

**CALL FOR PAPERS: Language and Social Interaction (LSI) Interest Group  
Western States Communication Association (WSCA) 2018 Convention**

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The division invites submission of papers, extended abstracts, and program panels for the upcoming annual conference. As an interest group, LSI invites a broad range of studies from scholars utilizing a wide variety of research approaches including but not limited to: discourse analysis, ethnography of communication, conversation analysis, critical discourse analysis, rhetoric of language, rhetorical analysis, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, performance studies, semiotics, or discursive psychology. Theoretical, empirical, critical, and practical works from across the qualitative-quantitative spectrum are welcome. Authors are particularly encouraged to submit ethnographic, phenomenological, hermeneutic, critical, cultural, and/or applied analyses for presentation as long as manuscripts offer connections to personal, day-to-day use of language and/or cultural, societal, or broader theoretical perspectives on language and social interaction. Keep in mind that LSI work considers language in relation to behavior, text, talk-in-use, discourse, conversation, performance narrative, genre, or behavioral scripts. Rhetorical analyses are welcome and appropriate for the LSI division, though studies examining public address or work limited to considerations of rhetorical method are best suited for other divisions. Scholars with questions about the relevance of their work to LSI interest group may consult the *Handbook of Language and Social Interaction* or contact the program planner.

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

All submissions will be rigorously peer reviewed, ***and should be sent through the new online submission system by September 01, 2018. More details about the system will be provided soon.*** If you have any questions, feel free to contact the program planner ([lsi.wsca@gmail.com](mailto:lsi.wsca@gmail.com)). In the new online submission system, you will be asked to provide the following information:

- a. The names of the submitting author/panel organizing chair
- b. Contact information (address, phone, e-mail, and affiliation) for each author
- c. Student or Debut paper status if applicable (Please be careful to follow WSCA guidelines for marking papers as student or debut papers!)
- d. Title of the Paper/Extended Abstract/Panel proposed
- e. Any audio-visual needs, keeping in mind that availability may be limited.

**Submission Types:**

Please remove all author names and identifying information from all attached submissions (including self-citations if citations can be attributed back to the paper authors. Unmasked papers will be returned and likely not reviewed).

**1. Competitive Papers**

Paper submissions should include:

- a. Title
- b. 150-300 word abstract
- c. No more than 25 pages of text (excluding references, figures, tables, and transcripts)
- d. Please also indicate in the upper right-hand corner of the first page if this paper is a Student or Debut paper. Remember that all authors of a student paper must be current students. No author of a debut paper will have presented previously at any WSCA convention.

## **2. Extended Abstracts of Papers**

Extended abstracts are assumed to be early drafts of papers, and these submissions should be 1000 to 2000 words (including title, references, figures, and/or tables). Extended abstracts are best evaluated when sample excerpts of language data, analyses, and scholarly references are included. Extended abstracts will not qualify for awards.

## **3. Program/Panel Proposals**

We invite program or panel proposals focusing on a unifying theme relevant to an applied language-related problem, LSI theory, or related instructional approaches. Programs proposed will consist of roughly four presenters, and an organizing chair. An invited respondent for the panel is optional. Roundtable discussions and other formats that encourage interaction among panelists and/or audience members are of interest for this division. These submissions will not qualify for awards, and should include:

- a. Thematic title of the panel and a roughly 200-word rationale/description/abstract
- b. Names, addresses, phones, e-mail addresses, and affiliations of all participants
- c. If it is a paper panel, a title and brief 50-word description of each presentation on the panel (Not applicable for roundtable discussions).

***We look forward to seeing you in Seattle in 2019!***