



# South Eastern Conference On Linguistics

SECOL 92  
Boca Raton, Florida  
hosted by Florida Atlantic University  
(Justin White, local Chair)

## General Business Meeting

Friday, April 11, 2025; 4:00-4:30 EDT

Presiding: Paul Reed

### AGENDA

#### I. Welcome and Introductions: Paul Reed, Treasurer

#### II. Committee Reports

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

- (1) The winner of the SECOL Student Excellence Award 2024 is José Julián Álvarez Retamales, a PhD Candidate at the Department of Linguistics, NYU. His paper, “Examining Coda /r/ Variation in Puerto Rican Spanish,” was presented at the SECOL 2024 in Athens, Georgia, and was chosen by the Selection Committee as a winner amongst submitted nominations. As the winner of the award, José 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, 2026.
- (2) Student paper nominations are solicited for the SECOL Student Excellence Award 2025 (a \$200 check, free one-year membership, and a publication at the *SJL*). Nominate a student paper that you were impressed with at SECOL 2025 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 Rafael Orozco at [rorozc1@lsu.edu](mailto:rorozc1@lsu.edu).

##### B. Treasurer, Paul Reed

- (1) Finances are in good shape: \$17,738.31 in our bank account and \$1,034.37 in our PayPal account, a total of \$18,772.68.
- (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 is implemented via Google Drive and the associated SECOL account at [secolXcom@gmail.com](mailto:secolXcom@gmail.com). Minutes of the General Business Meeting 2025 will be posted at <https://secol.org/conferences/>.

- (2) Dr. Ralf Thiede (UNC Charlotte) agreed upon a request of the Executive Committee to review the SECOL Constitution and update it, as necessary. Dr. Thiede has been a SECOL member since 1990 and helped to craft the Constitution, thus, possessing unique and valuable expertise for the revision task. Updates, if any, will be circulated among the members before the SECOL 2026 meeting (March 26-28) to solicit at least ten signatures in their support. The amendments will be enacted upon their approval by the membership at the General Business Meeting 2026.

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

- (1) The journal has been published up through the Spring 2023 issue, and the Spring 2024 issue is almost here.
- (2) The call for the special issue in honor of Michael Montgomery curated by Reed has been circulated, and several submissions have been received.
- (3) EBSCO will continue to host the SJL online. The digital issues from Spring 2010 until present are available through EBSCO. A hard-copy archive of all SJL issues from 1976 to present will be hosted by the University of Mississippi libraries (to be organized by Tamara Warhol, the SECOL President).

**III. Elections.** 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. Jon Forrest, the Chair of the Nomination Committee, presented candidates for the slate of the SECOL officers 2025 for voting and confirmation:

- President 2025-2027: Tamara Warhol, University of Mississippi
- Vice-President 2025-2027: Rafael Orozco, LSU
- Member at Large 2025-2028: David Johnson, Kennesaw State University

The candidates were unanimously approved. Other officers and committee members will continue in their current roles, see <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, 2025.

The Executive Committee solicited (self-) nominations for the positions of Secretary (2026-2031), Member-at-Large (2025-2028), and a member of the Nominating Committee (2026-2029) before SECOL 2026. Nominations should be submitted to Jon Forrest at [jrforrest@uga.edu](mailto:jrforrest@uga.edu).

Suggestions on social media use for SECOL were also solicited (submit to Jon Forrest at [jrforrest@uga.edu](mailto:jrforrest@uga.edu)). Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and BlueSky will be used for SECOL advertising, information sharing, and networking.

**IV. A Resolution Thanking the Organizers of SECOL 92:**

Whereas SECOL XCII, which was held at the Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, from April 9 to April 12 of 2025 provided a fabulous array of high-quality presentations including a panel and three plenaries, an inspirational program created by the local organizers; and

Whereas the convention profited from the wonderful organizational skills of the Conference Host, Justin White, and Conference Assistant Olivia Briggs;

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics extend thanks and sincere appreciation to local host and organizer Justin White and conference assistant Olivia Briggs, FAU.

**V. Future SECOL meetings**

March 25-28, 2026 - Georgia State University (hosted by Marta Galindo). Mark your calendars!

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

**VII. Adjournment: Paul Reed, Treasurer**