

NCA 2023, National Harbor, MD
Language and Social Interaction Division Business Meeting

Friday November 10, 4:00 - 5:15 Eastern US time - virtual business meeting

- Formal presentation of awards, discussion of budget, details on convention scheduling
- Zoom link:
<https://memphis.zoom.us/j/87457188577?pwd=SG53d2JsT3FFSjYvQ2tzZjllZemxrQT09>
- Meeting ID: 874 5718 8577
- Passcode: ncalsi

Friday November 17, 7:00 - 8:00 AM Eastern US time - in-person meeting during NCA conference

- Gaylord National Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland
- More details on this event will be sent out in advance

MINUTES (for Friday, Nov. 10 Zoom meeting)

Attendees: 32

- Kellie Carstensen
- Brion Van Over
- Cynthia Gordon
- Alena Vasilyeva
- Blessed E Ngoe
- Corey Reutlinger
- David Boromisza Habashi
- Stephen DiDomenico
- Donal Carbaugh
- Dorothy Alston Cailey
- Elisa Varela
- Nadezhda M Sotirova
- Galina Bolden
- Hannah Williams
- Nadja Tadic
- Kelly Weikle
- Leah Wingard
- Corey Reutlinger
- Michelle Scollo
- Leah Sprain
- Lisa Mikesell
- Phillip Glenn

- C. Jones
- Jone Brunelle
- Natasha Shrikant
- Jean Goodwin
- Nolan Speicher
- Dorothy Alston Calley
- Donal Carbaugh
- Sunny Lie
- Yitong Ma
- Felicia Roberts

1. Call to order. Approval of agenda.

Motion to approve by Lisa Mikasell
 Seconded by David Boromisza Habashi

2. Approval of minutes for 2022 LSI Business Meeting at NCA, Online (5 minutes)

Motion to approve by Alena Vasilyeva
 Seconded by Jone Brunelle

3. Report from Chair (Cynthia Gordon, 5 minutes)

- a. Budget report:
- \$125 - Annual LSI Website Fees
 - \$165 - Dissertation Award (Plaque or Certificate + Check)
 - (not awarded this year) - Scholarship Award (Plaque(s) or Certificate(s) + Check(s))
 - \$105 - Top Paper Award (Certificate + Check)
 - \$105 - Top Student Paper Award (Certificate + Check)
 - =\$500

4. Report from Co-Vice Chairs (Lisa Mikesell and Natasha Shrikant, 10 minutes)

- a. 2023 Convention Program (note: Preconference)

		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
INDIVIDUAL Papers/ Abstracts	Total Submissions	29	42	42	38	40	29	53
	Accepted	24	24	24	23	31	23	42
	Transferred to Scholar-to- Scholar	0	6	7	4	4	0	6

	Transferred to Other Division	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
	Rejected	5	12	10	15	7	6	5
Panels/ Paper SESSIONS	Total Submissions	2	3	5	3	3	7	4
	Accepted	1	2	2	3	3	6	3
	Rejected	1	1	3	0	0	1	0
# OF LSI SLOTS		7	7 (but we got 8)	8	9	12	13	15

- b. Presentation of Top Paper Award:
 “ ‘That Big Bad Policeman:’ Police and Civilian Identities Constructed in Dialogue and Narrative Types” by Hannah Fedder Williams, Georgetown University

- c. Presentation of Top Student Paper:
 “The Interactional Achievement of Speech Community Among Diaspora Basques in the United States” by Drs. Jone L. Brunelle & David Boromisza-Habashi, University of Colorado, Boulder

5. Report from Vice Co-Chairs Elect (Leah Wingard, 10 minutes)

- b. Presentation of Outstanding Dissertation:
 - “Can Anyone Be Basque? Fluid Constructions of Diaspora Identity and Community” by Dr. Jone L. Brunelle

6. Immediate Past Co-Chairs (Michelle Scollo and Brion van Over, 5 minutes)

- a. Report on Outstanding Scholarship Award (“Old Chestnut”)
 - 3 Nominations Received
 - Committee selected no recipient
 - Potentially differing understandings of the award’s description, purpose, criteria among division
 - To be discussed at 2024 business meeting

7. Report from Information Officers (Kellie Carstensen and Sunny Lie, 5 minutes)

- a. LSI Mentors Program
 - Sunny wasn’t able to do it this year, we hope to resume it next year.
 - Thanks to all previous mentors.

- Suggestion to add a mentoring level for post-tenure or mid-level academics? Last time we just did mentors for grad students and early-career scholars but there are benefits to continuing mentorship even further along the tenure process.
- b. LSI Social this year:
 - HAPPY HOUR at Brass Tap Crafts Beer Bar!
 - <https://www.brasstapbeerbar.com/>
 - 164 Fleet St, National Harbor, MD 20745-1575
 - It's a 2-minute walk from the conference center.
 - WHEN: Friday, Nov 17 at 5PM ET! Don't be late!

8. Elections (Cynthia Gordon)

- a. Information Officer nominations
 - No nominations received, we will solicit them via email.
- b. Vice Chair-Elect nominations
 - No nominations received, we will solicit them via email.

9. Discussion Items from Officers (15 minutes)

- a. LSI website updates - are there things people want to see on the website?
 - Leah Wingard: Updating pedagogical resources
- b. Paper/panel/award review process
 - Dr. C Jones: Concern over whether reviewers are still being selected based on expertise to review papers (having CA people only review CA papers, ethnographers reviewing ethnography, etc.)
 - Cynthia: The composition of the committees in the last few cycles has tried to be a broad representational cross-section of the division by distributing reviewers for each paper (ex: including one CA person, one ethnographer, and one DA person)
 - Brion van Over: We have tried to make sure everybody in the division should be able to review work in this shared area if
 - Leah Wingard: Also a pragmatic consideration for how we go about matching someone with a particular expertise with particular papers. I don't know if the matching up is feasible without the collecting additional information or knowing everyone in the division. Would need to have everyone identify what their expertise is. I have heard some dissatisfaction that CA people are opting out of the division or that there is less representation in that area, so then there is a problem of numbers and having enough reviewers for different areas of expertise.
 - Brion van Over: wants to add on that they looked at the trend of the kind of submissions they got and we got a lot more discourse analytic papers or more mixed-methods papers that don't fit in a single methodological category. But it makes it harder to assign it to specific reviewers.
 - Natasha: (in the chat) said that they have a google form they used for getting reviewer expertise
 - Galina Bolden: more general comment, the trend in lower submissions across the conference and the division is really concerning. Do you have any thoughts on that?

- Cynthia: agree that we are getting less submissions, but it is something we should consider and talk about. They took some slots away not based on numbers but because of new caucuses or divisions
- Leah Wingard: I think a lot of the foundational texts for what LSI is are becoming more outdated—so it may be time for LSI to consider where we are at as a group? How do we define what we are? What are some of the newer areas that we could or should be investigating more? It was last defined awhile back by a different generation of scholars. Leah thinks a roundtable or other discussion at next year’s conference might be helpful.
- Phillip Glenn: I would also be interested in this conversation. Has LSI run its course or are scholars identifying with other divisions more strongly? What unifies us as a group? I would like a chance for us to discuss this more together.
- Natasha Shrikant: Co-sponsoring panels might be a good idea. We can also ask for more slots and leadership is open to it. We need to get submissions up to do that though.
- Corey Reutlinger: (in chat) “I am in org comm, but I primarily do LSI work. Part of what I’m seeing in org comm is openness to change given the time we are in right now.”
- Cynthia: We will find out next week at legislative assembly what the numbers were like across the board for submissions
- Michelle Scollo: part of their formula for assigning slots is higher number of submissions (and less focus on acceptance rates) so we should try to get that up higher. Maybe we can send out a survey to find out why people are submitting or not, what they want to see more of in the division, etc. “I feel like LSI is still really strong.”
- Corey Reutlinger: (in chat) “For example, org comm is undergoing a lot of change right now in terms of DEI and inviting co-sponsorship with other divisions and caucuses to address current communication problems”
 - David Boromisza-Habashi response to Corey: (in chat) “To Corey's point, Org Comm has recently committed to examining the fundamental epistemological and ontological underpinnings of their subfield in the light of calls for equity, inclusion and social justice (I'm not in Org Comm but I'm hearing a lot about recent developments from OC colleagues). There is a lot of new intellectual ferment in that subfield as a result.”
- Leah Wingard: discussion over student papers and review process. Maybe this was unclear for people about what the options are.
 - Cynthia: explained discussion among officers about how we debated whether people are more generous in reviewing student work in an attempt to be supportive, compared to how a non-student paper might be reviewed.
 - Brion: We are also just generally wondering if the Top Paper slot is different from the Top Student Paper slot or should we combine them?
 - Donal Carbaugh: (in chat): Is there a debut category on the form? There used to be...”
 - Response from Brion: (in chat) “There is not a debut category”
 - Donal: (in chat) “That’s not perfect but may address some of the concern here”
 - Brion: Maybe it would be better to simplify the question: “would it be good to have a blind process where reviewers don’t know that they are looking at a student paper?”
 - Jone Brunelle: I think designating a top student paper is still really helpful for CV and job search purposes

- Cynthia: example is that in a previous year that the top student paper also ranked as top paper.
 - Alena Vasileyva: At ICA the leadership committee just makes that decision
 - Galina: Yes we had a committee who determined the top paper between top three scoring people, so not basing it on scores alone makes sense
 - Sunny Lie: (in chat) “I remember, 8-10 years ago or so, that some of us EC scholars felt like the division was too CA-oriented, and was less open to our approach. We had this interaction during a business meeting, with the opposite concern. Those of us using EC and other non-CA approaches presented in other divisions, and that cut down the number of submissions. But of course, the numbers aren’t as low as it is currently.”
 - Cynthia: Maybe we can follow up on this conversation in the survey we send out
- b. Ideas for 7 AM in person business meeting
- Having a conversation about some of these things we just talked about, especially future panels or brainstorming sessions on the future of LSI
 - Jean Goodwin: we should consider having a conversation with people doing rhetorical field methods or rhetorical discourse methods

11. Announcements for Members (5 minutes)

- none

12. Adjournment