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2025 LACUS Annual Conference Call for Participation

The 2025 annual conference of the Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States, our 51st LACUS conference, will be held

July 16–18, 2025

Western University, in London, Ontario, Canada

and will be hosted by the Department of French Studies,
with local host Jacques Lamarche.

Papers by colleagues from around the world will be presented over the three days of the conference, and information about other possible events will be available later. A reception will welcome participants on July 16th, and the presidential banquet will most likely take place on the evening of July 18th.

Invited speaker:

Professor Mark Daley, Chief AI Officer and Professor
Department of Computer Science, Western University

The conference theme is

AI in Linguistics:

Artificial Intelligence in the Study of Natural Language

All presentations will be available to both on-site *and* remote participants. All on-site presentations will be streamed via Zoom; all remote (Zoomed) presentations will be available to on-site participants in a meeting room.

Abstracts. While abstracts presenting empirically grounded investigations in any theoretical framework into aspects of the conference theme are especially welcome, LACUS invites abstracts representing a broad range of approaches to language, including interdisciplinary topics and innovative ideas. The following list of topics is intended as suggestive rather than comprehensive or restrictive.

- Environmental linguistics
- Sociolinguistics
- Ethnolinguistics
- Context and meaning
- International communication
- Group interactions in different settings
- Online communication
- Political discourse
- Discourse and social distancing
- Speaking and hearing under stress
- Personal / media bias in communication
- Anything else in general / historical linguistics

Abstracts must be submitted on-line. See the left sidebar for a link. Proposal submission begins 12 JAN 2025.

The Ruth Brend Fund provides financial support to help defray costs of attending LACUS meetings for members from countries with weak currencies. The Presidents Prize Fund helps pay for prizes awarded to the best student and post-doctoral papers presented at each annual LACUS conference.

Important Dates. The following is the planned timeline for LACUS 2025:

- 12 JAN 2025: Abstract submission opens (on-line)
- 28 FEB 2025: Final abstract submission deadline
- 1 APR 2025: Notification of acceptance / rejection
- 15 APR 2025: Deadline for receipt of confirmation of attendance from presenters
- 30 APR 2025: Deadline for receipt of presenter registration and membership fees
- 21 May 2025: First release of preliminary program
- 16–18 July 2025: LACUS Conference
- 16 July 2025: Board meeting, registration, reception, opening plenary.

Presenters are required to be members of LACUS and to be registered for the conference.

Contacts:

For questions about housing, venue, travel, contact any of the following:

- Jacques Lamarche, Local Host <lamarche@uwo.ca>

For questions about registration / membership, contact the LACUS Secretary-Treasurer:

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