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This year’s annual meetings in Chicago, from noon Wednesday November 20 through 2:00 pm Sunday November 24, will feature 42 linguistic anthropology panels, including an SLA Presidential Conversation, and a poster session. The “Future Publics, Current Engagements” theme organizes much of the panel offerings.

On Wednesday afternoon, Nov 20, the noon to 1:45 slot contains one panel, “The Language of Membership: Discourses of Solidarity, Membership, and Respect.” The 4:00-5:45 slot contains two panels: “Coping with Crisis: Discursive Strategies” and “Personal Names and Social Identities.” The evening slot, from 8:00 to 9:45, offers three panels: “An Interdisciplinary Approach between the Microanalysis of Interaction and Ethnographic Research: How Can We Filter the Multimodal Data to Make Rigorous Analytic Claims?”, “Authenticity and Language: Performing Korean at Home and Abroad”, and “Languageing the Worker: Globalized Governmentalities in/of Language in Peripheral Spaces.”

On Thursday Nov 21, the SLA Board meeting will be held 7:00-8:45 am. The morning sessions open with two panels in the 8:00-9:45 slot, “Future Chronotopes: Anxiety, Desire, and Ethnolinguistic Futures” and “Speaking of Language, a Linguistic Installation,” and one panel in the 8:00-11:45 slot: “Visuality in Multimodal Communicative Ecologies: Theory and Method at the Intersection of Linguistic and Visual Anthropology.” From 10:15 to noon is the round table “Professional Divides II: Journalists and Anthropologists in Continuing Conversation about Language, News Practice, and Social Impact.” In the afternoon, the 1:45-3:30 slot contains “Dialect, Shift, and Ideologies” and the 1:45-5:30 slot includes two panels, “Pragmatics of Scale” and “Troubling and (Re)making the Masculine Voice of Publics: Language Variation as a Semiotic Resource for Competing Masculinities.” The 4:00-5:45 slot contains “Language Revitalization and the Future of Linguistic Identity.” The AAA Committee for Human Rights Task Force on Language and Social Justice is scheduled for 7:30-9:00 pm.

On Friday Nov 22, two panels occupy the 8:00-9:45 slot: “Desire and Identity (Inter)action: Language and Sexuality in Public Space” and “Double-takes: How Layered Acts of Reception Transform Text.” One panel occupies the full morning (8:00-11:45 am) slot: “Engaging Language: Linguistic Anthropologists as Agents of Social Change.” The 10:15 noon slot has three panels: “Affect, Assessment, and Categorization in Stories and Experiences with Food,” “Mobility, Mediatization, and Enregisterment,” and “Scaling Linguistic Diversity: Language Standardization as a Scale-making Project.” From 12:15 to 1:30 is the Society for Linguistic Anthropology Presidential Conversation on “Language and Mobility: Rethinking the Populations, Practices, and Places of ‘Migration.’” The 1:45-3:30 slot contains the panel, “Food Talk as Semiotic Substance: Steps Towards an Integrated Anthropology of Foodways and Discourse.” The SLA Poster Session is also scheduled for 1:45-3:30. The 1:45-5:30 slot contains two panels, “Future Indigenous Publics, Current Linguistic Anthropological Engagements” and “Strategies and Performances of Temporal Heteroglossia.” The SLA Business Meeting is slotted for 7:30 to 9:30 followed by the (SLA) Reception/Cash Bar 9:00 to 11:00.

On Saturday Nov 23, there is one full morning panel, 8:00-11:45: “Linguistic Friction: Movement, Contact and Change.” The 8:00-9:45 slot has three panels: “Diverse Genders, Mobile Sexualities: Transcultural Articulations of Youth Identities,” “Reflection and Community Engagement in Sociolinguistic Research on Latino Diasporas,” and “Voicing Indigenousity and Engaging Publics in Print.” The 10:15 to noon slot contains the “Heteroglossias and Heterogeneties: The Society for Linguistic Anthropology Graduate Student Paper Competition Roundtable” and “Narrating Corporations: Identity, Power, and Authority.” The 1:45 to 5:30 slot contains two panels: “Language and the Immigrant Experience of Children and Youth” and “Mediating Private and (Counter)public Discourse: Genre, Addressivity, and the Semiotics of (Not) Belonging.”


Speaker details are available in the preliminary program on the AAA meetings website. See you at the business meeting and the cash bar!

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