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## 2006 Summer Meeting

Click [here](#) to view the Preliminary Program (PDF).

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Theme: *Connections: Working Within and Across Boundaries*  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan  
June 22-25, 2006

The LSA Summer Meeting has returned! In addition to providing a forum for the presentation of research in any area of linguistics, the meeting will focus on issues of particular relevance and importance to graduate students. While open to everyone, the summer meeting is intended to foster networking and interaction among graduate students, and between graduate students and more senior linguists. This year's theme will be connections within and across boundaries.

**Abstract deadline:** February 15, 2006

**Program:** 20-minute papers (with 10 additional minutes allocated for discussion) and a poster session. Abstracts from all areas of linguistics and from all theoretical perspectives are welcome. The meeting will also feature a plenary by the President of the LSA, three plenary workshop sessions, and invited talks by junior level faculty.

**Plenary lecture:** Sally McConnell-Ginet, President of the LSA

**Plenary workshops:**

- Getting published, getting funded, and getting a job
- Issues in professional ethics
- Future directions in linguistics

**Invited talks:**

- Chris Kennedy (University of Chicago)
- Norma Mendoza-Denton (University of Arizona)

**Abstract submission and review:** Abstract submittal forms and review guidelines are available [here](#). All abstracts must be submitted electronically, and will be reviewed by the LSA Program Committee. Abstract submission is restricted to members of the LSA. For information about joining the LSA, visit the LSA website. A member may submit at most one individual and one joint abstract. In case of joint authorship, one address should be designated for communication with the LSA Program Committee. Although all LSA members will be eligible to submit an abstract, graduate students are especially encouraged to participate, and priority will be given to graduate student submissions.

**Funding:** The LSA has received a grant from the NSF to support travel grants for graduate students whose papers or posters are accepted for presentation at the meeting. These grants are intended to cover travel expenses, housing, and per diem for the duration of the conference.

**Contact information:** For further conference information, please contact Prof. Wendy Wilkins (MSU), or the LSA Secretariat.



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#### **2006 Summer Meeting**

The 2006 LSA Summer Meeting will take place at Michigan State University, 22-25 June 2006. The theme of the meeting is "Connections: Working within and across Boundaries". The Summer Meeting is intended to foster networking and interaction among graduate students, and between graduate students and more senior linguists.

Click [here](#) to view the Preliminary Program (PDF).

For General Information about the Summer Meeting, click [here](#).

#### **Ground Transportation**

For information about ground transportation from the Lansing Airport to Michigan State University, click [here](#).

#### **Accommodations**

##### **Owen Graduate Center**

*Housing.* Owen provides graduate and professional students excellence in lodging and dining services, is open year-round, and is barrier-free for wheelchair users. It houses approximately 900 residents in a quiet study environment. Suite-style rooms are typically single-occupancy. The building is coed by suites--seven and a half coed non-smoking floors, one female nonsmoking floor, and one male non-smoking floor.

Close to the center of campus, Owen Hall offers walking convenience to Wells and Erickson Halls and to the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

*Dining.* Offering American favorites and International cuisine, the dining room grill is open for breakfast and until 11:00 PM.

*Rates.* \$32.50/day/single occupancy (Includes an \$8.00 meal allowance; individuals can pay for meals if that is not sufficient.)

*Check-in:* Thursday, 22 June, after 11:00 AM

*Check-out:* Sunday, 25 June, before 11:00 AM

*Reservations.* To reserve a room, please contact Wendy Anderson (517-355-5068 or [wanderso@msu.edu](mailto:wanderso@msu.edu)) and indicate that you are with the Summer LSA group. NOTE: There is no room reservation form. The deadline for making room reservations is **Thursday, 8 June 2006, 5:00 PM EDT**.

##### **Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center**

The LSA has also reserved a block of rooms at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University. The special group rate, \$87.00 single/double, is guaranteed for reservations made by Sunday, 21 May 2006. Reservations at that rate made after that date will be subject to room availability. You may contact the hotel at: (517) 432-4000; (517) 353-1872 (fax), <http://www.kelloggcenter.com>. To get the special room rates, you must identify yourself as attending the LSA meeting. The Kellogg Center provides complimentary shuttle transportation from Lansing Airport, which must be reserved in advance through the Center.

#### **Registration**

## Preregistration

**1. On-line preregistration deadline is Monday, 12 June 2006, 12:00 midnight EDT.** Technical support for on-line preregistration will NOT be available after 5:00 PM EDT on 12 June 2006.

**2. Faxed/mailed preregistration deadline is Monday, 12 June 2006, 5:00 PM EDT.**

**3. Individuals with special needs must preregister by Monday, 15 May 2006, 5:00 EDT.**

### *Fees*

- LSA Student Members: \$ 25.00
- LSA Non-student Members: \$ 35.00
- All Others \$ 50.00

Requests for refunds of preregistration fees cannot be honored. Registrants who are unable to attend the meeting will, however, be sent a Meeting Handbook in July.

## On-site Registration

Registration will open at 4:00 PM on 22 June 2006 in the Kellogg Conference Center.

### *Fees*

- LSA Student Members: \$ 35.00
- LSA Non-student Members \$ 50.00
- All Others \$ 60.00

Note: Fees may be paid with cash, check, or traveller's cheque. Credit card payments will NOT be accepted for on-site registration under any circumstances.

## Child Care

**Individuals who plan to bring children to the meeting may access information about sitters at <http://www.frc.msu.edu/babysitters.htm>. Please notify the Secretariat by 15 May 2006 if you expect to be accompanied by a child or children, in order to receive the names and addresses of the other members who will have children in attendance.**

## Sign Interpreting

**Anyone who plans to attend the 2006 Summer Meeting and needs sign or voice interpreting service must notify the LSA Secretariat AND register for the meeting no later than 15 May 2006. Please contact the LSA by clicking [here](#). Please include a list of the sessions and events that you expect to attend including plenary addresses. All requests received will be forwarded to the Interpreter Coordinator for this meeting who will identify qualified local interpreters, assist with scheduling, and handle the day-to-day logistics concerning interpreting.**

# LSA Summer Meeting Preliminary Conference Program

## Thursday, 22 June

4:00 – 7:00 PM

### Conference Registration/Information

Kellogg Conference Center

7:00 – 8:00 PM

### Opening Plenary

Kellogg Conference Center, Auditorium

*Sex, truth & semantics*

LSA President, Sally McConnell-Ginet (Cornell U)

Formal semantic methods give little insight into the communicative significance of content words like *marriage, rape, lover, woman, or queer*. Unlike more abstract expressions such as quantifiers or tense morphemes, content words often vary significantly across contexts in their contribution to truth conditions and to communicated inferences. They frequently resist codification and sometimes also serve as the focus for social negotiation or conflict. This variability and contestability is seen across many semantic domains, but it is work on linguistic dimensions of sex, gender, and sexuality that has forced me to confront difficult questions about word meanings, questions that lead some to reject completely truth-conditional theories of natural language semantics and often formal semantic methods more generally. I explore possibilities for an approach to lexical semantics and pragmatics that would not replace but would complement formal semantic frameworks, drawing illustrative cases from my own and others' work on language, gender, and sexuality.

8:15 – 10:00 PM

### Reception

Kellogg Conference Center, Lincoln Room

## Friday, 23 June

8:00 AM -

### Conference Registration/Information

Wells Hall C314

8:00 - 8:30 AM

### Coffee

Wells Hall 3rd floor corridor

8:30 - 10:00 AM

### Session A: Prosody

Wells Hall C310

8:30 AM

*Acoustic correlates of stress in Rainy River Ojibwe*  
Caroleidith Olsen (U MN-Twin Cities)

9:00 AM

*The effect of segmental structure on the Japanese pitch-accent contrast*  
Irina Shport (U OR)

9:30 AM

*Pragmatics & prosody in interpreting not-because sentences*  
Yukiko Koizumi (Grad Ctr-CUNY)  
Dianne Bradley (Grad Ctr-CUNY)  
Eva M. Fernández (Queens C-CUNY/ Grad Ctr-CUNY)  
Janet Dean Fodor (Grad Ctr-CUNY)

## **Session B: Syntax**

Wells Hall C313

8:30 AM *Attributive adjectival modification with de in Chinese*  
Candice Chi Hang Cheung (USC)

9:00 AM *Coordinate structures & across-the-board movement in Russian*  
Irina Agafonova (MI SU)

9:30 AM *NET-licensed VPE in Russian: An information-structural account of a syntactic puzzle*  
Oksana Laleko (U MN-Twin Cities)

10:00 - 10:15 AM **Break**  
Wells Hall 3rd floor corridor

10:15 - 11:45 AM **Panel: Professional Ethics**  
Erickson Hall 226

Karen Klomparens (Dean, Grad Sch, MI SU)  
Terry May (Res & Grad Studies, MI SU)  
Wendy Wilkins (MI SU)

11:45 AM - 1:30 PM **Lunch**

1:30 - 3:00 PM **Session C: Acquisition/Experimental Studies**  
Wells Hall C310

1:30 PM *Child reduction of /s/+C onset clusters: /s/ perceived as an unstressed degenerate syllable*  
Bo-Young Kwon (MI SU)  
James N. Stanford (MI SU)

2:00 PM *How do you know: Evidentiality in Turkish* **WITHDRAWN**  
Ozge Isik Ozturk (U DE)  
Anna Papafragou (U DE)

2:30 PM *An experimental study of the interpretability of ostensible subject-control promise*  
Aaron J. Dinkin (U Penn)

## **Session D: Semantics**

Wells Hall C313

1:30 PM *Existential sentences & pronominal reference*  
Rachel Szekely (Grad Ctr-CUNY)

2:00 PM *Existentials & two types of negation in Chol (Mayan)* **WITHDRAWN**  
Jessica Coon (MIT)

2:30 PM *Some modified plurals as semantically singular*  
Stephanie Solt (Grad Ctr-CUNY)

3:00 - 3:15 PM **Break**  
Wells Hall 3rd floor corridor

3:15 - 4:45 PM

**Session E: Historical Typology/Morphology**

Wells Hall C310

3:15 PM

*Diachronic perspectives on demonstrative & personal pronouns in Japanese*  
Osamu Ishiyama (U Buffalo)

3:45 PM

*Medial verbs & internally-headed relative clauses in Washo*  
Robert Peachey (U Chicago)

4:15 PM

*Tonogenesis in progress: An experimental study of Kurtoep*  
Gwendolyn Lowes (U OR)

**Session F: Semantics/Syntax**

Wells Hall C313

3:15 PM

*Semantics of an aspectual particle kwolh & verbs in Saanich*  
Masaru Kiyota (U BC)

3:45 PM

*Sequence of tense & temporal adverbials*  
Hyuna Byun (USC)

4:15 PM

*An anti-intervention effect*  
Ivona Kucerova (MIT)

4:45 - 6:00 PM

**Poster Session**

Wells Hall C312

*Does disfluency have tones? A case study of Mandarin filled pauses*  
Yuan Zhao (Stanford U)

*Morphological complexity & similarity: Arguments from latent semantic analysis*  
H. Ross Baker (Northwestern U)  
Stefan Kaufman (Northwestern U)

*On verb-copying construction in Mandarin Chinese*  
Binmei Liu (U FL)

*Past tense marking in SWE & SAAE child speakers*  
Lekeitha Hartfield (LA SU)  
Brandi Newkirk (LA SU)  
Janna Oetting (LA SU)

*Total reduplication without tonal repetition in Cantonese*  
Ho Leung Chan (U Pittsburgh)

6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Dinner**

8:00 - 9:30 PM

**Workshop: Getting Published**

Wells Hall C310

Mark Aronoff (U Stony Brook-SUNY)

**Workshop: Getting Grants**

Wells Hall C313

Cecile McKee (U AZ)



## Saturday, 24 June

- 8:00 AM - **Registration/Information**  
Wells Hall C314
- 8:00 - 8:30 AM **Coffee**  
Wells Hall 3rd floor corridor
- 8:30 - 11:00 AM **Session G: Phonology**  
Wells Hall C310
- 8:30 AM *Consonant harmony & deletion: Reconciling acquisition data with an OT framework*  
Sharon Gerlach (U MN-Twin Cities)
- 9:00 AM *Forces behind second mention reduction*  
Rachel Elizabeth Baker (Northwestern U)
- 9:30 AM *Opacity as a case of gesture coordination*  
Hua Lin (USC)
- 10:00 AM *Adaptation of English alveopalatals in Korean & Japanese*  
Younghyon Heo (U WI-Milwaukee)
- 10:30 AM *Introducing English [IZ] infixation: Snoop Dogg & bey-[IZ]-ond*  
Joshua Viau (Northwestern U)
- Session H: Syntax**  
Wells Hall C313
- 8:30 AM *PCCs & adverbs in Japanese*  
Sachie Kotani (U DE)
- 9:00 AM *The left periphery in Standard Arabic clause structure*  
Youssef A. Haddad (U FL)
- 9:30 AM *Verbal nouns as verbs*  
So-Young Park (USC)
- 10:00 AM *On verb selection in expletive constructions*  
Amy Rose Deal (U MA-Amherst)
- 11:00 - 11:15 AM **Break**  
Wells Hall 3rd floor corridor
- 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM **Panel: Getting a Job**  
Erickson Hall 226
- Gina Taranto (H5 Technology)  
Mari Broman Olsen (Microsoft)  
Susan Steele (DLI-Monterrey)  
Stephen Anderson (Yale U)  
Norma Mendoza-Denton (U AZ)
- 12:30 - 2:00 PM **Lunch**

2:00 - 3:00 PM

## **Plenary Address**

Wells Hall B102

*Parameters of comparison*

Christopher Kennedy (U Chicago)

The ability to make and evaluate comparisons is a basic component of human cognition, yet languages vary widely in the way that comparisons are expressed syntactically. Why? Does this variability indicate a corresponding variability in the underlying semantics of comparative constructions or is it possible to maintain a universal semantics of comparison and explain the variability in some other way? If the former, what (if any) aspects of meaning are universal in comparative constructions, and what specifically is subject to parametric variation? If the latter, what is the universal semantics of comparatives, and what (nonsemantic) factors are responsible for the observed typological variation? The goal of this talk is to provide some initial answers to these questions and to advocate a particular methodological framework for investigating them, through a detailed examination of differences between comparatives in English and Japanese.

3:00 - 3:45 PM

## **Open Forum**

Wells Hall B102

Chair: Sally McConnell-Ginet, 2006 LSA President

3:45 - 4:15 PM

## **Break**

4:15 - 5:45 PM

## **Session I: Korean Syntax**

Wells Hall C310

4:15 PM

*The interpretation of wh-in-situ words in Korean second language acquisition*  
Myong-Hee Choi (Georgetown U)

4:45 PM

*Disambiguation of attachment ambiguity of Korean relative clauses via prosody: Phrasing vs accenting*  
Yoonsook Mo (U IL-Urbana / Champaign)

5:15 PM

*Split control into exhortative complements in Korean*  
Sean Madigan (U DE)

## **Session J: Dialect/L2 Acquisition**

Wells Hall C313

4:15 PM

*The distribution of Turkish articles: Implications for L2 English*  
Joan Lee (U Calgary)

4:45 PM

*Dialect acquisition among Sui exogamous women*  
James N. Stanford (MI SU)

5:15 PM

*Hearing each other differently: A gender-based effect on vowel perception*  
Katie Drager (U Canterbury, New Zealand)

6:30 - 8:00 PM

## **Dinner**

8:00 PM -

## **Party**

Harper's Brew Pub, East Lansing

## Sunday, 25 June

8:30 - 9:00 AM

### **Coffee**

Wells Hall B-wing corridor

9:00 - 10:00 AM

### **Plenary Address**

Wells Hall B102

*The sociophonetics of face-threatening behavior, or how to lose your cool with your Congressman*

Norma Mendoza-Denton (U AZ)

Town Hall Meetings (THMs) are a hallmark of the relationship between members of the U.S. House of Representatives and their electoral constituencies, discursive spaces where members of the House explain themselves, their voting records, and Washington policies to their constituents at home (Fenno 1975). I examine the discourse taking place in a THM held by Republican Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-5th district, AZ). Kolbe agreed to be taped as part of a nonpartisan research project and allowed the presence of our cameras at 10 THMs over a period of 14 months during 2000-2001. We focus specifically on the sociophonetics and broader semiotics of face-threatening behavior by his constituents. Face-threatening behavior comes in the form of opinions, challenges, or questions that constituents deliver which threaten Kolbe's control of the structure of the THM. Gesture, intonation, vocalic variation, and speech breathing evidence are joined with conversational analysis to address linguistic as well as sociological questions on the deployment of power in language.

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

### **Panel: The Future of the Profession**

Erickson Hall 226

Ellen Kaisse (U WA)

Diane Lillo-Martin (U CT)

Gregory Ward (Northwestern U)

## 2007 Annual Meeting Abstract Guidelines and Specifications

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**Deadlines for receipt of abstracts: Friday, 1 September 2006, 5:00 PM EDT**

**All abstracts and completed Abstract Submission Forms (available on-line after July 1) must be submitted to the LSA website by the deadline. Late abstracts will not be considered, whatever the reason for the delay.**

The Program Committee requires that the subject matter be linguistic, that the papers not be submitted with malicious or scurrilous intent, and that the abstract be coherent and in accord with published specifications.

There is neither an upper limit on the number of papers that can be accepted for the program nor an upper limit on the number of papers in any subarea. There is, therefore, no predetermined limit on the number of sessions scheduled. This year, each abstract will be reviewed by members of the Program Committee and by three external expert reviewers. When the Program Committee meets, members discuss the ratings that have been assigned to each abstract, and on the basis of these ratings and their collective knowledge, they make decisions about acceptances and rejections. Then, they arrange each session, assemble the final program, and select session chairs.

### General Requirements

1. All abstracts must be accompanied by a completed Abstract Submittal Form (available on-line after July 1).
2. All authors must be members of the Linguistic Society. Payment for 2006 may accompany the abstract. The membership requirement may be waived for co-authors from other disciplines. Requests for waivers of membership must be made by a member of the Society by completing the "Membership Waiver Request Form" which is part of the Abstract Submittal Form file.
3. Any member may submit one 20-minute abstract or one poster abstract as sole author or as co-author. Any member may submit a second paper or poster abstract only as a co-author. He or she may also present a paper in one organized session proposal, but if this proposal is accepted, the Program Committee may withdraw the 20-minute or poster proposal on the author's behalf.
4. Authors who will be unable to present their papers personally should specifically name a proxy who will both read the paper and respond to questions that follow.
5. After an abstract has been submitted, no changes of author, affiliation, title, or wording of the abstract, other than those due to typographical errors, are permitted.
6. Papers must be delivered as projected in the abstract or represent bona fide developments of the same research.
7. Papers must not appear in print before the meeting.
8. Handouts, if any, are not to be submitted with abstracts but should be available at the meeting for those listening to the paper.
9. Abstracts for 20-minute papers and for posters must be submitted

electronically and must be accompanied by a completed Abstract Submittal Form to be eligible for review.

10. Presenters must register for the meeting.

### Abstract Format Guidelines

1. Abstracts must be submitted in PDF format. For information about PDFs, click [here](#).

2. An abstract, including a bibliography, if needed, and examples, must be no more than 500 words. All words in examples including glosses and numbers in tables, references, and so on are counted in the 500-word limit. Abstracts longer than 500 words will be rejected without being evaluated.

3. Your name should only appear on the Abstract Submittal Form. If you identify yourself in any way on the abstract (e.g. "In Smith (1992)...!"), the abstract will be rejected without being evaluated.

4. Abstracts that do not conform to the format guidelines will not be considered.

5. A short abstract, intended for publication in the Meeting Handbook, will be requested from all authors of accepted papers. Specific instructions for the transmittal of this abstract will be included in the acceptance letters. These instructions, including the stated deadlines, must be observed or the paper will be withdrawn from the program.

### Abstract Contents

Many abstracts are rejected because they omit crucial information rather than because of errors in what they include. Authors may wish to consult the [abstract models](#) prepared by the Program Committee. A suggested outline for abstracts is as follows:

1. Choose a title that clearly indicates the topic of the paper and is not more than one 7-inch typed line.

2. State the problem or research question raised by prior work, with specific reference to relevant prior research.

3. State the main point or argument of the proposed presentation.

4. Regardless of the subfield, cite sufficient data, and explain why and how they support the main point or argument. When examples are in languages other than English, provide word by word glosses and underline the portions of the examples which are critical to the argument. Explain abbreviations at their first occurrence.

5. If your paper presents the results of experiments, but collection of results is not yet complete, then report what results you've already obtained in sufficient detail that your abstract may be evaluated. Also indicate explicitly the nature of the experimental design and the specific hypothesis tested.

6. State the relevance of your ideas to past work or to the future development of the field. Describe analyses in as much detail as possible. Avoid saying in effect "a solution to this problem will be presented". If you are taking a stand on a controversial issue, summarize the arguments that led you to your position.

7. State the contribution to linguistic research made by the analysis.

8. While citation in the text of the relevant literature is essential, a separate list of references at the end of the abstract is generally unnecessary.

### Categories of Presentations

Members submitting abstracts of poster presentations and 20-minute papers should follow the instructions for abstract format and content carefully. Submissions in these two categories will be reviewed anonymously.

### Poster Sessions

Depending on subject and/or content, it may be more appropriate to submit an abstract to the poster session for visual presentation rather than to a 20-minute paper session. In general, the sorts of papers which are most effective as posters are those in which the major conclusions become evident from the thoughtful examination of charts and graphs, rather than those which require the audience to follow a sustained chain of verbal argumentation. Therefore, authors will want to make points in narrative form as brief as possible. The poster paper is able to "stand alone", that is, be understandable even if the author is not present, and does not require audiovisual support.

### 20-Minute Papers

The bulk of the program will consist of 20-minute papers, with 10 minutes for discussion of each paper.

### Organized Sessions

**Deadline for receipt of preliminary proposal: Friday, 14 April 2006, 5:00 PM EDT**

**Deadline for receipt of final proposal: Friday, 1 September, 2006, 5:00 PM EDT**

**NOTE:** Organized session proposals MUST be sent to the following address: Linguistic Society of America, 1325 18th St., NW, Suite 211, Washington, DC 20036-6501. Electronic mail submissions will NOT be eligible for review.

Organized sessions typically involve more than one scholar and are expected to make a distinctive and creative contribution to the meeting. Proposals for organized sessions are NOT reviewed anonymously. Session formats:

1. Symposia which include several presentations on a single topic
2. Workshops focused on a specific theme or issue
3. Tutorials which give intensive instruction in some subfield of linguistics or a related field
4. Colloquia which include a major presentation with one or more invited discussants
5. Sessions of any other kind with a clear, specific, and coherent rationale.

The organizer(s) must supply the information requested on the Organized Session Submittal Form, which is available from the [LSA Secretariat](#). In addition, the organizer(s) must submit the following:

1. A preliminary version of the proposal including 500-word abstracts for each presenter.
2. A fully detailed proposal (typically 2-5 pages) which includes the purpose, motivation, length (1 1/2 - 3 hours), and justification for the session; the names, email addresses, institutional addresses, and telephone numbers of all participants, including discussants; and a complete account, including timetable, of what each participant will do. The Program Committee reserves the right to suggest participants and discussants.

3. A 1-page description of the organized session for publication in the Meeting Handbook.

4. If appropriate, a short abstract of each participant's presentation .

For the fullest consideration, organizers are strongly urged to submit a written proposal by 14 April 2006 in order to receive comments and suggestions from the Program Committee. The deadline for the final version of written proposals is 1 September 2006, 5:00 PM EDT.

**Funding.** The Program Committee does not have funds for organized sessions. If special funds are required, it is the responsibility of the organizer(s) to seek and obtain them. When submitting the proposal to the Program Committee, the organizer(s) should state whether or not special funds will be necessary. If so, include the source of the funds, with an indication of what alternatives will be pursued if special funds fail to materialize.

## 2006 Annual Meeting

The 80th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Albuquerque, NM, 5-8 January 2006. The American Dialect Society, American Name Society, North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, and the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas met in conjunction with the LSA. There were over 1,000 registered participants.

LSA President Mark Aronoff officially opened the meeting at 7:15 PM on 5 January immediately preceding the first plenary address.

The Annual Business Meeting was held 6 January and attended by approximately 75 members. The President called the meeting to order and recognized the presence of a number of past presidents. The Secretary-Treasurer reported highlights of actions taken by the Executive Committee on 5 January. At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Society members present elected Zarina Estrada Fernandez (U Sonora) and S. J. Chang (Seoul Ntl U) to honorary membership. The Committee noted that the two represent diverse and important contributions to linguistics in opposite hemispheres of the world both in terms of their areas of research and terms of their affiliations. In addition, they are outstanding scholars richly deserving honorary membership in our Society. The citations presented read:

**Zarina Estrada-Fernandez, U Sonora, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.** Dr. Estrada-Fernandez first earned a degree in Languages and Spanish Literature, with a specialization in Hispanic Linguistics. She has since broadened her interests to the study of indigenous languages. In 1980, she attended the LSA Linguistic Institute in Albuquerque, NM, where she met a group of linguists with whom she has not lost contact, and who have also played an important role in the development of linguistic research in Sonora, Mexico. These linguists are Jane H. Hill, Wick R. Miller, Ken L. Hale, Karen Dakin, Talmy Givon, Joan Bybee, and Rodolfo Cerrón Palomino, as well as Susan Steele, who became the director of Estrada-Fernandez' dissertation.

Her more recent research has been focused on the morphosyntactic aspects of Pima Bajo, an endangered language spoken in the central mountain region between Sonora and Chihuahua, México. In addition to this, she works on the Yaqui language, spoken in Sonora and Arizona. She worked with Yaqui speakers and graduate students to produce and publish a dictionary of this language.

Zarina Estrada-Fernandez was the primary founder of the program for the Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics at the Universidad de Sonora, a program which began in November 1978. At that time, the program was the first college program in linguistics in Mexico. Twenty years later, she once again played a major role in the development of the MA program in linguistics at the same university. Her own research interests in Mexican and Latin American indigenous languages have strongly influenced the emphasis of this program. In November 2003, Estrada-Fernandez created (and continues to coordinate) the Seminar on Voice, Valence and Word Formation, held annually in Hermosillo.

**S. J. Chang (Seoul Ntl U, South Korea).** Shortly after S. J. Chang returned to Korea after obtaining his PhD in linguistics from U IL-Urbana-Champaign, he and his colleagues organized and founded the Linguistic Society of Korea, of which he became the first President (1975-78). Currently, it is a thriving, very active academic society in Korea. Chang also served as Director of the Language Research Institute of Seoul National University (1976-80), which he made into a world-class research and educational institution. Its publication, *Language Research*, is more than 25 years old and is widely circulated among the world's leading institutions of linguistic research including UIUC.

Dr. Chang was a visiting scholar at Harvard University (1980-81), a visiting professor at CSLI, Stanford University (1989-90), and was invited to teach in the Linguistic Institute at UIUC in summer 1999. He has been a member of the LSA for over 40 years since 1963, and he was elected a member of National Academy of Sciences of Korea in 1998. He has written or edited 18 books/monographs and nearly 50 articles, as shown in his CV, many after his retirement in 1994 from Seoul National University, where he taught from 1958. Mr. Chang was born in 1929, making him 76 this year. He has been Professor Emeritus of Seoul National University since 1994.

Other reports were presented by the Chair of the Program Committee, the Editor of *Language*, the Coordinator of the 2006 Summer Meeting Local Planning Committee, and the Director of the 2007 Linguistic Institute.



Mark Aronoff, LSA President, presented the 8th Leonard Bloomfield Book Award to R. M. W. Dixon, Director of the Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, La Trobe U, Bundoora, VIC, Australia, for his book, *The Jarawara Language of Southern Amazonia* (Oxford University Press). John Davey of Oxford University Press accepted the award. The citation read:

R. M. W. Dixon's *The Jarawara Language of Southern Amazonia*, written with the assistance of Alan R. Vogel, is an invaluable record of a language in serious danger of extinction. The complexities of the language are unraveled with a clarity and insight that allow the reader to share in what the author describes as 'the intellectual pleasure of working out such a magnificent system'.

The LSA President presented the 2nd Kenneth L. Hale Award to Robert W. Young for his work with Willie Morgan and Sally Midgette on the Navajo language. First presented in 2002, the award recognizes outstanding linguistic scholarship that documents a particular endangered or no longer spoken language or language family. The citation read:

The standard reference for the Navajo language is Young and Morgan, an opus of several volumes of dictionaries and grammars compiled over the past six decades by Bob Young working with Willie Morgan: *The Navajo language* (1980, 1987) and the supplementary volume, *The analytic lexicon of Navajo* (with Sally Midgette, 1992). These volumes make Navajo the best documented indigenous language on this continent, perhaps in the world, and they arguably stand among the finest ever written on any language. The volumes are comparable in scope, for instance, to works like the *OED* (if the *OED* also contained a grammar). The first Young and Morgan dictionary was published in 1943; 63 years later Bob Young is still working with young Navajo scholars.

*The Navajo language* is remarkable for its structure and the robustness of its documentation. It comprises two key parts, a grammar with appendices and a dictionary, interrelated by an ingenious system of cross-referencing. Because Navajo is a polysynthetic language with a rich verbal morphology, a fully inflected word is a complex entity. In accordance with the wishes of native speakers, the dictionary entries are full inflected forms; each word is capable of being inflected in a number of different ways determined by use and by principles that are not entirely understood. Their system links the dictionary entries to the conjugations and paradigm patterns that that particular word may appear in, thus reflecting a native speaker's knowledge and providing a map of morpheme distribution and co-occurrence restrictions. The dictionary thus stands as an implemented model of a polysynthetic lexicon, while at the same time providing robust documentation of the language. In addition to this, each and every entry contains etymology of a given word, as well as documentation of the Navajo language as it was spoken in the mid-twentieth century.

The work of documenting an unusual language type is a task of considerable proportion, in terms of the scope of coverage necessary as well as the intellect and dedication that this task requires. Over the last six decades, Bob Young has produced a resource for Navajo speakers, a model for the sister Athabaskan languages, and for linguists, that is likely to stand the test of time.

Margaret W. Reynolds, Executive Director of LSA, received the 6th Victoria A. Fromkin Prize for Distinguished Service. The prize was established in 2000 to recognize extraordinary service to the Society and the discipline.

The Resolutions Committee, (Garland Bills, chair; Diane Lillo-Martin and Dennis Preston) presented the following resolutions which were unanimously approved:

**Resolution 1.** [The following resolution was approved by the Executive Committee for presentation to the members voting at this meeting.]

*Whereas*, the Linguistic Society of America has been sensitive to labor issues in its selection of annual meeting hotels and vendors for many years; and

*Whereas*, hotel union representation raises wages, supplies benefits, and protects worker dignity, thereby ensuring that economic growth benefits a workforce often composed of people of color, and particularly women of color; and

*Whereas*, the LSA decision to hold meetings in union or non-union hotels strengthens or weakens the ability of these workers and their unions to secure better working conditions and contribute to equitable urban growth; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the LSA reaffirms its longstanding support of the right of workers to organize by continuing its practice of union preference in negotiating hotel and service contracts for any meetings organized by the LSA; therefore be it further

*Resolved*, that the LSA continues its practice of including labor disputes in the standard escape provision in any LSA contract for annual meeting hotels and meetings.

## **Resolution 2.**

In keeping with the warm and friendly informality of New Mexico, we dispense with the whereases, therefores, and resolveds in presenting the following resolution for approval by the membership gathered here:

First and foremost, we express tremendous gratitude to executive director Margaret Reynolds and her staff at the LSA office for their tireless efforts behind the scenes in making the 2006 Annual Meeting possible and in carrying out with kindness and efficiency the many LSA administrative activities throughout the year;

Second, for their services in organizing the outstanding program for the Albuquerque meeting, we extend our sincere thanks to the Program Committee composed of Peter Culicover, chair, Eugene Buckley, Miriam Meyerhoff, Toshiyuki Ogihara, Cathy O'Connor, Maria Polinsky, Donca Steriade, and Lindsay Whaley;

We also thank the Local Arrangements Committee chaired by Joan Bybee and the signed language interpreting coordinator Barbara Shaffer for their support and assistance in planning the meeting;

In addition, for their cooperation in planning the meeting, we express our appreciation to the following persons who organized the programs for the societies that meet jointly with us: Allan Metcalf for the American Dialect Society, Priscilla Ord for the American Name Society, David Boe for the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, Marlyse Baptista and Armin Schwegler for the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, and Victor Golla for the Society of the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas;

We also thank the organizers of the very successful 2005 LSA Institute, co-hosted in Cambridge by MIT and Harvard. We especially thank Sabine Iatridou of MIT, who directed the full and innovative program, C.T. James Huang of Harvard, the local associate director, and Ivan Sag of Stanford, the external associate director. Many other staff and faculty at both MIT and Harvard also played important roles, and we thank them and all the other participants for making it such a stimulating and enjoyable event.

Finally, for their dedicated service to the Society in so many ways, we give special thanks to the retiring members of the LSA Executive Committee: Larry Hyman, Gillian Sankoff, and past president Joan Bybee.

Representatives from NSF and the Endangered Language Fund gave brief reports. The 2006 President Sally McConnell-Ginet, 2006 Vice President/President-Elect Stephen Anderson, and new Executive Committee members Monica Macaulay and Johanna Nichols were introduced, and the meeting was adjourned.

# 2005 Annual Report

## A. Membership

As of December 2005, the membership of the Linguistic Society totaled 5,598 compared to 5490 active members in December 2004, 5751 active members in December 2003, 5912 in 2002, 6018 in 2001, 5937 in 2000, 5999 in 1999, 6231 in 1998, and 6393 in 1997. The active members include by category: Libraries and Institutions (1,648), Honorary (44), Life (421), Regular (2,509), Student (964), and Emeritus (12). In addition, 36 institutions throughout the world were receiving the *LSA Bulletin* and/or *Language* on an exchange basis.

## B. Deaths

We are sorry to report the deaths of the following linguists: J. G. Kooij, Lucia Lobato, William C. Mann, A. Hood Roberts, and Timothy Shopen; Life Members Hreinn Benediktsson, John B. Carroll, M. Dale Kinkade, Sheldon Klein, Margaret Langdon, Donald Marshall, Ernst Pulgram, Bonifacio Sibayan, and William Staley; Past President/Life Member Murray Emeneau; Past Vice President/Life Member Norman McQuown; Honorary Member Kay Williamson.

## C. Elections

In 2005, The Nominating Committee (Susan D. Fischer, chair) submitted the following slate: Vice President/President-Elect (2006) Stephen Anderson (Yale U); members of the Executive Committee: Peter Culicover (OH SU), C-T James Huang (Harvard U), Monica Macaulay (U WI-Madison), and Johanna Nichols (UC-Berkeley). Nearly 700 ballots were received in the Secretariat by 1 December, and the following members were elected: Vice President/President-Elect: Stephen Anderson; Executive Committee: Monica Macaulay and Johanna Nichols.

In addition, the Executive Committee nominated: Editor (2006) Brian Joseph (OH SU) and Secretary-Treasurer (2006) Gregory Ward (Northwestern U). Both were elected to office.

## D. Audit Report

McMaster and Associates completed its review of the Society's funds through the end of the fiscal year, 30 September 2005. A statement of support, revenues and expenses, and changes in fund balances for the fiscal year with comparative totals for 2001-2005 may be found below:

# Audit Report

This is the statement of support, revenues, expenses, and changes in the fund balances of the Linguistic Society for the year ending 30 September 2005. A copy of the financial statements is available from the Secretariat.

## Statement of Financial Position

	30 September 2004	30 September 2005
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 81,526	\$ 87,916
Investments	1,002,424	1,085,078
Accounts receivable	705	10,556
Prepaid expenses	<u>8,683</u>	<u>10,357</u>
Total current assets	1,093,338	1,193,907
Fixed Assets:		
Building	137,440	137,440
Property Improvements	5,827	5,827
Furniture and fixtures	24,979	60,631
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(133,072)</u>	<u>(133,598)</u>
Net fixed assets	35,174	70,300
 Total assets	 <b>\$ 1,128,512</b>	 <b>\$ 1,264,207</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 24,166	\$ 36,753
Accrued expenses	23,278	22,862
Deferred revenue -- current portion	<u>86,692</u>	<u>81,283</u>
Total current liabilities	134,136	140,898
Long-term liabilities:		
Deferred revenue -- long term	<u>63,366</u>	<u>77,152</u>
Total liabilities	197,502	218,050
Net assets		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	(273,999)	(289,020)
Designated	<u>905,661</u>	<u>981,356</u>
Total unrestricted	631,662	692,336
Temporarily restricted	<u>299,348</u>	<u>353,821</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 931,010</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,157</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<b><u>\$1,128,512</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,264,207</u></b>

The balances in the restricted funds are as follows with comparative totals for 2001-2004:

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Fund for Future of Linguistics	\$ 34,323	\$ (4,077)	\$ (20,924)	\$ (11,246)	\$ (42,492)
Linguistic Institutes	213,267	195,475	200,701	278,727	326,758
Membership Assistance	15,151	12,707	9,947	9,417	9,660
Committee on Status of Women	2,700	3,217	3,491	3,797	4,558
Child Care Assistance	10,443	11,139	11,589	12,101	12,940
Capital Equipment	1,833	1,508	1,825	2,470	(3,617)
Linguistics in the Public Sector	5,633	(7,800)	(9,014)	(11,526)	(9,029)
Endangered Languages Committee	1,758	3,409	4,762	6,334	5,781
Ethnic Diversity Committee	2,486	2,817	3,192	3,709	3,190
Stokoe Fund	807	1,973	3,458	5,065	6,078
Language in the School Curriculum Cte	500	500	500	500	
Archiving Endangered Langs					(6)
NEH Challenge Grant					<u>40,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 288,901</b>	<b>\$ 220,868</b>	<b>\$ 209,527</b>	<b>\$ 299,348</b>	<b>\$ 353,821</b>



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## Take Note!

- The LSA's 2009 Annual Meeting has been moved to San Francisco due to an ongoing labor dispute affecting the Portland Hilton. The host hotel will be the San Francisco Hilton. The LSA will enjoy the same excellent room rate-- \$99/night single or double, \$129/night triple or quad--that we were to have had in Portland. [More information](#)
- [Nominations](#) for the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award are due 1 June, 2008.
- [Nominations](#) for the LSA's "Linguistics, Language and the Public" Award will be accepted until 1 June, 2008.

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## 2006 Elections

The Nominating Committee requests that members who wish to suggest nominees for Vice President/President-Elect and for two positions on the Executive Committee contact the committee chair: Louis Goldstein, Haskins Labs, 300 George St., New Haven, CT 06511; [louis.goldstein@yale.edu](mailto:louis.goldstein@yale.edu). Those submitting suggestions need not, at this time ascertain the willingness of the possible nominee to run. A brief statement of the nominee's qualifications or interest in serving would be appreciated. Suggestions should be sent **ASAP**.

## 2006 Committee and Delegate Appointments

In June, the Committee on Committee and Delegate Appointments will be nominating members for committee and delegate appointments. Your suggestions of additional potential nominees and a note about their particular qualifications or interest in serving would be most appreciated. Go to: <http://www.lsadc.org/info/lsa-comm.cfm>.

## Honorary Members

The Committee on Honorary Members welcomes input from the Society of names of individuals who should be considered for honorary membership in the LSA. Any foreign scholar of distinction in linguistics studies, not resident in the United States, may be elected an honorary member. Please forward your suggestions to Felix Ameka at: [f.k.ameka@let.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:f.k.ameka@let.leidenuniv.nl).

## LSA Fellows

Joan Bybee, Ellen Kaisse, and Sarah Thomason will serve as the Fellows Nominating Committee for 2006. They welcome your nominations. [Click here for Nomination Form]

## Summer Institutes

*Australian Linguistics Institute*. 10-14 July 2006 at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. Contact: [andrea.schalley@une.edu.au](mailto:andrea.schalley@une.edu.au); <http://www.ali2006.une.edu.au>.

*Central Asia International Summer School*. 13-31 July 2006 at Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Contact: [summerschool@manas.kg](mailto:summerschool@manas.kg); <http://www.summerschool.manas.kg>.

*International Summer Institute in Faroese*. 2-22 August 2006 at the University of the Faroe Islands. Application deadline: 1 April 2006. Contact: <http://www.ling.ed.ac.uk/~heycock/ISIF-2006.pdf>.

*Leiden Summer School in Indo-European Linguistics*. 31 July - 11 August 2006 at Leiden University, Netherlands. Contact: <http://www.indo-europeansummerschool.leidenuniv.nl>.

## In Memoriam

Giuliano Bonfante (Rome, Italy)  
Leigh Lisker (Philadelphia, PA)  
Philip Sapir (Bethesda, MD)