

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
Language and Social Interaction Interest Group  
Western States Communication Association (WSCA)  
2011 Annual Convention, Monterey, CA  
February 18-22, 2011

The Language and Social Interaction (LSI) interest group of WSCA invites papers and proposals for panels for the upcoming 2011 annual conference. As an interest group, LSI invites a broad range of studies of language, discourse, and interaction including but not limited to the following research approaches: discourse analysis, ethnography of communication, conversation analysis, critical discourse analysis, rhetoric of language, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, semiotics, social construction, and discursive psychology. Theoretical, empirical, critical, and practical works are welcome using qualitative or quantitative methodologies, but keep in mind that most LSI work would include some empirical analysis of language use. Those interested in the relevance of their work to LSI should consult the *Handbook of Language and Social Interaction*<sup>1</sup>.

The theme of this year's conference is: "Communication and Community." The theme encourages participants to think about and engage in the ways power is communicated in everyday life. The LSI Interest Group encourages individual, panel, and workshop submissions that address this theme.

### **Competitive Papers**

All papers should be submitted by e-mail attachment to Jessica Robles (jessica.robles@colorado.edu) no later than August 25, 2009. Please send your documents as .pdf files. Your electronic submission should include **two** separate attachments:

#### Attachment 1: Cover page

The cover page should include:

1. Title of the paper
2. Name and contact information (address, phone, e-mail, and affiliation) for each author
3. Any audio-visual needs, keeping in mind that availability is extremely limited.

Please indicate in the upper right-hand corner of the cover page if this paper is a **Student** or **Debut** paper. All authors of a student paper must be students. No author of a debut paper may have presented a paper at any prior WSCA convention.

#### Attachment 2: Paper w/ all author identification removed

The paper should include:

1. Title
2. 150-300 word abstract
3. No more than 25 pages of text (excluding references, figures, tables, and transcripts)

Please remove all author names and identifying information from the paper (including self-citations if citations can be attributed back to the paper authors. Unmasked papers will be returned).

### **Program Proposals/Panels**

Program proposals/panels focusing on a unifying theme relevant to language and social interaction theory, research, or instruction are encouraged. Programs may consist of a chair, presenters, and a respondent. Roundtable discussions and other formats that encourage interaction among panelists and audience members are also invited. Proposals should include: (a) Thematic title of the panel; (b) Names, addresses, phones, e-mail addresses, and affiliations of all participants; (c) Title and brief description of each presentation; (d) Equipment needed for panel. Submit all proposals via email to: jessica.robles@colorado.edu. Use .pdf format for all attachments. (Note: Equipment availability is extremely limited. Please make your AV requests part of the coversheet.). Submit by August 25, 2009.

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