

Template for Division and Interest Group Calls

Language and Social Interaction Interest Group

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The Language and Social Interaction **Interest Group** (LSI) invites submissions for competitive selection for the SSCA 2027 Conference to be held in Mobile, Alabama. We especially welcome submissions that address the convention theme, “Curiosity.” Submissions relating to curiosity or concepts that tap into it, such as wonder, imagination; How curiosity, wonder or imagination can be animated in academia, teaching, relationships, religion etc, are encouraged.

The LSI Interest Group is an attractive group for methodological curiosity as it has always welcomed multiple different approaches to studying language and social interaction (such as ethnography of communication, conversation analysis, critical discourse analysis, action-implicative discourse analysis, discursive psychology, interactional sociolinguistics).

We encourage papers and panels that focus on the language of wonder, imagination, and play.

- How is curiosity animated in interaction? How is it animated in strange and unique places and situations?
- How does language use and social interaction create and shape situations to make them unique and curious?
- What interactional challenges do places and situations of wonder, imagination, and play present to participants?
- How do we satisfy our curiosity about communication using LSI methods?

The division recognizes excellent scholarship with two awards: Top Student Paper and Top Faculty Paper. The top student paper will also be entered into the SSCA Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award competition.

The division welcomes four types of submissions: (1) Completed competitive papers, (2) Extended abstracts, (3) Posters, and (4) Discussion Panel/Roundtable Submissions.

All submissions must be electronically submitted to the SSCA convention site at <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>. For submissions to be assigned for review, please follow all of the instructions on the convention site.

1.Competitive Paper Submissions: For the purpose of anonymous review, please omit all author-identifying information from the manuscript. All papers submitted will be considered for the Division’s Top Paper Award. For student papers, indicate “STUDENT” on the first page of the manuscript, and indicate “Student Paper” during the submission process. The Division’s Top Student Paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

2.Extended Abstract Submissions: Extended abstracts are “works in progress.” These should include a title for the paper (without author(s) information for blind review) and be 1,500-3,000 words in length (including notes and references). Within the body of the extended abstract, you must explain what materials you aim to add by the conference. The abstract should contain all the relevant parts of the full paper like background/context, literature review, methods, and expected findings. We should be able to get a sense of the theoretical framework as well as the trajectory of your argument. Although you will not need to submit a completed paper for the conference, you will need to be far enough along with the project to present at SCCA.

3.Poster Session Submission: Posters that address the convention theme are especially welcome. For presentation at the conference, the accepted posters need to be 24x36 foam core board. SCCA will provide the easels for the presentation of the posters.

4.Discussion Panel/Roundtable Submissions: Discussion panel/round table proposals bring together a group of scholars and/or practitioners to discuss a topic or theme related to language and social interaction. This type of session typically has between 4-7 experts who engage in dialogue about an engaging and emergent issue.

Submissions must include:

- 1)A session title,
- 2)An overall session rationale (no more than 200 words),
- 3)A list of participants’ names with their institutional affiliations and contact information. A best practice for all divisions is to submit discussion panel/roundtable proposals with diverse participants comprised of individuals representing different institutions, and where possible and relevant, potential new members of the division.

Discussion Panel or Roundtable Submissions Process: All submissions must be electronically submitted to the SSCA convention site at <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>. Please select the “Panel” option when submitting discussion panel/roundtable proposals.

Panels and roundtables are submitted through the same process as competitive papers; just be sure to select the appropriate submission type when prompted. The submitter will be able to add other panelists as “authors” after the initial submission. Upload a copy of the panel, listing the description/rationale, panelists, and, if appropriate, panelists’ individual topics; upload this at the “Upload Paper” prompt.

Submissions must be submitted online no later than 11:59 p.m. PST on **Tuesday, September 15, 2026**. Go to the submission site by going to the conference website (<https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>) and clicking the submission link. First-time visitors to the site will need to create an account.

Return visitors will need to make sure to use the same email address that they used to establish the account. To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly advised. Any submission not meeting the above requirements will not be accepted for review. If you have additional questions, please contact the Division Vice-Chair and Planner Dr. Varaidzo Nyamandi, varaidzo.nyamandi@uta.edu