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MEETING DETAILS FOR LASSO 2006 IN LAREDO

Sponsored by Texas A&M International University and organized around the theme "Transcending Borders," the 35th annual meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest will take place in Laredo, Texas, September 29-October 1, 2006.

The 2005 meeting will feature a plenary address by Ana Celia Zentella of the University of California San Diego. Dr. Zentella's topic is entitled "Transfronterizo Talk: Remapping the linguistic and cultural borders in Tijuana-San Diego." LASSO President Colleen Fitzgerald of Texas Tech University will address the topic of "Indigenous languages and Spanish in the U.S.: How can/do linguists serve communities?"

The conference will also host a number of outstanding papers, and panels, selected by the program committee chaired by Vice-President/President-Elect Kati Pletsch de García of Texas A&M International University. A preliminary program with further details appears inside this newsletter. Friday Sessions will be held on the Texas A&M International University campus; Saturday and Sunday sessions will be held at our conference hotel: La Posada.

REGISTRATION & FOOD

The PRE-registration fee for the 2006 conference will be \$125 for regular registration and \$95 for students. Onsite registration will be available at a cost of \$135 for regular

registration and \$105 for students. Please note that **the registration fee includes several meals.** A form for PRE-registration is included in this newsletter. **Attendees wishing to take advantage of reduced registration fees should complete their registration by September 22, 2006.** Payment may be completed by check or credit card following the directions on the form.

A registration table will be set up in the La Posada Hotel from 5 until 9 on Thursday night. The registration table will be available in during the day on Friday at the Western Hemispheric Trade Center Lobby and at the La Posada Hotel on Saturday.

Conference registrants will receive a packet containing the conference program and abstracts of presentations. Also included in the price of registration is the price for all meals. Registrants will be treated to 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 nice dinners and 5 conference breaks. What a deal!

LODGING

The conference hotel is La Posada Hotel/Suites located at 1000 Zaragoza St. in Laredo, TX. The phone number is 956-722-1701 (or 800-444-2099), and the fax number is 956-722-4758. The conference rate is \$85.00 for a single or a double and \$134.00 for a junior suite. **The cutoff date is currently September 14 for the LASSO rate.** Please call for reservations. **Be sure to identify**

yourself as being with the Linguistic Association of the Southwest to get the lower conference rate.

Mentioning your association with LASSO also ensures we get credit for the proper number of bookings that make that rate possible..

La Posada is located in historic downtown Laredo and overlooks the Rio Grande to Nuevo Laredo, México. Formerly a Spanish colonial convent, it is now a state-of-the-art meeting and banquet center. There are 208 guestrooms including 57 suites. There is a link on the LASSO conference website (<http://www.tamtu.edu/coas/lla/lasso>) for the La Posada hotel.

TRANSPORTATION

Laredo International Airport is served by several daily flights by American Eagle (1-800-433-7300), Continental Airlines (1-800-525-0280), and Allegiant Air (1-702-505-8888). The La Posada Hotel has a courtesy van that goes to and from the Laredo International Airport. It is a 10-15 minute drive to the hotel from the airport.

For those of you driving in, Laredo is located about 150 miles south of San Antonio; the same distance west of Corpus Cristi, and the same distance north of Monterrey, México. A map of Laredo is located at <http://www.tamtu.edu/location.shtml> (See Conference Info p. 2.)

Need More Info? Continually updated conference information can be found at <http://www.tamtu.edu/coas/lla/lasso> . Send questions about the conference to local arrangements chair Kati Pletsch de García lasso2006@tamtu.edu. The LASSO website is located at http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/swj/public_html/lasso.html, and Executive Director Patricia MacGregor Mendoza can be reached at pmacgreg@nmsu.edu

CONFERENCE INFO, CONTINUED

ALL ABOUT LAREDO

Laredo's unique location has played an important part in its history and economy. Founded in 1755, Laredo has seen 7 changes of sovereignty during its 250 year existence and flies seven flags in commemoration of its varied history: Spain, France, Mexico, Texas, Republic of the Río Grande, United States of America and Confederate States of America.

Now home to nearly 200,000 people, Laredo is one of the fastest growing cities in Texas. While in town, you may wish to take in a show at the Lamar Bruni Vergara Science Center, located on the Texas A&M International University campus, visit the Laredo Center for the Arts or travel to the various museums around town.

Laredo's sister city, Nuevo Laredo, is located just across the Río Grande and is home to nearly 360,000 residents. Connected over the years through historical, cultural, and linguistic ties, "Los dos Laredos" share a rich geographical and economic history.

Guerrero Street, heart of the Nuevo Laredo shopping district is within walking distance from the La Posada Hotel, just across the International Bridge #1, the recommended crossing point for visitors. There is a small toll charged to cross the bridge.

Most shops and restaurants will accept payment in US currency, and there are ATM machines available if you run low on cash. Each visitor is allowed to bring up to \$400.00 of merchandise for personal use every 30 days duty free. After that, a duty of 10% is levied. Please note that there are restrictions on the types of items you may bring back across the border. Read the signs as you cross or check with the officials to see what is and isn't allowed.

If you plan to spend some time in Nuevo Laredo, the Laredo Convention and Visitor's Bureau notes that U.S. citizens can stay within 26 miles of the border without a permit for up to 72 hours; however, they recommend that you carry proof

of citizenship, particularly if you are a naturalized U.S. citizen. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you need to confirm the status of your particular permit PRIOR to leaving the U.S. side of the border. Some general information can be found at the following website:

<http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/whatis/index.html>

Our local conference organizers have scheduled time in the program for you to explore one or both of "Los dos Laredos", so grab a friend and see the sites!

SPECIAL NEEDS

Attendees with disabilities or other special needs must notify the local arrangements chairs by **September 1** so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee will meet on **Friday night, September 29, 2006**. Officers and Board Members are expected, but **all members are welcome and invited to attend**.

Anyone interested in hosting a LASSO conference in the future should attend or at least send a written proposal in advance to Executive Director Patricia MacGregor Mendoza (pmacgreg@nmsu.edu).

BUSINESS MEETING

If at all possible, schedule your travel plans to include your attendance at the Business Meeting held at the end of the conference. All members are welcome to attend. Your input is valued!

RENEWAL TIME!

Please remember that **presenting a paper at the annual LASSO conference is a privilege of membership**. Also, only those who are LASSO members may have their work published in the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*. Your LASSO membership runs from **January 1 to December 31 each year**.

If your membership has lapsed, or you want to become a member for

the first time, please fill out a membership form (at the end of this newsletter) and send it with the appropriate dues amount to Dr. Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, Executive Director of LASSO, New Mexico State University, Department of Languages and Linguistics, Box 30001, MSC 3L, Las Cruces, NM 88003 (USA).

To ensure that your membership is up to date prior to the conference, please send in your membership forms by September 1, 2006.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in LASSO demonstrates commitment to the study of linguistics and provides scholars and students alike the opportunity to develop professional friendships, to obtain information about teaching and research, and to exchange ideas and network with each other. LASSO members receive two newsletters per year and two issues per year of the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*.

Now is also a good time to check local library holdings; if your school does not receive the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*, by all means request that your institution subscribe today.

Dues for 2006 are:
Lifetime--US\$450,
Regular -- US \$35,
Student/retired/unemployed -- US \$25,
Institutional -- US \$60.
If you are outside of the United States, please add a \$10 surcharge to these rates for international postage.

AWARD FOR STUDENTS

All students are eligible to submit their LASSO papers for the Helmut Esau Award, a \$250 prize given annually for the best student paper presented at the conference.

To enter the competition, send your written paper, polished and revised as if for publication, to the attention of vice President/ President-elect Kati Pletsch de García at lasso2006@tamiu.edu. The entry deadline is January 1, 2007. The winner will be announced in the February 2007 Newsletter.

PREFACE TO THE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR LASSO XXXV

- ◆ This newsletter contains a *preliminary* program; a final program and abstract book will be provided at the conference.
 - ◆ Authors who find that they will not be able to attend the conference after all should inform the local arrangements committee at (lasso2006@tamiu.edu) immediately.
 - ◆ Please advise the local arrangements chairs of any corrections in names, affiliations, or titles that need to be made for the final program.
 - ◆ Participants are reminded that each paper will be allocated 30 minutes: 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion. Authors should practice their presentations to insure that their papers fit in the given time frame.
 - ◆ AV arrangements should have already been made between authors and the program chair, but please contact the local arrangements chairs in advance if you have any questions about availability of equipment in your session.
 - ◆ Papers listed in Spanish will be delivered in Spanish, while papers listed in English will be delivered in English.
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR LASSO XXXV Conference Program for the 35th Annual Meeting of THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST

“Transcending Borders”

September 29-October 1, 2006
in Laredo, Texas hosted by
Texas A&M International University

Conference Website: <http://www.tamiu.edu/coas/lla/lasso>
Contact for Conference Organizers: lasso2006@tamiu.edu

current as of August 17, 2006

SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

**Hotel courtesy van available for pick up from the
Laredo International airport to La Posada Hotel.**

***Registration in the Second Floor Lobby
of La Posada Hotel from 5:00-9:00pm**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

All Friday sessions held at Texas A&M International University

Busses depart for TAMIU at: 8:15, 8:30, & 8:45

Meet in the Lobby of the La Posada Hotel

**Registration: 8:30 - 4:00, Western Hemispheric Trade Center Lobby,
Texas A&M International University**

1.0 Friday Parallel Sessions: 9 -10:30 am

1a Language Attitudes I, Rm 103

Session Chair: Lisa Gardner-Flores, Texas A&M International

9:00 Roberto S. Gutiérrez, San Diego State University: "Attitudes towards Chicano Spanish in two border towns"

9:30 Debbie Cole and Adriana Castillo, University of Texas, Pan Am: "Is it OK to laugh? Changing attitudes towards linguistic stereotyping on the Mind of Mencia"

10:00 Peter Gingiss and Patricia M. Welsh, University of Houston: "First Names: Relating Use and Attitude"

1b Romance Linguistics, Rm 116

Session Chair: Domnita Dumitrescu, California State University, LA

9:00 Israel Sanz, University of California, Berkeley: "Maybe not that weird after all: Grammaticalization and the problem of the Catalan periphrastic"

9:30 Harry Howard, Tulane University: "Input vs. network effects in the multiagent modeling of morphological leveling in Old Castilian"

10:00 Miguel Rodríguez-Mondoñedo, University of Connecticut: "A constraint on list-readings in Spanish"

1c General Linguistics, Rm 106

Session Chair:

9:00 Sumayya Racy, University of Arizona: "Modals and the raising/control distinction"

9:30 Anna Asbury, Utrecht Institute of Linguistics: "Finnish partitive case as determiner suffix"

10:00 Leonard Chacha, UCLA: "A metrical analysis of a Kuria praise poem"

10:30-10:45 MORNING BREAK, Room 114

2.0 Friday Parallel Sessions: 10:45 - 12:15

2a Border Identities, Rm 103

Session Chair: MaryEllen García, University of Texas-San Antonio

10:45 Edward Heckler, University of Texas-Pan Am: "The quest for border identity"

11:15 Daniel Villa, New Mexico State University: "In the eye of the storm: Southwest Spanish and the creation of ethnic identity"

11:45 Stuart Stewart, Southeastern Louisiana University: "Crossing borders, forging identities: Echoes of symbiosis between classroom and community"

2b Spanish Morphology, Rm 116

Session Chair:

10:45 Regina Morin, The College of New Jersey: "Competing processes of Spanish gender assignment in computer and Internet-related loanwords: It's clear why it's feminine, but why is it masculine?"

11:15 Richard Winters, University of Louisiana at Lafayette: "Feature Strength and Possessors in Spanish"

11:45 Jiyoung Yoon, University of North Texas: "Deverbal compounds in Spanish: Un abrelatas vs. un saltamontes"

2c Endangered Languages, Rm 106

Session Chair:

10:45 Pamela Munro, UCLA: "Tlacolula Valley Zapotec diminutives and paradigmatic irregularity"

11:15 Michael Galant, California State University, Dominguez Hills: "The morphosyntactic status of animacy classifiers in San Andrés Yaá Zapotec"

11:45 Julia Elizabeth Lonergan, University of California, Santa Cruz: "Comparison of Native American Hopi Indian and East Indian religious metaphors"

12:15-1:45 LUNCH BREAK, Rm 114

3.0 Friday Parallel Sessions: 1:30 - 3:00

3a Invited Panel: Student Perspectives of TexMex in the Laredo Community, Rm 103

Session Chair: Kati Pletsch de García, Texas A&M International

Participants: Students from Texas A&M International

3b Spanish Discourse, Rm 116

Session Chair: Lola O. Norris, Texas A&M International

1:45 Diane Uber, The College of Wooster: "Fórmulas de tratamiento en los negocios en Santiago de Chile"

2:15 José Esteban Hernández, University of Texas-Pan Am: "Diferenciación semántica a nivel social y discursivo en la variación verbal de las formas de tratamiento casual"

2:45 Flavia Belpoliti, Encarna Bermejo and Patricia Gubitosi, University of Houston: "Heritage speakers' unfinished acquisition of the Spanish verbal system: Compensating strategies"

3c Spanish and English Syntax, Rm 106

Session Chair:

1:45 Larry Gorbet, University of New Mexico: "Predicate collective adjectives in English"

2:15 Hye-Yoon Chung, University of Texas: "Ambiguous focus marking: In a sentence-final position"

2:45 (no talk scheduled at this time)

3:15-3:30 AFTERNOON BREAK, Room 114

3:30-4:30 Presidential Address, Rm. 116

Introduction of the Past President, Domnita Dumitrescu,
by Kati Pletsch de García, Texas A&M International University,
LASSO 2006 Vice President and Program Chair

Introduction of the LASSO President, Colleen Fitzgerald,
by Domnita Dumitrescu, California State University Los Angeles

*2006 Presidential Address
by Colleen Fitzgerald, Texas Tech University:*

*“Indigenous languages and Spanish in the U.S.:
How can/do linguists serve communities?”*

Busses Depart for La Posada Hotel at 4:30 and 5:00

*6:00 - 8:00 Presidential Reception,
El Tesoro Club, La Posada Hotel*

FRIDAY EVENING 8:15pm

***Executive Meeting: La Palma Room, La Posada Hotel,
Officers and Board Members are expected. Anyone else is welcome, particularly if you are
interested in becoming a LASSO officer or would like to propose hosting a LASSO Conference or
learn about either. Please join us!**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

All Saturday sessions held at La Posada

**Registration: 8:30 - 11:30,
La Posada Hotel, Second Floor Lobby**

4.0 Saturday Parallel Sessions: 9 -10:30

4a Spanish Sociolinguistics, Bluebonnet room

Session Chair: Stuart Stewart, Southeastern Louisiana University

9:00 Devin Jenkins, University of Colorado at Denver: "The state(s) of Spanish in the Southwest: A comparative analysis"

9:30 Antonio Medina-Rivera, Cleveland State University: "When phonological variation reaches the written level"

10:00 María Irene Moyna, Texas A&M University and Wendy Decker, University of San Diego: "How the Californio girls (and boys) lost their accents"

4b Cultural Discourse, La Palma room

Session Chair: Dr. Ellen Barker, Texas A&M International

9:00 Vineeta Chand, University of California, Davis: "When the Iraqi's aren't 'them': A soldier's perspective"

9:30 Robert Connor, Louisiana State University: "Transcending the borders of a disaster: Children's writings on Hurricane Katrina"

10:00 Donna L. Lillian and Elizabeth Kearney, East Carolina University: "Approaching hysteria approaching the Qur'an: The debate in and about Chapel Hill, 2002"

4c Endangered Languages, Hibiscus room

Session Chair:

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10:00 Julia Elizabeth Lonergan, University of California, Santa Cruz: "Comparison of Native American Hopi Indian and East Indian religious metaphors"

10:30-10:45 MORNING BREAK, The Rose Room

5.0 Saturday Parallel Sessions: 10:45 - 12:15

5a Language Attitudes II, Bluebonnet room

Session Chair:

10:45 Michelle Ramos-Pellicia, George Mason University: "Language attitudes and language use in an Ohio community of Puerto Ricans"

11:15 Lei Zhang, University of Texas-Pan Am: "Is there a positive attitude? Southern American undergraduate students' attitudes toward international teaching assistants of English"

11:45 Donna L. Lillian, East Carolina: "Racism, ethnicism, 'lingism': Anti-French and Anti-Spanish discourse in Canada and the U.S.A."

5b Spanish Language Use in Print Media, La Palma room

Session Chair: Agustín Martínez-Samos, Texas A&M International

10:45 Lola O. Norris, Texas A&M International: "'Dear Editor' o Dime cómo escribes y te diré de dónde eres': El cambio de códigos en las cartas al editor de un periódico fronterizo"

11:15 Travis D. Sorenson, Texas A&M University: "El alza de periódicos de lengua española en Estados Unidos como reflejo del aumento de la población hispana?"

11:45 Marco Iniquez, Texas A&M University, Kingsville: "TBA"

5c Phonetics and Phonology, Hibiscus room

Session Chair:

- 10:45 Lori Czerwionka, University of Texas: "Intonation of hedged phrases: Transcending borders into Spain and Mexico, focusing on intermediate boundaries and alignment"
- 11:15 David Eddington, Brigham Young University: "Capitalistic versus Militaristic: Paradigm Uniformity and Analogy"
- 11:45 Karen Roesch, University of Texas: "Traversing linguistic borders: From the Alsace to Medina County, Texas"

12:15-1:45 LUNCH BREAK, El Tesoro Club**6.0 Saturday Parallel Sessions: 1:30 - 3:00****6a Code-Switching, Bluebonnet Room**

Session Chair: Patricia González, Texas A&M International

- 1:45 David Kobel, Oklahoma State University: "Code-Switching on South Texas Radio"
- 2:15 Daniel Olson, University of Texas: "Multiple strategies of creating contrastive focus and the effect on intonation"
- 2:45 Anthony K. Webster, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale: "From Hóyeyé to Hajinei: On the implications of codeswitching and orthography in Navajo poetry"

6b Advertising Discourse, La Palma Room

Session Chair:

- 1:45 Robert J. Baumgardner, Texas A&M University-Commerce: "A dip by any other name...The use of English and Spanish in product naming in Mexico and the United States"
- 2:15 Julia Kuhn, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien: "Persuasive Strategies in the advertising discourse: The instrumentalization of history in the names of Mexican and French enterprises. A comparative study"
- 2:45 Vincent Taohsun Chang, National Chengchi University: "Visual meaning in multimodal discourse: An experimental pragmatic approach"

6c Interfacing Grammatical Properties in Spanish, Hibiscus Rm

Session Chair:

- 1:45 Amy E. Gregory, University of Tennessee, Knoxville: "The interface between modality, reference, and subordination: The Spanish subjunctive"
- 2:15 Lindsey N. Chen, University of Southern California: "Fusion or Lasso: Revisiting Mass Terms in Spanish"
- 2:45 (no 2:45 talk at this time)

3:15-3:30 AFTERNOON BREAK, The Rose Room**3:30-4:30 Plenary Address, El Tesoro Rm**

Introduction of the Program Chair
by Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, New Mexico State University,
LASSO Executive Director

Introduction of the Plenary Speaker
by Kati Pletsch de García, Texas A&M International,
LASSO 2006 Vice President and Program Chair

**Plenary address by
Ana Celia Zentella, University of California, San Diego:**

***"Transfronterizo Talk:
Remapping the linguistic and cultural borders in Tijuana-San Diego"***

4:30-7:00 FREE TIME! Explore downtown Laredo or Nuevo Laredo

***7:00-10:00 Conference Banquet
Room: To Be Announced in Final Program***

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**All Sunday sessions held at La Posada****7.0 Sunday Parallel Sessions: 9 -10:30 am****7a Language Acquisition, Bluebonnet Room**

Session Chair:

- 9:00 Guadalupe Aguiar, Texas A&M International University: "Adquisición académica vs. adquisición de la lengua, ¿qué debe ser primero?"
- 9:30 Donna E. West, State University of New York at Cortland: "A case for L2-like errors in L1 bilingual acquisition: Evidence for English to Spanish transfer"
- 10:00 Dustin De Felice, Northeastern Illinois University: "Living an endangered language: Learning Nahuatl and its vocabulary in modern-day Mexico"

7b Using Linguistic Tools for Literature and Culture, La Palma

Session Chair:

- 9:00 Conchita Hickey, Texas A&M International University: "Chicano literature: Transcending Academic Borders"
- 9:30 Joke Mondada, University of New Orleans: "Rosario Ramos Salas' story 'Te perdiste': A discourse analysis"
- 10:00 Debbie S. Cunningham, Texas A&M University "El establecimiento de las relaciones de poder en Nueva España: Un análisis crítico de diarios coloniales"

10:30-10:45 MORNING BREAK, The Rose Room**8.0 Sunday Parallel Sessions: 10:45 -11:45****8a Spanish Lexical Adaptations, Bluebonnet Room**

Session Chair:

- 10:45 Ana Ortigosa Pastor, CUNY: "Colocaciones en el español de Nueva York: Convergencia comunicativa y lingüística"
- 11:15 Lisa Gardner Flores and Patricia González, Texas A&M International University: "Lexical adaptations in a Southwest dialect: Creating meaning within a bicultural context"

8b The Consequences of Bilingualism in the Classroom, La Palma, Room

Session Chair:

- 10:45 Diana Linn, Texas A&M International University: "Representational patterns of English Language Learners receiving special education services in South Texas"
- 11:15 Laura Dubcovsky, University of California, Davis: "La preparación de maestros más allá de las fronteras"

11:45 - 12:45 **LASSO Business Meeting and Brunch, El Tesoro Club**
All members invited to attend! Please join us!

**The hotel courtesy van shuttle
will make trips to the Laredo International airport.
Please arrange your pick-up at the reception desk.**

FUTURE CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

Proposals to host future LASSO conferences are always welcome. Hosting a LASSO meeting brings professional recognition to you and to your institution and provides an opportunity for a university to highlight and showcase its resources.

Individuals who think they might like to host a meeting should consider attending the Executive Meeting on Friday, September 29, 2006. As a minimum, your proposal should include tentative meeting dates, (be sure the dates don't conflict with similar conferences or with major local events that would restrict the availability of hotel rooms), a potential theme for the conference, candidates for the plenary speakers, meeting site (hotel and/or campus) with space available for at least 3 parallel sessions, potential lodging sites. If known, you may also wish to include any potential commitments from your institution and/or other organizations in support of hosting the conference, and any other selling points for your location. An excellent set of detailed guidelines regarding the responsibilities of local arrangement committees is found on Mary Jane Hurst's website (<http://www.faculty.english.ttu.edu/hurst/lassolocal.html>). For further information, contact the Executive Director pmacgreg@nmsu.edu.

2005 ESAU AWARD WINNER

The Linguistic Association of the Southwest is proud to announce the winner of the 2005 Helmut Esau Award: **Naomi Fox**, of the University of Utah, for "Documenting Variation: Change in the person reference system on Walpole Island".

Ms. Fox presented data from fieldwork on Ottawa, a dialect of Ojibwa, which is an Algonquian language spoken in the northern U.S. and in Canada. Ottawa is an endangered language of the Americas, with this fieldwork focused on Walpole Island, Ontario. Fox's paper describes some grammatical implications of language death in this dialect, namely the restructuring of the person prefix system due to a phonological innovation. Three types of variation occur as a result of these interactions: retention, restructuring, and reduction. Congratulations Naomi Fox!

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Sociological Initiatives Foundation provides grants of \$5,000 to \$15,000 to support community-based research projects. Areas of interest include but are not limited to social justice, social welfare, human rights, literacy, language learning and use, dialect use and curricular issues in teaching second languages and non-native languages.

The Foundation is also interested in supporting research by sociologists and linguists that provide a direct benefit to communities.

Complete guidelines and on-line concept application are available at <http://comm-org.wisc.edu/sif>. Contact Prentice Zinn at pzinn@grantsmanagement.com or 617-426-7080x307.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT *New Mexico Heritage Language Conference Albuquerque, NM, October 19-21, 2006*

Conference Theme: The Invisible Majority of the Southwest: Learners of Spanish as a Heritage Language

October 19, 2006

Politics of Language—Cross Disciplinary Symposium and Workshops; Keynote Speaker: Otto Santa Ana – UCLA, Associate Professor - Chicano/a Studies, Linguistics

October 20 - 21, 2006

Workshops For Instructors, Practitioners and Teachers
Keynote Speaker: Erlinda Gonzales-Berry - Oregon State University, Chair, Ethnic Studies Department

For more information on this conference, visit:

<http://www.nm-hlc.com/index.htm>

CALL FOR PAPERS

The jointly held Spanish in the US & Spanish in Contact with other Languages Conference will be held March 16-18, 2007 in Arlington, VA. The deadline for submitting abstracts for presentation at the conference is **September 15, 2006**. A publication of works presented at the conference is planned.

Details on the scope of the conference, guidelines for the submission of abstracts, and information on registration and lodging can be found at:

<http://spanishintheus.org>.

CREDIT DUE

Our February Newsletter did not correctly identify our current list of the Editorial Board members. Our Editorial Board members are: Tim Face, George Ann Gregory, and Elly Van Gelderen. These members have contributed outstandingly to our organization and our journal and we regret any inconvenience caused by their omission.

THANK YOU, LASSO VOLUNTEERS

Sincere thanks are extended to those named below who contribute their time and talents as officers and volunteers for the Linguistic Association of the Southwest:

President

Colleen Fitzgerald, Texas Tech U (2006)

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Domnita Dumitrescu, California State U-Los Angeles (2005)

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THANK YOU, SWJL VOLUNTEERS

Sincere thanks are also extended to those named below who contribute their time and talents to the Southwest Journal of Linguistics:

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Timothy Face, University of Minnesota (2006)
George Ann Gregory, Ho Anumpoli! (2006)
Elly Van Gelderen, Arizona State University (2006)

YOUR NAME HERE

LASSO and SWJL owe much of their success to the generosity of time, effort and talents of its members serving as volunteers in various capacities. If you are interested in assisting with the operations of LASSO or SWJL or would like to nominate someone else for a position, please contact Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza or any member of the Nominating Committee. Slates of nominees are presented and voted on at the Executive Meeting and confirmed at the Business Meeting. Both Meetings are held in conjunction with our Annual Meeting and are open to anyone who would like to attend. We encourage you to lend your talents to our organization!





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The Linguistic Association of the Southwest

2006 Membership Application or Membership Renewal

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