

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

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**ILA Conference 2017 in Orlando**

“Reimagined Engagement and Success for ALL Students through the Language Experience Approach” was the title of our Language Experience Special Interest Group (LESIG) session at the International Literacy Association conference held in Orlando, July of 2017. The variety of round table presentations focused on learners and their literacy needs, while spanning a wide range of ages, grade levels, ability levels, and activities that all represented the Language Experience Approach well. With such diverse applications as training pre-service teachers to select quality children’s literature, helping young children and their families develop a sense of place through writing about their shared community trips and experiences, and assisting ELL students in finding their “voices,” all of the participants found something that they could take home and use immediately. In addition, there was engagement and quality conversations taking place throughout the room as participants and presenters shared experiences, discussed opportunities for expanding on presented activities and research, and talked about the many possibilities of applying the research in their own teaching and learning settings. Round Table presenters and their affiliations follow:

**Ana Lado**, Marymount University

**Deborah Williams**, Stephen F. Austin  
University

**Debra Jo Hailey**, Southeastern Louisiana  
University

**Dorothy Idris**, Laboratory Charter School for  
Language and Communication

**Katrina Jordan**, Northwestern State University

**Mary Strong**, Widener University

**Michelle Fazio-Brunson**, Northwestern State  
University

**Patricia Alexander**, Natchitoches Parish  
Schools

**Sheri Vasinda**, Oklahoma State University

**Stacy Garcia**, Southeastern Louisiana State  
University

**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 page 3 for form and details.

**All proposals must be submitted in full by  
September 8, 2017 at 11:59 PM CT.**

**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 page 5 for submission details.

**Deadline October 1, 2017**

### **New Officers**

As per LESIG by-laws, vacant positions were filled through an election during the annual meeting held at the International Literacy Association 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. Stacy Garcia\*, Southeastern Louisiana University

Vice-President-Dorothy Idris\*, Laboratory Charter School for Language and Communication

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

### **Become a LESIG Member for Free!**

There are many benefits to membership in the oldest Special Interest Group of ILA including opportunities to present and publish internationally.

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

[languageexperienceapproach.weebly.com](http://languageexperienceapproach.weebly.com)

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

***Specific forms and information for  
Call for Proposals,  
Call for Article Submissions,  
and the Membership Form  
are on the following pages.***





***Call for Program Proposals  
Language Experience Approach to Literacy  
across Content Areas  
Special Interest Group Meeting  
International Literacy Association 2018, Austin, TX***

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 2018 ILA Conference, please complete this form and email to Dr. Stacy Garcia at [stacy.garcia@southeastern.edu](mailto:stacy.garcia@southeastern.edu) by **Friday, September 8, 2017**. Please type in the subject heading **LESIG Call for Proposals**. Submissions will be blind-reviewed and notifications of acceptance will be e-mailed in November.

*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:

Jane Moore  
1711 Serenade Lane, Richardson, TX  
75081  
drjanemoore@gmail.com

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Select one ⇨: ☐ new member      ☐ renewal

Select one ↓:

- ☐ regular membership
- ☐ student membership
- ☐ graduate student membership
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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_


Your mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://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. There is a section devoted entirely to research and another section devoted to field experiences with learners of all ages, including teacher development.

The next submission deadline is **October 1, 2017**. 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](mailto:faziom@nsula.edu)

