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The 2020 NAAHoLS meeting will again be held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America, the American Dialect Society, the American Name Society, the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, the Society for Computation in Linguistics, and the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics.

The annual meeting will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana (Hilton Riverside), from 2-5 January 2020. Further details about the meeting will be provided in a forthcoming NAAHoLS newsletter (Summer 2019), and information is also available on-line at naahols.org.

As in the past, we invite papers relating to any aspect of the history of the language sciences. All presenters must be members of the association (contact the NAAHoLS Secretary for details). Papers will be 20 minutes, with 10 minutes for discussion. Abstracts should be submitted as file attachments (MS Word). The length of the abstract should not exceed 500 words – upon acceptance, a shorter (100 word) abstract will also be requested for the LSA meeting handbook. **The deadline for abstracts is 1 September 2019.**

Abstracts should be sent to: David Boe, Department of English, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI 49855; (906) 227-2677; dboe@nmu.edu

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Linguistic Society of America
94th Annual Meeting
2-5 January 2020, New Orleans, Louisiana

Message from the Director of the LSA Annual Meeting:

April 2019

Dear Colleagues,

Please see below for more information about submitting an abstract for the LSA's 94th Annual Meeting, which will be held from January 2-5, 2020 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in New Orleans, Louisiana.

You can view the Call for Abstracts here (see link below). Abstracts will be accepted online, via the 2020 Annual Meeting Page (<https://www.linguisticsociety.org/event/lisa-2020-annual-meeting>), between May 1 and June 24. [**Note that NAAHoLS abstracts are due, as usual, on September 1st.**] Submitting authors must be LSA [or NAAHoLS] members; nonmembers may join here (<https://www.linguisticsociety.org/join>).

We're excited to be back in New Orleans after a quarter-century absence (our last Annual Meeting in the Big Easy was in 1995). We look forward to a packed program of plenary talks, organized sessions, papers and posters as well as professional development and student-centered activities. Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect in person with over a thousand students and professionals from around the world and throughout the subfields of linguistics!

We'll provide more information about the meeting as it gets closer, including many opportunities for student members of the LSA to volunteer in exchange for complimentary registration.

Sincerely,

David Robinson
Director of Membership and Meetings
Linguistic Society of America

Upcoming Conferences

Henry Sweet Society Annual Colloquium Edinburgh, Scotland (5-8 September 2019)

The 2019 Annual Colloquium of the Henry Sweet Society for the History of Linguistic Ideas will be held at the University of Edinburgh. Presentations on numerous aspects of the history of linguistics and linguistic ideas are anticipated. Confirmed plenary speakers include Gerda Haßler (*Universität Potsdam*), Jacqueline Léon (*Laboratoire d'histoire des théories linguistiques, CNRS*), Geoffrey Pullum (*University of Edinburgh*), and Pierre Swiggers (*KU Leuven*). For further information about the society, and updates on the colloquium, refer to the Henry Sweet Society website: <http://www.henrysweet.org>. Conference registration will open in Spring 2019. Contact: james.mcelvenny@mailbox.org

SHESL-HTL Conference: Simplicity and Complexity of Languages in the History of Linguistic Theories Paris, France (23-25 January 2020)

Call for Papers

The goal of this conference is to explore the ways in which, through the history of linguistic theories, languages have been evaluated in terms of their complexity. The conference is organized by the learned society SHESL (Société d'Histoire et d'Epistémologie des Sciences du Langage) and the research unit HTL (Histoire des Théories Linguistiques), Paris Diderot University, France. **The deadline for submission is July 1st, 2019** (abstract: 1 page max.). Contact: shesl-htl2020@scienceconf.org; Website: <https://shesl-htl2020.scienceconf.org>

Proposals may deal with the following topics and concern any period or cultural area (the list is not intended to be exhaustive): The complexity scale and the various notions of complexity that have been adduced so far (e.g., “absolute”, i.e. in terms of grammatical description, or user relative, in terms of processing costs), and the various trade-offs involved in defining complexity; Hierarchical typologies, i.e. rankings of languages according to some criterial feature(s), such as the degree to which they have grammatical “form”, or approach “natural order”, the relation of such features to cognitive universals, i.e. the idea that languages which are cognitively “natural” should be simpler for speakers to learn and to use; The history of conceptions bearing on the complexification (or simplification) of languages, whether in phylogeny or in ontogeny; The various attempts made at “simplifying” languages; The cultural and social environments and the scientific arguments which have been conducive to a rejection of forms of linguistic hierarchization in terms of complexity (i.e. arguments in favor of the idea that all languages are equally complex); The analytic / synthetic scale, and the axiological import of this scale and its consequences for the conception of universal languages; The aesthetic evaluation of languages, among other aspects, the rhetorical potential afforded by their structure and their complexity, the literary benefits of complexity, etc.

Recent Publications

HISTORIOGRAPHIA LINGUISTICA 45:3 (2018)

ARTICLES

- Rui Li & Annette Skovsted Hansen: A remarkable compilation shift: A genealogical study of Medhurst's *Chinese and English Dictionary* (1842-1843) 263
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- Michael C. Carter, *Sibawayhi's Principles. Arabic Grammar and Law in Early Islamic Thought* (London, 2017), reviewed by Amal E. Marogy (Cambridge) . . 391
- Thomas Lindner, *200 Jahre Indogermanistik. Monographischer-historiographischer Teil* (Salzburg & Wien, 2016), reviewed by Leonid Kulikov (Gent) 397
- Anne Aarssen et al. (eds.), *Linguistic Bibliography for the Year 2015 and supplement for previous years / Bibliographie Linguistique de l'année 2015 et complément des années précédentes* (Leiden & Boston, 2016), reviewed by Pierre Swiggers (Leuven) 403
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