Language and Social Interaction Division
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The Language and Social Interaction (LSI) Division of the Southern States Communication Association invites submissions of competitive papers, panel proposals, and roundtable proposals for the SSCA 91st Annual Convention to be held April 6-April 12, 2021 in Greenville, South Carolina.

The deadline to receive papers and proposals is midnight **October 1, 202**1. All submissions must be made via the **SSCA online submission form** at:
https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/abstract/index.cfm?ID=7Zb2tA0

The LSI Division is interested in submissions that examine language use or gesture in discourse and in a range of social contexts. LSI methodological approaches include conversation analysis, discourse analysis (including critical and rhetorical discourse analysis), ethnography of communication, ethnomethodology, socio-rhetorical analysis of language, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, or quantitative studies of language variables.

We welcome papers and proposals that examine language-in-use, discourse, conversation, and narrative across all communication contexts including interpersonal, group, organizational, public, mass-mediated, and intercultural, as well as specific contexts such as social media, instructional, health, political, sports, and humor. Papers and proposals related to construction of identity—including race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and religion—through language and social interaction are especially welcome, as are those that address the convention theme, "Resilience through Resistance." Panel and roundtable proposals for teaching Language and Social Interaction, as well as proposals that could be jointly sponsored by LSI and another division(s) or interest group(s), are also encouraged.

The LSI Division accepts submissions in three formats: competitive papers, panels, and roundtables

Competitive papers are completed research projects dealing with a substantive, methodological, or theoretical contribution, and are limited to 25 double-spaced pages, excluding references, tables, and figures. Paper uploads must not contain any identifying information (author name, university affiliation, email, etc.) in either the text or embedded document properties. The same paper may not be submitted to more than one division, but there are no limits on the number of unique papers one individual may submit to SSCA. We are also accepted lengthy abstracts or work that is not quite finished at the time of submitting but will be finished when presenting at the conference.

Student papers should be identified by checking the appropriate box on the SSCA online submission form to be eligible for the LSI Top Student Paper Award and SSCA's Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award for the outstanding paper authored by a graduate student(s). For multi-authored works to be eligible for these awards, all authors must be listed on the title page. If a paper has been accepted

or presented at any other previous conference, should be identified by checking the appropriate box on the SSCA online submission form.

Panel proposals are suggestions for topic areas that will be discussed among a selected group of panelists. In addition to completing the required fields on the SSCA online submission form, the submitter must upload a proposal document that includes an overall panel title, list of panel chair and presenters with their institutional affiliations, detailed panel description for the convention program, thoroughly developed rationale arguing for the significance and relevance of the panel, and suggestions (if any) for joint sponsorship by the LSI Division and another division(s) or interest group(s). Panels in which multiple institutions are represented will be favored. Proposals must allow time for audience

participation and are encouraged to creatively adapt the panel format. If appropriate, the proposal document should include titles and abstracts for individual presentations.

Roundtable proposals allow for extended academic discussion on a particular topic area. In addition to completing the required fields on the SSCA online submission form, the submitter must upload a proposal document that includes an overall roundtable title, list of roundtable chair and presenters with their institutional affiliations, detailed roundtable description for the convention program, thoroughly developed rationale arguing for the significance and relevance of the roundtable, and suggestions (if any) for joint sponsorship by the LSI Division and another division(s) or interest group(s). Roundtables in which multiple institutions are represented will be favored. Proposals must allow time for audience participation and are encouraged to creatively adapt the roundtable format. If appropriate, the proposal document should include titles and abstracts for individual presentations.

Audiovisual equipment should only be requested if essential to the paper or panel being presented. Most submissions to SSCA do not require A/V equipment and there will be limited availability during the conference. Any A/V requests must be made at the time of submission; however, your judiciousness is appreciated. Due to costs, A/V requests are considered but may not be met as programs are paneled.

All submitters must consent to the SSCA Ethics Statement as found on the online submission form.

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