



# South Eastern Conference On Linguistics

SECOL 91  
Athens, Georgia  
hosted at University of Georgia  
(William Kretschmar, local Chair)

## General Business Meeting

Friday, April 5, 2024; 4:45-5:15 EDT  
Presiding: Felice Coles

### AGENDA

#### I. Welcome and Introductions: Felice Coles, President

#### II. Committee Reports:

##### A. Vice-President, Tamara Warhol

- (1) The winner of the SECOL Student Excellence Award 2023 is Leah Nodar, a PhD Candidate, Linguistics Department, Purdue University. Leah's interests include sociolinguistics, language and law, language ideology, linguistic discrimination, and public engagement. Last year, Leah presented a paper titled "Pronominal Apposition, It Could Be Useful: Bringing Back an Abandoned Variable in Sociolinguistics" at the SECOL 90 meeting at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi. This paper was unanimously selected as a winner amongst submitted nominations. As the winner of SECOL Student Excellence Award, Leah will receive a check in the amount of \$200, a publication in a future issue of the *Southern Journal of Linguistics*, and a free membership for the next year, 2025.
- (2) Student paper nominations are solicited for the SECOL Student Excellence Award 2024 (a \$200 check, free one-year membership, and a publication at the *SJL*). Suggest for this award a student paper that you were impressed with at SECOL 2024, or self-nominate. Papers authored by students, whether they were single authors or first authors who collaborated with others, are eligible. Address nomination or questions to Tamara Warhol at [twarhol@go.olemiss.edu](mailto:twarhol@go.olemiss.edu).

##### B. Treasurer, Paul Reed

- (1) Finances are in good shape: \$12,050.63 in our bank account, and \$2,001.55 in our PayPal account, for a total of \$14,052.18.
- (2) The process of SECOL incorporation in Florida is in progress.

### C. Secretary, Irina Shport

- (1) SECOL archives and the website have been maintained and updated. Partial archive sharing will be implemented via Google Drive and the associated SECOL account at [secolXcom@gmail.com](mailto:secolXcom@gmail.com). Minutes of the General Business Meeting 2024 will be posted at <https://secol.org/conferences/>.
- (2) Three motions to approve constitutional amendments that govern the redistribution of some responsibilities among SECOL Officers were unanimously approved at the SECOL 2023 General Business Meeting by those present. The amendments were enacted immediately upon their approval by the membership at the General Business Meeting 2023. No objections have been received afterwards, and the discussion of these amendments is now closed.

### D. Southern Journal of Linguistics' Editor, Justin White

- (1) The journal has been published up through the Spring 2022 issue. We will begin back printing later issues (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023) and sending them out to the libraries that subscribe to the Journal.
- (2) The call for the special issue in honor of Michael Montgomery curated by Reed is about to go out. Watch this space!

### III. Elections: Jon Forrest presented a candidate proposed by the Nomination Committee (Paulina Bonds, Jon Forrest, Joy Peltier) for voting and confirmation.

According to the SECOL Constitution, the Executive Committee appoints the Secretary and the Treasurer; all other members of the slate are approved by the membership at the General Business Meeting.

- (1) To replace Rachael Allbritten as an Executive Committee Member-at-Large, Marta Galindo (Georgia State University) has been nominated and agreed to serve for the 2024-2027 term.

Other officers and committee members will continue in their current roles. Shport has updated the slate at <https://secol.org/officers-committees/>. The slate will be declared elected if there are no additional nominations or objections submitted to the Secretary by July 1, 2024.

- (2) The Executive Committee is soliciting (self-) nominations for the positions of Vice President, Member-at-Large, and a member of the Nominating Committee before SECOL 2025. Nominations should be submitted to Jon Forrest at [jrforrest@uga.edu](mailto:jrforrest@uga.edu), the Nomination Committee Chair, effective April 6, 2024.
- (3) The Executive Committee is soliciting (self-) nominations for the position of Social Media Co-Chair (submit to Jon Forrest at [jrforrest@uga.edu](mailto:jrforrest@uga.edu)).

### IV. A Resolution Thanking the Organizers of SECOL 91:

Whereas SECOL XCI, which was held at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, from April 4 to April 6 of 2024, in conjunction with LAVIS V, provided a fabulous array of high-quality presentations including a panel and three plenaries, an inspirational program created by the local organizers and underwritten by the National Science Foundation, the Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of Linguistics at the University of Georgia; and

Whereas the convention profited from the wonderful organizational skills of the Conference Host, William Kretzschmar; the Local Committee of Jon Forrest, Chad Howe, Katherine Ireland, Peggy Renwick; the Conference Assistant, Anna Freeman and graduate student volunteers; and

Whereas Drs. Allison Burkette, of the University of Kentucky, Edgar Schneider, of the University of Regensburg, and Laura Wright, of the University of Cambridge, graciously agreed to be the keynote speakers for LAVIS V & SECOL XCI;

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics extend thanks and sincere appreciation to local host and organizer William Kretzschmar (Department of English) and to the following persons at the University of Georgia: Anna Freeman, Ceci Webb, Jon Forrest, Chad Howe, Katherine Ireland, and Peggy Renwick.

**V. Future SECOL meetings**

2025 - Florida Atlantic University (hosted by Justin White)

2026 - Georgia State University (hosted by Marta Galindo)

**VI. Open Forum** (no further discussion ensued)

**VII. Adjournment: Felice Coles, President**