

CALL FOR PAPERS

51st Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society
APRIL 23–25, 2015, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The Chicago Linguistic Society invites abstracts for talks in any area of current research in phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, historical linguistics, and sociolinguistics, as well as in related cross-disciplinary areas. We particularly encourage submissions that involve experimental and/or computational methodologies, as well as submissions that relate to the special topics listed below.

Presenters will be given 20 minutes for presentation followed by a 10-minute question period. Submissions are limited to one individual and one joint abstract per author, or two joint abstracts per author. Presented papers will be published in the CLS proceedings.

INVITED SPEAKERS

Diane Brentari	University of Chicago
Michael Franke	University of Tübingen
Heidi Harley	University of Arizona
Lori Holt	Carnegie Mellon University
Bill Idsardi	University of Maryland
Bernard Perley	UW-Milwaukee
Anna Szabolcsi	NYU

SPECIAL TOPICS

On Hierarchies: Much of mainstream linguistic research explores language as a hierarchical system, oftentimes relying strongly on binarity and structural superiority. This is a conception that arises in all subfields of linguistics. With this special topic we hope to bring together papers which address issues related to hierarchies, including but not limited to: “subjecthood” and relations between verbal arguments, quantifier scope, phonological or morphological recursion, and empirical evidence for flat or non-binary-branching structure in syntax, morphology, and phonology.

Not-Strictly-Linguistic Interfaces: Language is not an isolated system. We invite papers that explore how language is shaped by non-linguistic factors—for example, the psychophysics of audition and vision, the motor system, culture, and modality. Special attention will be given to papers that also address interface(s) between non-linguistic and linguistic systems. We encourage submissions from psycholinguists, formal linguists, and researchers from allied disciplines, such as psychology, anthropology, and cognitive/neuroscience.

Computational and Experimental Approaches Empirical research can serve to both challenge and support existing theoretical claims, as well as provide novel insight into developing new theories. We invite papers that make use of computational or experimental methods across the subfields of linguistics, from phonetics and phonology to semantics and pragmatics. Special consideration will be given to submissions that unite theory with computational and/or experimental approaches.

Beyond Field Methodologies How do language ideologies color our understanding of language as a social phenomenon? How can practical issues of fieldwork and social realities of language communities spur theoretical and methodological developments? What insights can we gain from fieldwork that we cannot get from laboratory settings? We invite papers addressing linguist-language community relationships and collaborations, practical challenges to fieldwork, field experimental methods, and related topics. Special consideration will be given to submissions addressing the role of researchers' or communities' language ideologies in language vitality, revitalization, emergence, and change.

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

So that we may evaluate all submissions in a fair and equal manner, abstracts which fail to adhere to any of the following guidelines will be automatically rejected. Abstracts will be evaluated under a two-tiered system involving both external and internal reviewers.

(1) Abstracts must be submitted in PDF format with filename PaperTitle.pdf (e.g., Prosodic_Form_and_Discourse_Function.pdf).

(2) Include paper title and keywords (i.e., CLS session title, linguistic subfield(s), language(s)/ language family) in the abstract.

(3) An abstract must be at most two pages in length (including data and references), on letter sized (8.5 by 11) or A4 page setting with one-inch margins, set in a font no smaller than 11 points. Intersperse data within the main text of the abstract, not on a separate page.

(4) Abstracts must be anonymous. Author name(s) must not appear on the abstract or file name. In addition, be sure to remove any author name in the document properties of the PDF file.

(5) Please submit your abstract through the EasyChair platform. (Registration is easy and free.) Visit EasyChair here: <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=cls51>.

(6) All abstracts must be submitted by 11:59 PM CST on Saturday, January 3rd, 2015.

(7) Submissions are limited to one individual and one joint abstract per author, or two joint abstracts per author.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission deadline: January 3, 2015

Notification: February 16, 2015

Conference dates: April 23-25, 2015

Please write to clsfiftyone@gmail.com for general correspondence. Do *not* submit abstracts to this e-mail address; abstracts will be accepted through our EasyChair site only. And please visit our website at:
<http://chicagolinguisticsociety.org>