
 - i. When will this vote happen? The nominating committee needs to know ASAP so they can fill the position.
 - ii. Terms (up to two terms of three years each) for Treasurer and Executive Director would run concurrently. This would facilitate a smooth transition when the terms for these positions expire.
 - iii. Re-instituting the position of Treasurer would allow for two signatories on the LASSO account.
 - iv. Incorporate a provision where Daniel as outgoing Executive Director would add a signatory of the incoming Executive Director to facilitate the transfer of funds.
 - v. Incorporate a provision such that if the position of Treasurer is re-instituted and no one will fill this spot, the Executive Director will take on duties of Treasurer (contingency plan).
 - vi. Daniel will serve the remainder of 2019 as interim until vote can happen.
 - vii. A motion was made and passed to bring a vote to the membership to approve re-institution of the office of Treasurer. Daniel will bring this vote to the LASSO membership.
- d. Suggestions were made for Michelle Ramos Pellicia to serve as the Executive Director and Ana Sánchez Muñoz to serve as Treasurer.

7. Development Committee Report (Sanz)

- a. Last year the committee was charged with identifying additional sources of revenue as well as developing ideas on how to use the additional revenue. Some ideas are:
 - i. Using the LASSO website to capture donations
 - ii. Start a donation campaign targeting all full-time faculty members of LASSO
 - iii. Acquire more funds with progressive membership rate for LASSO such that assistant professor rate is different from the rate for full professors (higher salary means higher rate).
 - iv. Sell T-shirts and bags.
 - v. Provide grants to cover travel and conference attendance for graduate students.
 - vi. Give an award for the best presentation in addition to Helmet Esau award.
 - vii.
 - b. The question was asked if members still want to raise funds.
 - c. Some are opposed to using LASSO funds for things like travel grants unless the bank account has over \$50,000. This requires organizing committee to communicate with Treasurer to ensure funds are there before offering things like travel grants.
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8. IJLASSO Editors Report (Brody & King)

- a. Jill and Jeremy have served two full terms but would like to serve until journal is caught up chronologically, with Daniel still continuing to help.
- b. Printed three issues of the journal in the last year.
 - i. 32.2 (2013) – published 12/17
 - ii. 33.1 (2014) – published 10/18
 - iii. 33.2 (2014) – published 12/18
- c. Volume 34 (2015) – Daniel’s special issue is expected in November 2019.
- d. Volume 35 (2016) –11 manuscripts are currently pending and in different stages of the review/acceptance process.
- e. Volume 36 (2017) – Talia Bugel’s special double issue.
- f. Volume 37.1 (2018) – can possibly be a special guest edited issue. This is currently under discussion. Suggestions are welcomed for the special guest issue for 2018.
- g. The option of skipping over some years in order to publish the most current issues was brought up, but the editors decided this was not a great option. They will continue working chronologically, with guest editors helping to move this process along.
- h. The editors are publishing print copies of the journal, but in the future plan to send PDF copies to all LASSO members, as per 2017 and 2018 conference discussions.

9. New Business

- a. A discussion was held with regard to re-instituting the position of Treasurer (see point 6 above).

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

Rey Romero, University of Houston-Downtown (2020)

Past President

Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, California State University San Marcos (2020)

Vice President / Program Chair & President Elect

Susana de los Heros, University of Rhode Island (2020)

Executive Director

Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, California State University San Marcos (2022)

Treasurer

Patricia Gubitosi, University of Massachusetts (2020)

Executive Committee

Jens Clegg, Purdue University Fort Wayne (2021)

VACANT (Expired in 2019)

Rachel Showstack, Wichita State University (2020)

Nominating Committee

Israel Sanz-Sánchez, West Chester University (2021)

VACANT (Expired in 2019)

José Esteban Hernández, University of Texas Río Grande Valley (2020)

Local Arrangements Committee Chair

Margarita Jara, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2020)

Development Committee
VACANT (Expired in 2019)
VACANT (Expired in 2019)
VACANT (Expired in 2019)

Please note: We have several vacant positions in the Executive, Nominating, and Development Committees. Our last Business Meeting was held in LSU at 10:00am on Thursday, October 31st, 2019. Given the early time scheduled for this meeting, we did not have enough members to volunteer for the different positions. Our work as an association greatly depends on your commitment and volunteering. We strongly encourage you to consider contribute with your knowledge and time to strengthen our association. Please consider volunteering in LASSO in any capacity.

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, Texas Christian University (2022)

Editorial Board:

Holly Cashman, University of New Hampshire (2020)
Jens Clegg, Indiana/Purdue University Ft. Wayne (2021)
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)

YOUR NAME HERE

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 Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, lasso.executive.director@gmail.com.

YOUR UPDATES HERE

Our newsletter is a good place to inform our Lassovian colleagues of any relevant updates (e.g. books published, upcoming conferences, grants, and issues that are of interest to our community. If you are interested in sharing news with LASSO for our next Fall 2020 newsletter, please contact Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, lasso.executive.director@gmail.com.



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The Linguistic Association of the Southwest

Membership Application ___ **or Membership Renewal** ___ **for 20** ___
(Please print)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Institutional Affiliation (if not given above): _____

Telephone: Office: (_____) _____ - _____ Fax: (_____) _____ - _____

Home/Cell: (_____) _____ - _____

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: Patricia Gubitosi, LASSO Treasurer,
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University of Massachusetts Amherst
161 Presidents Dr
Amherst, MA 01003
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