

A Newsletter of the International Literacy Association's Language Experience Special Interest Group

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ILA Conference 2016 in Boston

Our Language Experience Special Interest Group (LESIG) gathered at the International Literacy Association Conference in July under the session title of "Academic Language: Deepening Comprehension in a Sea of Complex Texts." Mark Vineis' great keynote presentation really drove home the idea that productive language is built through rich receptive language and listening comprehension opportunities coupled with meaningful and intentional personal interactions. Giving novice readers the opportunity to read the language that they have produced, in turn, enriches reading comprehension. Following Mark's presentation, Round Table presenters displayed and discussed their recent research activities while participants listened, shared ideas, and engaged in discussions about the presentation topics. Round Table presenters were Mary Strong, Brian Thompson, Deborah Williams, April Larremore, Paula Mason, Stacy Garcia and Debra Jo Hailey.

Become a LESIG Member for Free!

There are many benefits to membership including opportunities to present and publish internationally.

Want to know more about this group before joining? Go to our website at

languageexperienceapproach.weebly.com
to read our purpose, by-laws and archived journals.

Call for Article Submissions

The Language Experience Special Interest Group's electronic international journal is peer-

reviewed and published once per year with occasional special issues. Please see next page for submission details.

Deadline November 30, 2016

Call for Proposals

Want to share your research-based language experience activities with others? We would love to hear about it! Here are two ways to share:

Round Table poster presentation

Round Table oral presentation

Please see next page for form and details.

**All proposals must be submitted in full by
September 6, 2016 at 11:59 PM ET.**

New Officers

As per LESIG by-laws, vacant positions were filled through an election during the annual meeting held at the annual conference. New officers were elected to two year terms while some officers remained to carry out their duties for their second term.

Asterisks indicate new officers.

President-Dr. Mary Beth Van Sickle*, Natchitoches Parish Schools

Vice-President-Dr. Stacy Garcia*, Southeastern Louisiana University

Secretary-Dr. Jane Moore, Dallas ISD

Treasurer-Sheri Vasinda, Oklahoma State University

Journal Editor-Dr. Michelle Fazio-Brunson, Northwestern State University

Newsletter Editor-Dr. Debra Jo Hailey*, Southeastern Louisiana University

Member-at-Large-Brian Thompson*, Oklahoma State University

***Call for Program Proposals
Language Experience Approach to Literacy
across Content Areas
Special Interest Group Meeting
International Literacy Association 2017, Orlando, FL***

If you are interested in presenting your research or classroom experiences using Language Experience and interdisciplinary literacy practices with PK-16 students at a roundtable session at the 2017 ILA Conference, please complete this form and email to Sheri Vasinda at sheri.vasinda@okstate.edu by **Tuesday, September 6, 2016**. Submissions will be blind-reviewed and notifications of acceptance will be e-mailed in October.

Please note:

1- No one may appear more than once on the ILA program. This includes SIG presentations and institutes. The only exception is for those who present as part of official ILA duties (such as ILA officers, editors, or chairs of committees).

2- All presenters must be current LESIG members. (Scroll down for membership form.)

Format for Proposed Roundtable Presentation (15 minute session):

- Title
- Presenter Information: Name, institutional affiliation, position/title, email address, and preferred phone number for all presenters
- Description of your session and presentation. You may choose oral round table presentation OR poster presentation (maximum 500 words)

LESIG MEMBERSHIP

Please complete the form below to join or renew your membership. FREE membership! Send form to:

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Select one ⇨: ☐ new member ☐ renewal

Select one ⇩:

- ☐ regular membership
- ☐ student membership
- ☐ graduate student membership
- ☐ retired membership


Your name: _____

Your mailing address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

ILA Membership number: _____ **Expiration date:** _____

 Note: It is important that all LESIG members include their “official” ILA membership numbers so LESIG can maintain an active role at the ILA conferences. Please take a moment to document your ILA membership number . . . it counts a lot!

Call for Article Submissions to the Language Experience Forum Journal

Dear Colleagues,

As either a new member or a longtime member of the Language Experience Special Interest Group (LESIG) of the International Literacy Association, you can become familiar with our electronic refereed journal by perusing articles in archived journals at languageexperienceapproach.weebly.com. We hope you enjoy reading the articles submitted by your colleagues and find opportunities to apply the information learned from them. We want to learn from you too!! How have you been using the Language Experience Approach in your classroom? Please consider sharing some of your experiences to help all of us in our learning journey.

You are invited to submit articles for review using APA formatting to be considered for the *Language Experience Forum* Journal. This journal is an electronic refereed journal of the LESIG of the International Literacy Association. The journal is aimed at teachers of literacy at all levels. It provides a forum for discussion of ideas and issues related to the teaching of literacy to all groups of students and across multiple disciplinary areas.

The next submission deadline is **November 18, 2016**. Articles submitted after this deadline will be considered for future publications.

Type **LESIG article submission** in the subject line and submit articles to the editor, Michelle Fazio-Brunson at faziom@nsula.edu