

## Call For Papers

# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Symposium of the Purdue Linguistics Association

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
March 28-29, 2014

Submission deadline: Saturday, February 8, 2014

Acceptance notification: Saturday, February 15, 2014

The 2014 PLA Student Symposium endeavors to provide undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctorate researchers from various linguistic fields an opportunity to interact with those both inside and outside their respective disciplines. The Symposium General Session, which will be held on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, spotlights original research by students in various fields informed by linguistic theory. In addition to the General Session, on Saturday we will also host a Special Session, the theme of which will be Experimental Methods in Linguistics. The Special Session will begin with an Address by our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Gregory Ward of Northwestern University.

### **Special Session (Saturday afternoon)**

We invite submissions for abstracts for 20-minute presentations that contribute to theoretical discussions using experimental approaches. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Use of statistical tools and its benefits and challenges
- Perception and production
- Processing and grammar
- Ethical considerations in experimental design
- Transcription, coding, and/or annotation methods
- Experimental methods as applied to field research and/or less-studied languages
- Acceptability judgements in relation to competence and performance
- Online versus laboratory-based data collection methods

### **General Session (Friday afternoon and Saturday morning)**

We invite submissions for abstracts for 20-minute presentations in any area related to linguistics, including, but not limited to:

- Phonetics
- Phonology
- Morphology
- Syntax
- Semantics
- Sociolinguistics
- Pragmatics
- Psycholinguistics
- Historical Linguistics
- Anthropological Linguistics
- Computational Linguistics
- Educational Linguistics
- Language Acquisition
- Speech and Hearing Sciences

## **Formatting Guidelines**

- 500 word maximum
- 2 page maximum (second page may be used for tables, figures, and references)
- PDF format
- Use your last name and abstract title as the name of your PDF
- Place the title of your paper at the top of the document
- Do NOT include your name, institution, or any identifying info in the body of the abstract.

## **Submission Guidelines**

All undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students are welcome to submit an abstract. Please submit your anonymous abstract electronically at <http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/pla2014> by 11:59pm EST on Saturday, February 8, 2014.

Questions can be sent to [plasymposium@gmail.com](mailto:plasymposium@gmail.com).

## **Special Note**

After the Symposium, presenters will be invited to submit a manuscript version of their talk for inclusion in a digital proceedings volume. The proceedings will be made available open access through Purdue e-Pubs.

## **Qualities of a Good Abstract**

Overall, an abstract should:

- Condense and extract the essential qualities of your research
- Summarize the content of the presentation, not the intent of the writer(s)
- Contain only that which you are specifically reporting in the study
- Include the (i) principal objectives/purpose and scope of the work, (ii) methodology, (iii) results, (iv) conclusions

Specifically, an abstract should:

- Assume the reviewers will be knowledgeable in linguistics, but not necessarily the specific area of study addressed (e.g., experiencer predicates)
- Clearly identify the phenomenon under investigation
- Provide logical connections between elements of the argument
- Use examples to illustrate the point
- Show originality and/or distinctive treatment of the topic
- Offer impact to the field and further our understanding of the topic