

Lavender Languages & Linguistics Conference - 27th Annual
California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, California USA
27-29 March 2020
Call for proposals

We are pleased to announce that the 27th annual [Lavender Languages and Linguistics Conference](#) will take place at the [California Institute of Integral Studies](#) in San Francisco, CA on 27-29 March 2020. The Conference has a rich history of examining language use and representation in relation to LGBTQ+ life, including linguistics, sociolinguistics, (critical) discourse analysis, and the analysis of communication in various text genres, modes and media, as well as research into historical, literary, or performance questions. While the language of presentation is English, research concerning languages other than English is welcomed and encouraged.

We invite abstract submissions from scholars of all backgrounds, including faculty, graduate and advanced undergraduate students, and community activists for regular (20 minute) presentations, poster presentations, and topical panel sessions. Regular paper and poster submissions should be no longer than 350 words and should be anonymized. Abstracts should describe the paper's/poster's focus, research method, findings and ties to language and sexuality interests. Topical panel session proposals are also welcome. Individuals proposing panel sessions are responsible for soliciting and selecting abstracts (4-8 papers), and then submitting a completed proposal (500 word max for entire panel).

As in past years, there will be a student "works-in-progress" session. **Please note that graduate student works-in-progress submissions should NOT be submitted through the EasyChair link below.** See below for further information on the student session and email Lucy Jones for more information at lucy.jones@nottingham.ac.uk. Deadline for student session is September 15, 2019.

General submission must be made through EasyChair – [click here to submit a proposal](#). **The deadline for general submissions is 1 October 2019.** Questions and requests for more information should be directed to Eric Louis Russell (erussell@ucdavis.edu).

The conference proudly maintains a "no attitudes" atmosphere to ensure that all attendees will benefit from a welcoming, supportive and collaborative conference space. The conference aims at being a safe space following the anti-harassment policy of the [Association of Computational Linguistics](#). For any complaints please contact Eric Louis Russell (erussell@ucdavis.edu) or Michelle Marzullo (mmarzullo@ciis.edu). Rest assured any such contact will be in strict confidence and will be dealt with appropriately.

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Student work-in-progress session call

Session organizer: Lucy Jones (University of Nottingham, UK)

Session summary

This session allows Masters and Doctoral students/candidates as well as advanced undergraduate students to discuss their research and academic plans with colleagues in a supportive forum. It is intended as an opportunity for students to receive constructive feedback, which might inform their future research.

Who is this aimed at?

Presenters must currently be, or be planning to become, a graduate student working on a topic relevant to the Lavender Languages and Linguistics conference. This session is not intended for those ready to discuss projects that are near completion; those with data and some initial analysis should propose via the main conference stream (i.e. as a regular paper or poster).

Presenters in this session may have recently determined their research questions and objectives but not yet decided on their methodology. Others may not yet have established their research questions or approach but know broadly what they want to do and how it will fill a gap in the field. Some may have begun to collect their data but will not have not yet explored it systematically.

Students in these situations will benefit from sharing their ideas with others, hearing about different approaches, and offering feedback to others. Though slots are limited to graduate students only, established scholars in language and sexuality/queer linguistics will also be present in the audience to share their thoughts and advice.

Please note that due to high demand for this session, abstracts cannot be accepted from speakers who are also intending to submit a regular paper to the conference. Abstracts can also not be accepted from students who have presented in previous years.

How will it work?

Presenters will have **5 minutes** to share their work-in-progress: there will not be time to lay out the theoretical background in detail or go into any specifics. Instead, the aim is to offer brief highlights of a project's aims, the approach that might be/is being taken, and any very preliminary findings or observations. Presenters are welcome to use slides/visual aids, but this is not a pre-requisite of participation in the session. Each presentation will be followed by a 5-minute informal discussion session with the audience.

If you would like to present your research ideas, please email Lucy Jones at lucy.jones@nottingham.ac.uk by **15 September 2019** with a Word document containing the following:

- Your project's working title
- Your name, email address, the university where you are a graduate student, name of degree and program as well as your current year of study (1st year, 3rd year, etc.)
- A 150-word (max.) abstract detailing:
 - The intended aims and objectives of your project
 - Your likely/actual methodological approach
 - The likely stage of your research by the time of the conference (e.g. if you will be establishing your methodology, applying for ethical approval, beginning data collection, starting your analysis, etc.)

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT PROJECTS VIA EASYCHAIR

Participation will be confirmed by email in 15 October 2019.