



# South Eastern Conference On Linguistics

## **SECOL 89**

**hosted virtually at Baton Rouge, Louisiana,  
by Louisiana State University,  
(Irina Shport and Rafael Orozco, local co-chairs)**

## **General Business Meeting**

**Friday, April 1, 2022; 5:30-6:30 CDT, via Zoom  
Presiding: Tamara Lindner, President**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Introductions: Tamara Lindner, President**
- II. Elections: (Tamara Lindner, President), presentation of slate proposed by the SECOL Nominating Committee (Jeff Reaser, Chair) and coordinated by the Secretary (Irina Shport) for voting and confirmation**
  - A. According to the SECOL Constitution, the Executive Committee appoints the Treasurer; all other members of the slate are approved by the membership at the General Business Meeting. The slate was confirmed at the current meeting.
  - B. The current Treasurer term came to an end at the SECOL 2022 meeting. Since Treasurer is an appointed and a renewable position, Paul Reed has been re-appointed at the Executive Committee meeting (March 31, 2022) for the new term 2022-2027. Officers are grateful for Reed's willingness to serve for the next five years.
  - C. To replace Alicia Cipria as an Executive Committee Member-at-Large, Jeff Reaser (North Carolina State University) has been nominated and agreed to serve for the 2022-2025 term. This nomination was approved at the current meeting. Jeff Reaser joined Rafael Orozco and Rachael Allbritten to serve as Member-at-Large.
  - D. To replace Jeff Reaser as a member of the Nominating Committee, Jon Forrest (University of Georgia) has been nominated and agreed to serve for the 2022-2025 term. This nomination was approved at the current meeting. Jon Forrest joined Abby Walker (Chair) and Paulina Bounds to serve on the Nominating Committee.

[Note that other officers and committee members will continue in their current roles.]

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Treasurer (Paul Reed):**

- (1) Finances are in good shape: \$10,395.50 in total. SECOL is in the black in both accounts.
- (2) The process of SECOL incorporation in Florida is in progress and likely to be completed by summer 2022.
- (3) Funds are available for the Reza Ordoubadian Award in 2022. Student presenters at the 89<sup>th</sup> SECOL meeting are encouraged to apply.
- (4) The SECOL website has been updated with recent news and announcements and is looking good.

#### **B. Secretary (Irina Shport):**

- (1) Shport received SECOL archive from Catherine Davis upon the secretary transition.
- (2) According to the SECOL Constitution, General Business Meeting minutes will be posted at the Society's website, <https://secol.org/conferences/>.
- (3) No nominations for the Reza Ordoubadian Award have been submitted after the SECOL 2021 meeting in Houston. Nominations have to be solicited on the heels of the SECOL 2022 meeting in Baton Rouge. Felice Coles, the SECOL Vice President, will serve as an Award Director for Reza Ordoubadian in 2022 and will form an ad-hoc Award Committee helping with the process.
- (4) Society's announcements will be posted on the SECOL website by Shport and Reed, Co-Masters of the website, and on social media by Allbritten (Facebook) and Reed (Twitter).

#### **C. Vice-President (Felice Coles):**

- (1) The VP will serve as an Award Director for Reza Ordoubadian in 2022 and will form an ad-hoc Award Committee helping with the process.
- (2) The VP will serve as a future conference venue coordinator in 2022.

#### **D. Southern Journal of Linguistics' Editor (Justin White):** Journal is doing great. The Editor has a graduate assistant, a Masters student who will work with White in 2022-23, focusing on increasing rates of submission by advertising across the country to program directors and at conferences.

- (1) Journal information, submission procedure, and publication updates will be posted on the SECOL website, <https://secol.org/journal/>.
- (2) The Spring 2021 issue is ready. Submissions for the Fall 2021 are being solicited.
- (3) The Journal format for the Fall 2021 issue has been updated to include columns and showcase research better.
- (4) White and Reed will solicit submissions for the special issue in honor of Michael Montgomery by the end of 2022.

**E. Social Media Chair (Rachael Allbritten):**

(1) The SECOL Twitter account has a handle @SECOL\_Official.

(2) SECOL's Facebook page is SECOL. SECOL news, conference meeting events, and updates have been consistently posted by Allbritten.

(3) SECOL will pilot a new role of the SECOL Student Ambassador, a Ph.D. student reporting to the Social Media chair, who will do social media outreach for student audiences at social media platforms used by these audiences.

**IV. A Resolution Thanking the Organizers of SECOL 89 at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana was read at the current meeting:**

Whereas SECOL LXXXIX, which was held at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from March 31 to April 2 of 2022, was conducted completely virtually because of the pandemic and public health concerns at the stage of the conference planning in 2021,

Whereas the organizers' program (Interdepartmental Program in Linguistics), departments (Department of English, Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures), and college (College of Humanities & Social Sciences) underwrote the keynote expenses of SECOL 89;

Whereas the organizers were able to successfully continue virtual SECOL conferencing with 79 individual papers, 4 special panels in Spanish linguistics, two documentary screening and Q&As by the Talking Black in America project (North Carolina State University), and a plenary address by Tracey Weldon (University of South Carolina);

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the SouthEastern Conference on Linguistics extend thanks and sincere appreciation to local hosts and organizers Irina Shport (LSU Dpt. of English) and Rafael Orozco (LSU Dpt. of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures) and to the following persons at LSU:

- the Scientific Committee of thirty reviewers for reviewing conference abstracts (names are listed at <https://www.lsu.edu/hss/linguistics/secol89/papers.php>);
- the Program Committee for putting together the conference schedule, this program, the fliers, and the conference website (Irina Shport, Rafael Orozco, Jack Rittenberry, José Rojas, Liliana McGuffin-Naranjo, Jeannie Williamson, Kevin Yau);
- Chairs of 23 sessions, moderators of 4 special panels, and seven zoom hosts who welcomed presenters and attendees to each of the conference events;
- the LSU College of Humanities & Social Sciences at Louisiana State University for sponsoring the plenary address and the "Signing Black in America" panel;
- the Dean, faculty, staff, and students of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences at Louisiana State University for their generous support of this year's SECOL.

**V. Future SECOL meeting venues**

2023 - University of Mississippi (hosted by Felice Coles, in person)  
2024 - University of Georgia (hosted by Bill Kretzschmar in conjunction with LAVIS V)  
2025 - Florida Atlantic University (hosted by Justin White)  
2026 - University of Alabama (hosted by Alicia Cipria)

**VI. Other Business**

To obtain information from the SECOL membership and conference attendees, Shport will administer an online survey with questions on the characteristics of our membership constituency, their habits in consumption of scholarly news, and suggestions on future SECOL meeting components. Survey results will inform proposals and decisions of the Executive Committee and SECOL conference hosts.

**VIII. Open Forum**

**IX. Adjournment: (Tamara Lindner)**