

Language & Social Interaction

CALL FOR PAPERS

Language and Social Interaction Interest Group

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The Language and Social Interaction (LSI) interest group of WSCA is focused on showcasing research on the study of language, language use, discourse, and interaction. The Division invites submission of papers, extended abstracts, and program panels for the upcoming 2012 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 includes 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*[\[1\]](#).

The theme of this year's conference is: "Striving for Social Change." The theme encourages participants to conceptualize our academic efforts as central to social change – in our discipline, our communities both large and small, and in our everyday lives. The LSI Interest Group encourages submissions that address this theme.

Submission types and Instructions

1. Competitive Papers

All papers should be submitted by e-mail attachment to the LSI email account (lsi.w sca@gmail.com) by September 1, 2011. Please send your documents as .pdf files. Your electronic submission should include **two** separate attachments:

Attachment 1: Cover page

The cover page should include:

- Title of the paper
- Name and contact information (address, phone, e-mail, and affiliation) for each author
- Any audio-visual needs, keeping in mind that availability may be 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:

- Title
- 150-300 word abstract
- 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).

2. Extended Abstracts/Works in Progress

New this year, the LSI Division will accept for submission extended abstracts of works in progress that are to be completed before the 2012 conference. All extended abstracts should be submitted by e-mail attachment to the LSI email account (lsi.wsc@gmail.com) by September 1, 2011. Extended abstracts will not qualify for top paper awards. Please send your documents as .pdf files. Your electronic submission should include **two** separate attachments:

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Attachment 2: Extended abstract w/ all author identification removed

Extended abstracts should be 600 to 1,500 words and should include:

- Title
- 600-1,500 word extended abstract (including references, tables, or charts). This is equivalent to between 2 and 6 pages of double-spaced text.

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

3. 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 be submitted as a .pdf file to the LSI email account (lsi.wsca@gmail.com) by September 1, 2011, and should include:

- Thematic title of the panel and 150 word abstract
- Names, addresses, phones, e-mail addresses, and affiliations of all participants
- Up to 400 word rationale for the panel
- Title and brief description/abstract of each presentation on the panel
- Equipment needed for panel (keeping in mind that equipment may be limited)

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