

SOCIETY FOR LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Officers

Current Officers

President: Joel Kuipers

Secretary-Treasurer: Betsy Rymes

Members at large: Niko Besnier and Bambi Schieffelin

Editors of SLA column: James Stanlaw and Mark Peterson

Nominating committee: chair: Misty Jaffe; Jack Sidnell, Janet McIntosh

Program chair: Stanton Wortham

JLA editor: Asif Agha

Lori Johns (Horsman) has stepped down as student representative and has not yet been replaced.

2. The Year's activities

A. Membership and Budget

The SLA Treasurer, Betsy Rymes, submitted her financial report. Net assets September 30 2005 were \$36,153.99, up from \$17,158.99 at the beginning of the year. This is of course partly due to a number of expenditures committed but not yet made at that time.

As of November 2005 the membership of the SLA was 647.

Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Regular	425	423	431	442	444	460	450	444	435	425	436
Student	210	217	215	230	216	215	213	207	209	199	206
Life	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Total	640	645	651	677	665	680	668	656	649	629	647

B. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*

The 2005 JLA staff will continue on for 2006. The editor is Asif Agha. Assistant editors include Michael Lempert, Sabina Perrino, and Constantine Nakassis. The Book Review Editor is Seran Schug. Two issues were printed this year, both on time:

JLA 15.1 (June 2005): 152 pages

JLA 15.2 (December 2005): 152 pages.

28 manuscripts were submitted to JLA, and of those 5 were accepted, 7 rejected and 6 sent for revision and resubmission.

56 books were received for review. Of those, 18 have been assigned for review, and 15 have been rejected. For 2006, reviews of books will be re-organized into three separate categories: Review Articles (4000 words), Book Reviews (1200 words) and Book Notices (500 words). One special issue is under review at this time.

AnthroSource seems to be going well for us.

C. *Anthropology News* SLA column

The Contributing Editors for the SLA column in *Anthropology News* are James Stanlaw and Mark Peterson. They wrote 11 excellent columns this year (starting with AN 2004 #9 and ending with AN 2006 #1).

D. Prizes

Student Essay Prize.

Members at Large Bambi Schieffelin and Niko Besnier, along with the SLA President, read submissions for the 2005 Student Paper Awards. 28 papers were received: 20 graduate student papers, 7 undergraduates, and one indeterminate. No prize was awarded to the undergraduate category. The 2005 Student Paper award was presented to Heather Loyd, for her paper "Language socialization in Nicastro, Italy." An award certificate was presented to her at the SLA business meeting at the AAA Annual Meeting. The award also includes a \$100 check. At the Executive Board meeting it was agreed that undergraduate submissions in the future should be accompanied by a letter from a professor overseeing the paper.

E. Program

Our excellent Program Chair this year was Stanton Wortham. 25 symposia were submitted, and 20 accepted (80%). There were a total of 140 papers presented at the symposia. 33 individual papers were submitted of which 2 were accepted. 5 Posters were submitted, all accepted. SLA had a very lively schedule, with sessions every day and at virtually all times of day. The AAA scheduled some SLA sessions concurrently, which was problematic for us.

F. SLA Executive Board and Business meetings

The SLA president set the times and reserved the rooms for the Executive Board and Business meetings, and made arrangements for catering the reception to follow the Business Meeting. The SLA held its executive board meeting from 7 to 9 a.m. on December 1 at the AAA meetings, and the various reports summarized in this report were presented there. The Business Meeting was held 6:15-7:30 p.m. on December 2, followed by a reception and cash bar that was widely attended. At the Business Meeting, outgoing president Leanne Hinton turned the gavel over to Joel Kuipers, the incoming president.

G. Nominations

The Nominations Committee of 2005 was Misty Jaffe (Chair), Jack Sidnell and Janet McIntosh. The nominations committee was constituted on October 2, and had a deadline of October 15 to submit nominations for AAA undesignated seats. SLA President Leanne Hinton sent out an email to all SLA members inviting volunteers and nominations. This generated a number of volunteers that were considered by the committee. 6 SLA members were subsequently nominated, some for more than one seat: nominations included the following:

Robin Shoaps: COSWA and Ethics

K. David Harrison: Human Rights and Ethics

Maggie Ronkin: Minority Issues; Human Rights

Shana Walton: Public Policy; LRPC (Practicing seat)

Elizabeth Keating: Public Policy

Jennifer Jackson: student seat on Executive Board

It is recommended that next year the committee begin the process about a month before the deadline, which would give both the right amount of urgency and enough time to do the recruiting.

Respectfully submitted by

Leanne Hinton, Outgoing president of the SLA

Joel Kuipers, Incoming president of the SLA