

## 2011 LSA Annual Meeting Organized Sessions

LSA members are encouraged to consider submitting proposals for an Organized Session at the 2011 Annual Meeting, which will take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from January 6-9. An organized session is an excellent opportunity to present a group of similarly-focused presentations on a wide variety of topics and in a wide variety of formats. LSA Committees and SIGs are also encouraged to submit proposals on topics falling under their purview. Program Committee Chairs are available to discuss ideas for possible organized session topics.

Organized sessions may be on any linguistic topic that would be of interest to meeting attendees (e.g. characteristics of a particular language family; trends and advances in a particular subfield of linguistics). They may also address topics of interest to particular groups of attendees (e.g. students, hopeful book authors, prospective grant-writers, policy advisors). They may have a theoretical or a pragmatic focus. Graduate students and junior faculty are particularly invited to submit proposals on professional development topics.

A session may take many forms: symposium, workshop, tutorial, or another form as appropriate. It may be either one and one-half hours or three hours in length. Specific examples are given below.

### Directions for Submission of Proposals

**Deadline for receipt of proposal: Friday, 23 April 2010, 5:00 p.m. EDT. Starting this year, organizers must submit proposals by this April date. Please note that this is a change for this year.** All submissions will receive extensive feedback in mid to late May from members of the Program Committee that should be taken into account before the final version is submitted in July.

**Deadline for receipt of final proposal: Friday, July 30 2010, 5:00 p.m. EDT.** Proposals submitted after the July 30<sup>th</sup> final deadline will not be considered.

### Possible session formats

- Symposium: several presentations on a single topic;
- Tutorial: intensive instruction in some subfield of linguistics or a related field;
- Workshop: a specific theme or issue;
- Sessions of any other kind with a clear, specific and coherent rationale.

### Requirements for submission

The completed proposal, as well as any questions, should be e-mailed directly to David Robinson, the LSA's Director of Membership and Meetings, at [drobenson@lsadc.org](mailto:drobenson@lsadc.org), with the words "2011 Annual Meeting Organized Session Proposal" in the subject line. The organizers must supply the information below as an MS Word or text-recognizable .pdf e-mail attachment. All materials should be contained within a single document.

- Title of session
- Length of session (1.5 hours or 3 hours)
- Name(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of organizer(s)
- LSA Committee or SIG on behalf of which the proposal is being submitted, if applicable
- A 2-3 page fully detailed session proposal, including the names, affiliations, and e-mail addresses of all participants (including discussants) who have agreed to participate if invited; and a complete account, including timetable, of what each participant will do.

(Note: organized session schedules should be aligned as much as possible with the paper schedules in the regular sessions. These are 20-minute papers, starting on the hour and half-hour, with 10 minutes of discussion following);

- 200-500 word abstracts for each presentation (note that abstracts should conform to the usual specifications for LSA abstracts, excepting the anonymity requirement)

Please also note the following:

- Individual papers must not have already appeared in print, nor may they appear in print before the 2011 Annual Meeting
- Each participant in the organized session must be a member of the LSA. Nonmembers may join online at <http://www.lsadc.org/info/mem-index.cfm>
- Proposals for organized sessions are **not** reviewed anonymously; please include your name and affiliation on the proposal as well as the names and affiliations for the presenters on their respective abstracts.
- All meeting rooms will be equipped with microphones, an LCD projector, and a screen.

An overhead projector or white board may be ordered if necessary. Internet access will not be available in meeting rooms.

### **Approximate Timetable for Organized Session Proposals**

- April 23: deadline for receipt of preliminary proposals.
- Mid May: digests of Program Committee responses to proposals sent to submitters.
- July 30: deadline for receipt of final proposals.
- Late September: notification of acceptance/non-acceptance of proposals.

• **For accepted session proposals only:** Early October: submit a 1-page description of the organized session and a 150-word abstract of each participant's presentation for inclusion in the Meeting Handbook.