

USC @ LSA 2010

Report by Rachel Walker from the LSA annual meeting, Baltimore, January 2010

The USC linguistics was well represented at the LSA this year! The following students, faculty, and post-docs gave talks or posters spanning a broad range of topics: Janet Anderson, Mary Byram, Ed Holsinger, Elsi Kaiser, Dongsik Lim, Katy McKinney-Bock, Sarah Ouwayda, Sam Tilsen, Rachel Walker, and Maria Luisa Zubizarreta. Also spotted at the LSA meeting were USC professor Mario Saltarelli, USC Professor Emeritus Bill Rutherford, and a recent alumna from our Ph.D. program: Michal Temkin Martinez.

At the LSA executive committee meeting I learned the following information that will be of interest to people in the department:

1. Starting in 2010, the LSA will be offering one year of free regular membership to new recipients of a Ph.D. degree. The student membership remains at \$40/year, something that the executive committee has worked to keep low. Information on the specifics of how to take advantage of the free year's membership will be coming soon on the LSA website (lsadc.org).
2. Starting in 2010, the LSA will be piloting electronic publication of expanded four-page abstracts corresponding to the papers and posters presented at the annual meeting. An invitation for submission of expanded abstracts should be going out soon to people who presented at the meeting. An anticipated advantage of making expanded abstracts electronically available to a global audience is that it would enhance the visibility of the work presented at LSA meetings. It will also allow presenters at the meeting to have a more substantial piece of written work come from their participation at the meeting, as previously only extra-short abstracts were published in the handbook. This should be especially relevant for students who are working to build their CVs.