**Southern States Communication Association**

**95th Annual Convention | “Anchors and Anchoring Communication”**

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**Language and Social Interaction Interest Group**

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The Language and Social Interaction (LSI) Interest Group invites submissions for competitive selection for the SSCA 2025 Conference to be held in Norfolk, Virginia. We especially welcome submissions that address the convention theme, “Anchors and Anchoring Communication.”

The LSI Interest Group welcomes papers and panel proposals that approach the study of language and social interaction from any of a wide array of approaches, including, but not limited to discourse analysis, conversation analysis, ethnomethodology, ethnography of communication, narrative analysis, sociolinguistic analysis, critical discourse analysis, and quantitative analyses of language. Submissions relating to the conference theme – “Anchors and Anchoring Communication” – or the conference site – Norfolk, VA – are especially encouraged. Topics for papers may focus on a broad range of topics, including but not limited to identities, current events, key social and interactional practices and situations, and communication involving diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice.

The LSI interest group welcomes three types of submissions: (1) Competitive Papers, (2) Extended Abstracts, and (3) Panel or 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 the instructions on the convention site. For the purposes of anonymous review of papers, please omit all author-identifying information from the manuscript. For student papers, indicate “STUDENT” on the first page of the manuscript, and indicate “Student Paper” during the submission process.

**Competitive Paper Submissions**: All completed competitive papers submitted will be considered for the Interest Group’s Top Student and Top Faculty Award. The Interest Group’s Top Student Paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

**Extended Abstract Submissions**: Extended abstracts are works in progress. These should include a title for the paper (without author information) and be 1,500-3,000 words in length (including notes and references). Indicate “EXTENDED ABSTRACT” on the first page of the manuscript. The abstract should contain all the relevant parts of a full paper such as background/context, literature review, methods (including an explanation of the material you aim to analyze by the time of the conference), and expected findings. We should be able to get a sense of the theoretical framework as well as the trajectory of your argument. Although submissions are completed papers, you will need to progress far enough along in the project to present at SCCA. Extended Abstracts will not be considered for top paper awards.

**Panel or Roundtable Submissions**: 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** **Sunday, September 15, 2024**. 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 the LSI Interest Group’s Vice-Chair and Planner, Rob Agne (agnerob@auburn.edu).

***Anonymous Review***: All papers submitted should follow standard procedures for removing any information that identifies the author and/or the institution within the paper and within any document metadata. Divisions reserve the right to reject any papers not following these standards.

***Audio-Visual Support***: To maintain affordable conference rates, audio-visual support is extremely limited. It must be requested only if needed with supporting rationale and should be part of the submission to the division planner. Requests will be considered and are not guaranteed. An alternative may be a shareable QR code that audience members can access from their own personal devices.

***Submission Protocol***: Submissions to SSCA must be original research that has not been published or presented at another regional, national, or international conference. Also, the same paper or panel should not be submitted to more than one division. Divisions reserve the right to reject any submissions not following these standards.

***Student Papers***: For a submission to be considered a student paper and to be eligible for student awards or recognition, the author or authors of the paper must all be students at the time the paper is submitted. A paper co-authored by a student and a faculty member, for instance, will not be classified as a student paper.