

# LASSO THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST

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# THANK YOU, VIRTUAL ARRANGEMENTS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE!

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest was our first ever virtual conference. Thanks to the dedicated and hard-working Virtual Arrangements Organizing Committee, we were able to offer a great meeting September 24th-26th, 2020 in the Accelevents platform.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Jonathan Rosa from the Stanford School of Education; his talk was entitled "Unsettling Raciolinguistic Barriers: From Diversity and Inclusion to Abolition and Decolonization in Educational Linguistics". Dr. Rey Romero, University of Houston-Downtown, delivered the LASSO Presidential Address, "Incorporating Social Justice Elements in Linguistics and Language Teaching". There were one hundred and thirty-nine participants, and a total of ninety-four presentations in forty-nine parallel sessions.

Many thanks again to the Virtual Arrangements Organizing Committee, Margarita Jara, Susana de los Heros, Jens Clegg, Israel Sanz-Sánchez, and all the volunteers who helped make the conference a success! We also want to acknowledge the hard work of the Chair of the Virtual Arrangements Committee, Margarita Jara, who initially made all the needed arrangements for a presential conferenced and had to quickly pivot to a conference completely online. It goes without saying that Margarita showed leadership and kept us going even when things were so unpredictable. Thanks so much, Margarita!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

There is no better time than the present time to renew your membership. If you prefer to renew by check, there is a Membership Renewal Form at the end of this newsletter that you can print and send. You can also renew your membership online:

https://lassoling.org/membership/

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. Members in good standing may vote and hold office

# WE HAVE A NEW LOOK!

Thanks to the Development Committee: Alba Arias Álvarez, Covadonga Sánchez Alvarado and Sheryl Bernardo-Hinesley, and the Executive Committee: Jens Clegg, Susana de los Heros, Patricia Gubitosi, Margarita Jara, Antonio Medina-Rivera, Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, Rey Romero and Rachel Showstack we have a new look. Graphic designer Brian Snell is responsible for the beautiful new logo you will see in our newsletter, our website and other communications from LASSO. The Development and Executive Committees idea with this new logo is to maintain our connection to the association's past, while we forge a way the vision we have for our future as an organization committed to the study of linguistics and linguistic social justice issues.

We hope you visit our webpage. It has an updated user interface. You will find all the information we always made available in the past (e.g. pay membership dues, announcements about our annual meetings, etc.), but the display is completely different. We hope you enjoy visiting us at: https://lassoling.org/

## **2021 HELMUT ESAU PRIZE**

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.

Students must first present at the Annual Meeting and then submit a revised, polished 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 \$400 cash award.

#### **NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS**

Alba Arias Álvarez and Patricia Gubitosi published: "Shaping of L1 & L2 linguistic identities in a migrant family". I-Land: Identity, Language and Diversity Journal, Year 2020 issue 2, 16-36. DOI: 10.26379/IL2020001 002.\

Irina Lifzcyc published "El uso de vosotros como símbolo de identidad en La Bandera Americana, Nuevo México". *GLOSAS-Revista de la Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Española*, 9 (9) in collaboration with Patricia Gubitosi.

Mercedes Niño-Murcia and Susana de los Heros edited with Virginia Zavala the volume *Hacia una sociolingüística crítica. Desarrollos y debates*, published by IEP Instituto de Estudios Peruanos.

Rafael Orozco recently published "A Variationist Study of Subject Pronoun Expression in Medellín, Colombia." It is available at the following link: https://www.mdpi.com/2226-471X/6/1/5/htm

Christian Puma and Daniela Narváez co-authored with Patricia Gubitosi "Landscaping an Ecuadorian neighborhood in Queens, NY". *Cuadernos de Lingüística Hispánica*, 36, 211-234. DOI: 10.19053/0121053X.n36.2020.11302

Michelle Ramos Pellicia published "The sociolinguist and language educator as agent of change." *Latino Studies*, Volume 18, Number 4. and "Differences in the Use of /l/ and /r/ in Two Communities of Puerto Rican Spanish Speakers in the United States". In: W. Valentín-Márquez & M. González-Rivera (Eds.), *Dialects from Tropical Islands: Research on Caribbean Spanish in the United States*. Routledge. She was also awarded the California Humanities Quick Grant for "Tesoro de Voces" to provide curriculum for Latinx Youth and collect their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS FOR ALL THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

If you have published a book, 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: Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia at lasso.executive.director@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.

# Call for papers: VIRTUAL LASSO 50th ANNUAL MEETING 2021

Conference Theme: Interconnectedness in linguistics: Building bridges between language research and language

activism

Conference website: https://sites.google.com/view/lasso2021conference/home

Conference Dates: September 23rd – 25th, 2021

**Mode:** Virtual (Zoom platform)

**Submission Deadline for panels:** June 15th, 2021 **Abstract Submission Deadline:** June 15th, 2021

Online Abstract Submission: http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/LASSO50

Meeting email: lasso50annualmeeting@gmail.com

Meeting Description: LASSO, the Linguistic Association of the Southwest, invites abstract submission for papers, and group panels for its 50th Annual Meeting to be held virtually on September 23- 25, 2021. 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, etc. This year we especially encourage papers addressing any of the following topics: indigenous languages, language and racialization, language and social justice, and Spanish and the Latinx community. Submissions by junior faculty and graduate students are especially welcome. Graduate students who present their work at the conference are eligible for the Helmut Esau Prize, which includes a \$400 award.

# **Keynote speakers:**

- Marianne Mithun, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Norma Mendoza-Denton, University of California, Los Angeles

#### **Presidential Address:**

• Susana de los Heros, The University of Rhode Island

#### **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 a 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.

#### **Submission Guidelines:**

- Abstracts can be submitted through EasyAbs from April 5, 2021 to June 15, 2021.
- Papers 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 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.
- Submissions need to be in 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: Margarita Jara (margarita.jara@unlv.edu).
- Notifications of acceptance/rejection will be sent in late July.
- Authors may submit up to two abstracts, an individual and a joint one.

#### LASSO MEMBERSHIP:

An individual must be a current LASSO member and be listed in the conference program member in order to present a paper. You may pay your dues online at: https://lassoling.org/membership/ or fill out a membership form available at: https://lassoling.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/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.

#### **EXCEPTION:**

High School educators who wish to attend, and not present a paper, only need to pay the reduced conference dues, i.e. Early bird registration fee \$35.

#### **FUTURE LASSO MEETINGS**

LASSOvians 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 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

# **Updates on Volume 34 ns 1-2 (2015)**

Joint Editors Jeremy King and Jill Brody at Lousiana State University are pleased to update us that Volume 34 ns. 1-2 (2015, the special double issue guest edited by Daniel Villa, are completed. Volume 35 is still in process.

# **Updates on Volume 35.1**

The draft of Volume 35.1 is ready for the compositor for style editing; the proofs will be sent to the authors soon.

#### **New Editor!**

Our journal has a new editor. Antonio Medina-Rivera, Cleveland State University, recently accepted the Executive Committee's nomination! More details about publishing under the guidance of Antonio will be announced as they become available. Stay tuned!

# Linguistic Association of the Southwest Business Meeting Saturday, September 26th, 2020 Zoom

In attendance: Alba Arias Álvarez, Sheryl Bernardo-Hinesley, Katherine Christoffersen, Jens Clegg, Susana de los Heros, Patricia Gubitosi, Margarita Jara, Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, Antonio Medina-Rivera, María Irene Moyna, Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, Rey Romero, Covadonga Sánchez Alvarado, Israel Sanz-Sánchez, Adam Schwartz, and Rachel Showstack

- 1. Approval of meeting minutes Executive Committee meeting Thursday, September 24th, 2020
- 2. Nominating committee
  - a. Vacant seats
    - 1. Executive Committee

Rachel Showstack, Wichita State University (2020)

- 1. Elected: Katherine Christoffersen, University of Texas Río Grande Valley (2023)
- 2. Nominating Committee

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

- 1. Elected: Rachel Showstack, Wichita State University (2023)
- a. What to do with the recordings?
  - 1. Jens, as the administrator, has access for thirty days. The recordings can be downloaded.
    - a. We discussed how to handle recordings and permissions.
      - 1. The general consensus was that the recordings will remain private. They will not be distributed. In some sessions, a safe space was created and we will respect this agreement.
    - b. Special registration rates for groups
    - c. Special registration rates for students

# 4. Development Committee Report

- a. Accounts
  - 1. Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/146699991466
  - 2. LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2851787/ (16 members)
  - 3. Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/lassoling/ (12 followers)
  - 4. Twitter: https://twitter.com/LASSOling (13 followers)

# b. Call for Papers

1.CFPs, 1st and extended, were shared to graduate programs in Hispanic Linguistics throughout the nation (Sheryl took charge of the West coast programs, Cova, the area of the country, and Alba, the East coast).

1. CFPs, Anti-Black Racism and Police Brutality, registration reminders, conference program, and abstracts were shared on all four social media accounts

# c. Logos

- 1. We contacted Brian Snell, a graphic designer who created 6 different variants of the logo. Brian explained that, if he is contracted, he would create the logo in different sizes so we can use them for different purposes (logo and banner for the website, and other social media).
- 2. The winning logo has a Google font called "Zilla slab". It is free to use (for the website).
- 3. The graphic designer said that he would charge a \$200 fee

# d. LASSO webpage

- 1. Cova has organized and made sure that everything on the webpage's constitution is up to date and consistent. Cova is the only one with some knowledge in coding with html. For that reason, she has been working individually on the webpage.
- 2. The committee discussed moving the platform to WordPress while still utilizing the same domain name. We agreed that there are several advantages in transitioning to WordPress.
  - a. With the current account on Dreamhost, a subscription to WordPress is already in place.
  - b. The three of us have had experience using WordPress. It is user friendly.
  - c. Right now, changes on the website are done by modifying the source-code using html.WordPress is user-friendly and all members of the development committee have experience working on WordPress, so all of them will be able to work on it. Moreover, thinking ahead, future members of the development committee who may have not have vast knowledge in coding would also be able to work on the webpage more easily.
  - d. There are some problems on the website right now that would be fixed if the webpage
  - e. There are inconsistencies on the menus because they have to be updated individually on each single page every time. As the webpage grows, more inconsistencies can appear and future members of the development committee will have to figure out how the page was coded to keep avoiding these inconsistencies.
  - f. There have been problems with the functionality of certain buttons, such as the "click here" hyperlink at the of the constitution. One of the reasons why this happens is that every time a new page is created/updated directly from the source-code, new code may override what was previously done; these problems may go easily unnoticed for the programmer, but users may find them inconvenient.
  - g. With the new logo, the color scheme of the webpage will have to be changed. Using WordPress, it will be easier to change the color scheme in the entire website.

- h. With WordPress, more visually appealing templates can be used to give the webpage a more modern and visually appealing look.
- i.Some of the information on the website is outdated, such as the Table of content from previous issues, IJLASSO's back issues, conference abstracts in the archives.
- j. With WordPress, we will have access to additional features that can be implemented, such as a blog to post announcements, widgets, plugins, etc.
- k. We are able to have a link to the old version of the website.

#### e. Future Plans

- 1. Design the website with WordPress once the notion has been communicated to the Executive Committee. All information and documents will be moved to WordPress.
- 2. Share the new logo on Social Media once approved. The colors of the new adopted logo will be the guiding theme to the LASSO WordPress webpage.
- 3. Create a tab with donation buttons on WordPress webpage
  - a. Donation that goes towards student conference registration
  - b. Donation that goes towards LASSO student membership
- 4. Targeted increasing faculty donation
  - a. In consultation with the Executive Committee, decide on the increasing amount.
  - b. Create a tab for virtual shopping for LASSO merchandise.
    - i. Decide which merchandise should be printed with the new logo (t-shirts, bags, magnets, coffee cups) pending consultation with LASSO treasurer.
    - ii. Decide how to print/purchase the merchandise. Look into sites like Cafe Press (suggested in the report created by the Development Committee in 2018).
    - iii. Decide how merchandise will be sent (fees, packaging, etc.)
    - iv. Create tabs for (past, current, and future) conference and IJLASSO
- 5. Promotion and publicity/outreach:
  - a. Post regularly on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, sharing accomplishments by members of the association or including testimonials by graduate students and junior faculty.
- 6. Incorporate other ideas brought up in the report created in 2018 by the Development Committee:
  - a. Create digital flyer and distribute it to current member email list.
  - b. Fundraising campaigns via Gofundme or similar

#### 7. LOGO

- a.A new logo is proposed.
- b. This was part of the committee's Summer work.
- c. Brian Snell was the designer.
  - 1. Cost: \$200
  - 2. Executive Committee agreed on cost.
  - 3. Vote on logo: unanimous

- 5. IJLASSO
- a. Update on IJLASSO 34 and 35.1
- 1. Joint Editors Jeremy King and Jill Brody at Louisiana State University are pleased to update us that all the proofs for the articles to appear in Volume
- 34, the special double issue guest edited by Daniel Villa, are in the hands of the authors. Volume 35 is still in process.
- b. Updates on the future of IJLASSO, new Editor
- 1. Transition period
- 2. Publisher
- 3. Membership increase
- a. Income based
- 6. LASSO Conference for the next three years
- a. Online 2021
- b. Philadelphia 2022
- c. Las Vegas 2023
- d. Cleveland 2024
- 7. Treasurer Report
  - a. PayPal vs. Google Pay
    - i. problems in the logistics
  - b. PayPal Account has Daniel Villa's name.
  - c. Send a message to PayPal asking to switch.
    - i. Ask for LASSO to have ownership of the account.

LASSO account: February-September 2020

## **Deposits**

Transfer from Wells Fargo to Bank of America	57,134.69
PayPal balance (memberships)	3,521.87
Square (Accelevents) August	2,520.24
Square (Accelevents) September	1,727.65
	64,904.45
Debits	
Checks	33.90
Helmut Prize	400.00
website domain	15.99
Fees March	30.00
Fees May	30.00
	509.89

# 8. Local/Virtual Arrangements Committee Report

- a. Virtual environment
  - 1. The transition to a virtual conference was difficult and time consuming.
  - 2. 148 people registered: 67 students/66 educators/13 invited guests.
  - 3. Accelevents takes a bit of the registration.
    - i. \$50 for registration
    - ii. We thought it'll be a smaller conference.

#### b. Recommendations

- 1. Susana can mentor future conference organizers.
- 2. Create a guide and have more practice sessions.
- 3. What do people think of the platform
  - i. Survey? Qualtrics?
  - ii. It is counterintuitive.
  - iii. Find a platform that is user friendly.
  - iv. Have tech volunteers who are administrative and trouble shooters.
  - v. Next year's conference will be virtual again due to the uncertainty with the pandemic.

# 9. Vice-President / Program Chair Report

- a. Program details
  - 1. There were forty-nine sessions.
  - 2. Ten abstracts were rejected. Fifty-five abstracts were accepted.
- b. Program updates
  - 1. Two people canceled their presentation.
  - 2. Several presenters and attendees had problems with the website (Accelevents).
- c. Recommendations
  - 1. Have a list of people who are willing to evaluate/review abstracts.
  - 2. Have a rubric.
  - 3. Monitor how many sessions a member is moderating and make sure to divide labor.

## 10. President Report

- a.Helmut Esau award
  - 1. We received seven papers for the Helmut Esau award. The largest number ever.
- b.The deadline was March 15th.
- c.It was suggested to send a reminder of the award with a short description.

## 11. Executive Director Report

- a. Vision for future continued commitment
  - 1. Linguistic social justice and linguistic studies
  - 2. Mentoring our graduate students and our junior faculty members
  - 3. Continue to improve our association's journal
- b. Newsletter will be sent with the most recent updates. Members will receive reminders to let the ED know of any news to share.
- c. We crafted our message on AntiBlack Racism in collaboration with the Executive Committee and the Development Committee.

#### 12. Conference

- e. We held multiple meetings over the summer
  - 1. Discuss: journal's future, organizing the conference, switching to an online conference in a short period of time, revision of the constitution and bylaws, among other concerns.
- f. Mentoring session
  - 1. Meenakshi Gigi Durham, Patricia McGregor Mendoza & Mercedes Niño-Murcia
  - 2. Institutionalized? Yes.
  - 3. Honorarium? No.

# International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest

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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 de los Heros, University of Rhode Island (2021)

#### **Past President**

Rey Romero, University of Houston-Downtown (2021)

Vice President / Program Chair & President Elect Margarita Jara, University of Nevada Las Vegas

(2021)

#### **Executive Director**

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

#### **Treasurer**

Patricia Gubitosi, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2022)

#### **Executive Committee**

Jens Clegg, Purdue University Fort Wayne (2021) Antonio Medina-Rivera, Cleveland State University (2022)

Katherine Christoffersen, University of Texas Río Grande Valley (2023)

## **Nominating Committee**

Rachel Showstack, Wichita State University (2023) Amàlia Llombart-Huesca, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (2022) Israel Sanz-Sánchez, West Chester University (2021)

# **Virtual Arrangements Organizing Committee for the 2020 Conference**

**Chair:** Margarita Jara, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2020)

Jens Clegg, Purdue University Fort Wayne (2020) Israel Sanz-Sánchez, West Chester University (2020)

# **Development Committee**

Alba Arias Álvarez, Roanoke College (2022) Sheryl Bernardo-Hinesley, Western Washington University (2022)

Covadonga Sánchez Alvarado, Winona State University (2022)

#### Your name here

LASSO owes much of our success to the generosity of time, effort and talents of our members serving as volunteers in various capacities. If you are interested in assisting with the operations of LASSO, please contact Michelle F. Ramos Pellicia, lasso.executive.director@gmail.com.

#### THANK YOU, IJLASSO VOLUNTEERS!!!

Sincere thanks are also extended to those named below who contribute their time and talents to our journal:

#### **Editor**

Antonio Medina-Rivera, Cleveland State University (2024)

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Jeremy King, Louisiana State University Jill Brody, Louisiana State University

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#### **Reviews Editor**

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#### **Editorial Board**

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Rachel Showstack, Wichita State University (2020)

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Elly van Gelderen, Arizona State University (2020) These terms that appear in red expired in 2020.



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# 2021 Membership Application\_\_\_ or Membership Renewal\_\_\_

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Overseas postage surcharge: \$15 annually	
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