

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
SPECIAL POSTER SESSION ON LINGUISTS IN GOVERNMENT
LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, 7-10 JANUARY 2010

The Linguistic Society of America (LSA) seeks abstracts for a special poster session on Linguists in Government to be held at its 2010 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland from 7-10 January. Submissions from linguists employed at the federal, state, and local government levels are welcomed.

This poster session will include 15 (fifteen) posters, representing a wide variety of agencies and jobs. The session will be of special interest to the approximately 350 students who attend the Annual Meeting. It is intended to be primarily informational; organizations wishing to conduct formal job interviews under the auspices of the LSA are welcome to participate in the separately organized job placement service. Abstract submitters are encouraged to consider joining the LSA if they are not already members.

Please note that abstracts for this special session are NOT reviewed anonymously. Interested individuals should submit abstracts for this poster session to David Robinson, Director of Membership and Meetings, at drobinson@lsadc.org by August 17, 2009, with the words "Abstract for Linguists in Government Poster Session" in the subject line.

The abstract should contain the following information:

- name, affiliation, and e-mail address of submitting author
- name(s) and affiliation(s) of co-author(s)
- government entity represented
- title of abstract
- body of abstract, attached as a Word, Rich Text Format, or .pdf document. The abstract should be no longer than one standard 8 1/2" x 11" page, in type no smaller than 10 points.

Abstracts may address the following issues:

- nature of the linguistic research undertaken by the government body in question
- number of linguists employed, where, and in what capacity
- educational and professional background required
- role of the government body (funding agency, regulatory, etc.)
- other information of possible interest or relevance (travel, language documentation, standardization, etc.)
- the author's own research may be included if it is relevant to the mission of the government body represented

Notifications of acceptance will be sent in late September 2009. Those whose abstracts are accepted will be asked to submit by mid October a short (100-word) abstract for inclusion in the Annual Meeting Handbook. Guidelines for preparation of posters will also be distributed at this time. Note that all persons attending the meeting are expected to register; online meeting registration will be available beginning in September 2009.

Note that any individual wishing to submit an abstract for inclusion in the regular part of the LSA Annual Meeting (concurrent and regular poster sessions) must do so through the usual channels and abide by all the usual requirements, including LSA membership. Guidelines for submission of regular abstracts may be found at <http://lsadc.org/info/meet-ann10-abguide.cfm>. Also note, however, any presentations in this special poster session will NOT be counted in the two-per-person limit for regularly submitted abstracts.

If you have any questions about the LSA meeting or the submission process, please contact David Robinson, the LSA's Director of Membership and Meetings, at drobinson@lsadc.org or by phone at 202-835-1714.