

# The 38th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society

February 11-12, 2012

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 38th annual meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society will be held at the University of California, Berkeley on FEBRUARY 11-12, 2012. The meeting will comprise a Thematic Session and a General Session. Invited speakers are listed below, and more will be added soon. Please check the BLS website for the most up-to-date information regarding the conference:

<http://linguistics.berkeley.edu/bls/index.html>

### THEMATIC SESSION: LANGUAGE CONTACT

The BLS 38 thematic session invites papers pertaining to all aspects of language contact, a major phenomenon that concerns all areas of linguistics and many linguistics-related fields. We are looking for submissions from all linguistic subfields and all theoretical frameworks: phonetics, phonology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, and others. We also strongly encourage interdisciplinary work spanning two or more disciplines, such as anthropology, history, archaeology, geography, molecular anthropology and genetics. Computational approaches to language contact are also welcome. A driving question is: how can the inter-disciplinary study of language contact phenomena contribute to uncovering key aspects of the history and culture of entire regions and populations?

Invited thematic session speakers:

Mark Donohue, *Australian National University*  
<https://researchers.anu.edu.au/researchers/donohue-mh>

Sarah Thomason, *University of Michigan*  
<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~thomason/>

Victor A. Friedman, *University of Chicago*  
<http://home.uchicago.edu/~vfriedm/bio.html>

Pattie Epps, *University of Texas at Austin*  
<http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/linguistics/faculty/ple92>

### GENERAL SESSION

The General Session will cover all areas of linguistic research. We welcome proposals from diverse theoretical frameworks as well as papers on language-related topics from other disciplines (e.g., cognitive science, psychology, neuroscience, computer science, anthropology, literature, areal studies).

Invited general session speaker:

Dominique Sportiche, *UCLA & Department of Cognitive Studies (ENS – Paris)*  
<http://www.linguistics.ucla.edu/people/sportich/sportich.htm>

John Esling, University of Victoria (British Columbia)  
<http://web.uvic.ca/ling/faculty/esling.htm>

#### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts must be received via e-mail at [bls\\_submissions@berkeley.edu](mailto:bls_submissions@berkeley.edu) by **Monday, November 14, 2011 at midnight (PST)**.

No late submissions can be accepted. Authors will be notified of decisions concerning abstracts by mid-December.

#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

An author may submit at most one single and one joint abstract. In the case of joint authorship, one email address should be designated for official communication with BLS.

Abstracts must clearly present a specific thesis statement and include a description of topic, approach, and conclusions.

Abstracts must fit on one page with margins no smaller than .5 inch in font no smaller than 10-pt (1 inch margins with 12-pt font is preferred).

Data and examples must be given within the body of the text.

Please include references ***on a separate page***.

To preserve anonymity during the review process, ***authors should not include their names or otherwise reveal their identity anywhere in the abstract.***

Abstracts must be ***500 words*** or less, not including references but including examples.

Abstracts that do not fit these specifications will not be considered.

#### ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS

All abstracts must be submitted electronically as an email attachment to [bls\\_submissions@berkeley.edu](mailto:bls_submissions@berkeley.edu).

Abstracts should be formatted as Adobe Acrobat PDF files using the following file naming convention:

***Last name of primary author.General or thematic session.BLS38 abstract.pdf***

The body of the e-mail message must contain the following information:

- Paper title
- Session (Thematic Session, General Session) \*
- Name(s) of author(s)
- Affiliation(s) of author(s)
- E-mail address for each author
- Designation of email address for official communication in the case of joint authorship
- Phone number for each author
- Please list up to three subfields (in decreasing order of relevance) from among the following as possible categories for your submission:
  - o Phonetics
  - o Phonology
  - o Morphology
  - o Syntax
  - o Semantics
  - o Pragmatics
  - o Historical linguistics
  - o Sociolinguistics
  - o Cognitive linguistics
  - o Psycholinguistics
  - o Other: \_\_\_\_\_

List of subfields: \_\_\_\_\_

Send electronic submissions to [bls\\_submissions@berkeley.edu](mailto:bls_submissions@berkeley.edu), with the subject line "BLS 38 Abstract".

*\* Please note that papers submitted to the Thematic Session may be considered for the General Session as well.*

#### PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATION

Presentations are allotted 20 minutes, as well as 10 minutes for questions. Presented papers are published in the BLS Proceedings. Authors agree to provide camera-ready copy (up to 12 pages) by May 15, 2012. In order to expedite publication of papers, BLS will digitally publish the proceedings from the 38th Annual Meeting.

Please send any inquiries to: [bls@berkeley.edu](mailto:bls@berkeley.edu)