NEWSLETTER

Message from the President

By Helen Caple

In the first half of 2019, the ASFLA Executive have been working quietly on forward planning of conferences and various other projects to honour the legacies of both M.A.K. Halliday and Ruqaiya Hasan. This year's ASFLA conference will be held at the University of Sydney (2-4 October) and it is great to see that registration fees for this conference have been kept to a minimum. In 2020, the ASFLA conference will be hosted by the University of Queensland's Business School, with Ken Tann and Kate Power convening. In 2021, the ASFLA conference will be held at Macquarie University, and convened by Cassi Liardet. Many thanks to Ken, Kate and Cassi for taking on the hosting.

In 2022, ISFC will be coming to Australia and will be held at UNSW, Sydney (and convened by Mira Kim), which means that there will not be an ASFLA conference in that year. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask colleagues at other institutions throughout Australia to consider hosting the ASFLA conference in 2023 or beyond, and taking the conference and the community further afield. Please do get in touch with me, if you are interested in convening the ASFLA conference.

Throughout the first half of 2019, Peter White's Friday SFL Masterclass on Appraisal

has been bursting at the seams, as have the Friday SFL Seminars at the University of Sydney. It is great to see so many local and international scholars regularly attending these sessions. ASFLA has implemented a new travel grant for Australia-based SFL scholars to travel to present at the Friday SFL Seminar, and this semester we were able to support Kristal Spreadborough to travel to Sydney from the University of New England to present. Details about how to apply for this grant are given later in this newsletter.

The ASFLA website is currently undergoing a revamp and will be relaunched very soon. A history of ASFLA will be presented on the new website, making use of the materials that Fran Christie and Maree Stenglin have been collating. This is going to be a living history and we encourage members of the community to read and add to this history, and to fill in any gaps in our memories. We are also considering a larger SFL history project, and in the second

In this issue:
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- New Queensland English syllabuses
- Publications by Kay O'Halloran and colleagues
- ASFLA 2019 Conference - Call for Papers deadline May 6!

Please let us know if you have any news that should appear on these pages or if you have any ideas about what you'd like to see: l.logi@unsw.edu.au

Lorenzo Logi, Editor

half of this year we will be calling on members of the Australian SFL community to volunteer to contribute to this project.

Over the winter months, many of you will be travelling to SFL conferences all over the world, e.g. ESFLC in Leiria, Portugal and ISFC in Santiago, Chile. Safe travels and all the best for the conference season.

Community News

USYD Corpus Lab showcase

By Georgia Carr

The newly established Sydney Corpus Lab held its first event in March – a showcase (series of talks) highlighting some of the great work going on in corpus linguistics in Australia and overseas. Day 1 had a series of talks by members of the Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Sciences (CASS) from Lancaster University, including Elena Semino, Tony McEnery, Paul Baker and Gavin Brookes. Day 2 featured Australian researchers, beginning with Jens Zinn (University of Melbourne), followed by Nicole Mockler (University of Sydney) and Alex García (University of Sydney). Day 2 ended with a hands-on workshop on AntConc hosted by visiting scholar Laurence Anthony of Waseda University, Japan.

The showcase was a great success, with standing room only for several sessions and a full house for the AntConc workshop. A huge thanks to all our speakers and all who attended! To find out more about the Lab, including future events, visit sydneycorpuslab.com

Elena Semino, Monika Bednarek

Keren Greenberg, Georgia Carr

Attendees

Monika Bednarek, Paul Baker, Tony McEnery, Laurence Anthony, Gavin Brookes

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From Queensland, Lindsay Williams reports:

- A great deal of effort has gone into implementing a suite of new Senior syllabuses, with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment authority's new English syllabuses still organising their objectives according to the Language in Use model - which was first used in Queensland syllabuses in 1987.

- Along with Dr Kelli McGraw and Sophie Johnson, I've been involved in writing a textbook, *English for Queensland*, for Oxford University Press. This explains the Language in Use model up front and incorporates knowledge about genre and language grounded in another Oxford publication, *Teaching Language in Context* (second edition) by Bev Derewianka and Pauline Jones and drawing on work by a range of other SFLers, including Sally Humphrey and Mary Macken-Horarik.

- Garry Collins recently presented a workshop analysing the prologue of Romeo and Juliet through an SFL lens at the Shakespeare Reloaded conference at Sydney University.

From Western Australia, Anne Thwaite reports a series of publications by Kay O'Halloran and her team:

- Wignell, P., O'Halloran, K. L., & Tan, S. (2019). Semiotic Space Invasion: The Case of Donald Trump's US Presidential Campaign. *Semiotica*, 226: 185–208. https://doi.org/10.1515/sem-2017-0109

- Zhang, Y. & O'Halloran, K. L. (2019 in press) Empowering the Point: Pains and Gains of a Writer's Traversals Between Print-based Writing and Multimodal Composing. *Linguistics and Education*.

- O'Halloran, K. L., Tan, S., Wignell, P., Wang, R., Chai, K. & Lange, R. (2019 in press). Multimodality: A New Discipline. In J. Wildfeuer, J. Pflaeging, C-I Tseng, O. Seizov and J. Bateman (eds), *Multimodality: Towards a New Discipline*. Berlin: De Gruyter.

- Wignell, P., Tan, S., O'Halloran, K. L., Lange, R., Chai, K. & Wiebrands, M. (2019 in press). Images as Ideology in Terrorist-Related Communications. In H. Stöckl, H. Caple and J. Pflaeging (eds), *Image-Centric Practices in the Contemporary Media Sphere*. London & New York: Routledge.

- Tan, S., O'Halloran, K. L. & Wignell, P. (2019 in press). Multimodality. In A. De Fina and A. Georgakopoulou (eds), *Handbook of Discourse Studies*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- O'Halloran, K. L., Tan, S. & Wignell, P. (2019 in press). SFL and Multimodal Discourse Analysis. In G. Thompson, W. L. Bowcher, L. Fontaine, J. Y. Liang & D. Schönthal (eds), *The Cambridge Handbook of Systemic Functional Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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ASFLA 2019 Conference, Sydney - Call for papers closes May 6!

Making connections: Looking out, looking in, looking forward

October 2-4, University of Sydney

Co-convenors: Dr Yaegan Doran, Dr Alexandra García, Dr Eszter Szenes and Prof. James Martin

We are pleased to announce the first call for papers for the 2019 Australian Systemic Functional Linguistics Association Conference, to be held at The University of Sydney from Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th October. The pre-conference institute will run between Monday 30th September – Tuesday 1st October. The conference will be linked with the Sydney Centre for Language Research (SCLR) at the University of Sydney.

As this year is the UNESCO year of Indigenous Languages, the conference theme will be 'Making connections: Looking out, looking in, looking forward' to celebrate the Indigenous languages of Australia and overseas as well as SFL's links with other disciplines. More broadly, the program will reflect bilingual education in Indigenous languages, the deep concerns of Systemic Functional Linguistics for both descriptive and theoretical issues in language and semiotics, as well as highly practical approaches to applied areas such as clinical linguistics, educational linguistics, computational linguistics and the digital humanities, and translation.

Call for papers:
We are inviting the submission of abstracts related to the conference theme on a broad and inclusive basis. We particularly encourage submission of abstracts from early-career researchers, including postgraduate research students and postdoctoral researchers, and those coming in from overseas. All proposals will be peer-reviewed by the conference program committee.

Presentation format
- Full papers consist of a 30-minute talk followed by five minutes for questions and discussion. The word limit for abstracts is 250 words (excluding the word count for references).
- Colloquia: As we will only have space for a small number of colloquia, please email us separately if you intend to submit a proposal for a colloquium and we can discuss it.

Important deadlines
- Extended deadline for abstract submission: **May 6 2019**
- Notification of acceptance: 20th May 2019

Submit your abstract [here](#)!

Please note that in order to lessen the registration costs and make attendance affordable to a wider cross-section of our community, catering will not be provided. Sydney University offers a number of excellent food and coffee outlets in the Camperdown campus, and it is located near the very popular Glebe and Newtown food areas.

Plenaries
- Dr David Rose, Reading to Learn & University of Sydney
  Languages, literacies and the school in Aboriginal Australia

- A/Prof. Annabelle Lukin, Macquarie University
  Language, linguistics and international law: the semantics and grammar of "military necessity"

Keynotes

- Dr Margarita Vidal, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile & The University of Sydney
  Genre pedagogy in tertiary education in Spanish as a world language: appliability, interdisciplinarity and accountability.

- A/Prof. Mira Kim, University of New South Wales
  A love story of a translator with SFL

- Dongbing Zhang (Mus), University of Sydney
  Move systems: Shared knowledge and collaborative action

- A/Prof. Elizabeth Thomson, Charles Sturt University
  Instantiating the Sydney School's Teaching/Learning cycle in online curriculum design at Charles Sturt University.

- Anna Crane, University of Sydney
  SFL and language revitalisation: a new application for the theory

- Dr Ken Tann, University of Queensland
  Connecting identities: Linguistic iconographies across contexts

- Dr Michele Zappavigna, University of New South Wales
  Ambient affiliation and lifestyle minimalism: The construction of multimodal point of view in decluttering vlogs on YouTube

- Dr Neda Karimi, Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research
  The linguistic correlates of patient-centredness in advanced cancer care: Looking out, looking in, and looking forward

- Yufei He, University of Sydney
  A multidisciplinary perspective on modelling animation as semiosis

- Dr David Caldwell, University of South Australia
  Sounds of The Game: A Social Semiotic Analysis of On-Field Communication in Australian Rules Football

Pre-Conference Institute

- Corpus Linguistics
  A/Prof. Monika Bednarek, The University of Sydney

- Appraisal
  Dr Peter R.R. White, The University of New South Wales

- Systemic phonology: Analysing rhythm and intonation
  Dr Brad Smith

- Body language and gesture: Exploring a social semiotic mode of embodied paralanguage in pedagogic discourse
  A/Prof. Sue Hood, The University of Sydney

- Legitimation Code Theory
  Prof Karl Maton, The University of Sydney

- Training Teachers in Reading to Learn: Handing over control
  Dr David Rose, Reading to Learn & The University of Sydney
  (Note: This session will be oriented toward teachers and teacher-trainers, so this will be prioritised during registration)

Registration

We have worked hard to keep costs relatively low to help make them accessible to as many people as possible. We would particularly like to encourage students and overseas scholars, who can use the student price. The registration costs will be:

Conference:
Full Registration: $260 (Early-bird: $210)
Student/international/non-waged: $160
(early-bird: $110)
One day: $75

Pre-conference institute:
1 course: $200
2 courses: $300

Details on how to pay registration fees will be provided in due course.

We look forward to seeing you all in Sydney!

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ALS2019 Call for Panels and Preconference Workshop Sessions

The 2019 conference of the Australian Linguistic Society (ALS2019) will take place at Macquarie University in Sydney, on 11-13 December 2019, with pre-conference workshops to be held on Tuesday 10th December.

The Australian Linguistic Society acknowledges the International Year of Indigenous languages by proposing for its 2019 conference the overarching theme: Celebrating Diversity. We will celebrate the diversity of Indigenous and non-Indigenous languages, in Australia and elsewhere, as well as the diversity of people who engage with these languages, or with linguistics, broadly conceived. Although proposals that resonate with the theme Celebrating Diversity will be especially welcome, proposals may be on any topic relevant to the interests of members of the ALS.

Proposals for themed panel sessions within the main conference (11-13 Dec) and pre-conference workshop sessions on the 10th of December: proposals can be for single sessions (90 minutes), double sessions (2 x 90 minutes) or all-day sessions (3x90 minutes). Whether for the themed panel sessions or the pre-conference workshop, proposals should include: (1) Title, (2) Outline and Motivation (200 words max), and (3) Outline of the full planned proceedings; this may include specific speakers/titles for talks, or intended profiles of who/what is to be included, and whether you plan to do a public call for papers.

Workshop and panel convenors will be fully responsible for ensuring quality through the appropriate process of review, selection, and for organisation of constituent paper presentations. Themed panel and workshop proposals will not go through the EasyChair review procedure that the stand-alone ALS2019 papers will go through. However, if an abstract is not accepted for a specific panel/workshop, the panel/workshop organisers may forward it on to the main ALS conference for consideration. Please send your proposal to conf@als.asn.au. The deadline for proposals is **Friday 17 May 2019.**

Please contact organisers directly at conf@als.asn.au if you have any queries or want to discuss your ideas.

7th New Zealand Discourse Conference, Wellington

NZDC7 will be held from Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 December 2019 at Massey University, Wellington Campus: Tasman Street, Wellington.

The New Zealand Discourse Conference is a biennial event which brings together scholars working in a range of fields loosely categorised as discourse analysis. The conference welcomes contributions that consider discourse and interaction in a variety of contexts, drawing on a diverse range of theoretical and analytical approaches. Frequently addressed topics in the past have included:

- Political discourse
- Discourse and identity
- Language, gender and sexuality
- Multimodal discourse analysis
- Narrative, stance and positioning
- Media discourse
- Health communication
- Discourse and interaction in educational settings

Keynote Speakers:
- Emeritus Professor Janet Holmes, Victoria University of Wellington
- Professor Paul Baker, Lancaster University
- Dr Brian W King, University of Hong Kong

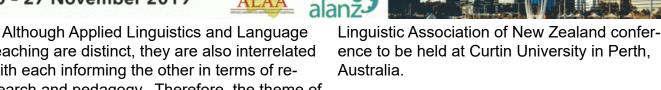Conference Organiser:
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Applied Linguistics and Language Teaching: Making Connections

The Applied Linguistics Conference 2019

Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia
25 – 27 November 2019

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Although Applied Linguistics and Language teaching are distinct, they are also interrelated with each informing the other in terms of research and pedagogy. Therefore, the theme of the conference "Applied Linguistics and Language teaching: Making connections" provides an opportunity for discussion about how links can be made between the two areas within Australia and internationally.

Join researchers, language professionals, and interested community members in the 2019 biannual combined Applied Linguistics Association of Australia and the Applied Linguistic Association of New Zealand conference to be held at Curtin University in Perth, Australia.

Important Dates
•   Abstract Deadline: 30th June 2019
•   Author Notified: 30th July 2019
•   Early Bird and Author Registration Deadline: 21st August 2019

Submit your abstract [here!](#)

Conference Chair of ALAA & ALANZ Conference 2019: Professor Rhonda Oliver

AMODE 2019 Conference, Rome

The Approaches to Multimodal Digital Environments: from theories to practices conference 2019 will be held from 20 – 22 June 2019 at the University of Tor Vergata, Rome

Multimodal digital communication is the main theme of this conference meant to attract multidisciplinary research on a wide range of issues from teaching and learning to analysing multimodal digital data appearing in multiple communication arenas.

Keynote speakers:
•   Marina Bondi
•   Carey Jewitt
•   Rodney Jones
•   Gunther Kress and Jeff Bezemer
•   David Machin
•   Theo van Leeuwen

Multimodal Research 2019 - International Conference, Auckland

On the occasion of its 10th anniversary in 2019, the AUT Multimodal Research Centre, Auckland, New Zealand is organising a special event to highlight the impact of multimodality across various academic fields marking key theoretical developments and their application in the current and forthcoming works. The focus of the Multimodal Research 2019 conference is diverse application of multimodal theory and methodology. The conference is hosted by Auckland University of Technology in Auckland, from December 8-11, 2019

Proposals under a wide range of areas are

welcome:
•   Art, Creativity, and Performance
•   Business Management
•   Family and Children Discourse
•   Gender and Sexuality
•   Health Communication
•   Identity
•   Indigenous Studies
•   Learning and Teaching
•   Lifestyle, Sport, and Diet
•   Literature: Prose and Poetry
•   Migrant and Refugee Studies
•   Lingua Franca Contexts
•   News Media

- Online Activity and Interaction
- Organisational Settings
- Political Communication
- Signs and Space
- Sound and Music
- Film and Cinematography

Selected papers will be published.

Plenary speakers:
- James Wertsch, David R. Francis Distinguished Professor, Washington University in St Louis, USA
- Theo Van Leeuwen, Emeritus Professor, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
- Sigrid Norris, Professor of Multimodal (Inter)action, Auckland University of Technology, Auckland, New Zealand

Abstract submission:
   Organisers invite submissions for (1) individual papers; (2) panels (3-4 papers); and (3) posters. All submissions must clearly state abstract title and up to three nominated strands. Proposals for both papers and posters should be up to 200 words including references; a panel proposal should not exceed 500 words excluding references.

   All abstracts will undergo a double-blind review process. Important: abstract files should NOT contain author name(s) and affiliation(s).

Dates and deadlines:
Second Call for Papers: opens 29 April 2019
Submission Deadline: 31 May 2019
Notifications of acceptance: 26 June 2019
Submit your abstract here!

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If you are attending conferences over the coming months,
please consider taking photographs and writing a short report
about the conference for the ASFLA newsletter
- send your images and text to Lorenzo at
l.logi@unsw.edu.au

Funding Opportunities
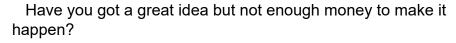
ASFLA Friday Seminar Travel Grant

ASFLA is offering a small travel grant to SFL-scholars from outside the Sydney region to be able to present their research at the Friday SFL Seminar at the University of Sydney.

A one-two page expression of interest including an abstract and budget for transport and overnight accommodation should be emailed to our treasurer Trish Weekes at trish@literacyworks.com.au.
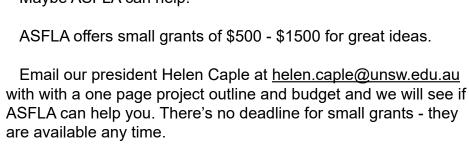
One scholar per semester will be funded. Submission deadline for presenting in Semester 2, 2019, is 1 July, 2019.

ASFLA Small Grants

Have you got a great idea but not enough money to make it happen?

Maybe ASFLA can help!

ASFLA offers small grants of $500 - $1500 for great ideas.

Email our president Helen Caple at helen.caple@unsw.edu.au with with a one page project outline and budget and we will see if ASFLA can help you. There's no deadline for small grants - they are available any time.

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ASFLA membership

You may be wondering …. what does ASFLA spend its money on?

Over the past few years, for example, ASFLA membership monies have funded the following:

• Annual ASFLA conferences

• 2018 Functional description and typology forum

• Appraisal symposia held at U (2013, 2015)

• Halliday Symposium at Sydney University 2015

• Hasan Symposium at Macquarie University 2016

• Register and Context Symposium at Macquarie University

• International Educational Semiotics Website

• Numerous international exchanges of scholars

• Student scholarships to ASFLA Conferences

• Over $16,000 in small grants awarded over the last four years

• Supporting scholars and educators from Australia to present at the Society of Pakistan English Language Teachers (SPELT) in Pakistan over the last twenty years.

• and more… what a bargain!

Life Membership

Invest in the future of our association and save yourself some hassle!

Life membership is a great idea. It saves you from having to remember to join each year AND it helps our association. Fees from life memberships have been placed in a special high interest savings account, to be used for future large scale projects. Our funds are mounting nicely, as reported by our then Treasurer Yaegan Doran at the 2018 AGM.

How to pay ASFLA membership

1. Go to the ASFLA website www.asfla.net and click on membership.

2. Fill in your details.

ASFLA Membership Form

Please fill out your details

3. Follow the instructions about how to pay by EFT.

Annual membership:

Full – $40

Student – $25

School/institutional – $50

Life membership:

Life – $250