Welcome to the 2023 LSA Linguistic Institute

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1 Introduction

We would like to start by giving everyone our welcome as the Institute begins. Here is our website and email:

- https://blogs.umass.edu/lingstitute2023/
- lingstitute2023@umass.edu

In this guide we have put together some information that we hope Institute participants will find helpful. We hope you will enjoy the Institute and take advantage of all the opportunities to learn about linguistics, meet new people, share your research and have fun. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us at lingstitute2023@umass.edu if you have questions!

All classes and many Institute events will take place in the Integrative Learning Center (ILC). Here is a map indicating where that is, as well as highlighting some other useful references:
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2 Important and Useful Links

- LSA Meeting Conduct Policy
- UMass Code of Student Conduct
- Integrative Learning Center (ILC)

Campus Maps and UMass Visitor Info:
- A good campus map to print out
- Another campus map
- UMass visitor info

Wifi access
- Eduroam
- Institute Wifi:
  User Name – 80781201
  Password – 26114941

General Assistance
- The help-desk will be open in the lounge of the ILC Monday-Friday 8-5.
- Cell number for help after hours and during weekends: (413) 687-2727
- Our Support Resources Webpage

Emergencies
- Campus emergency information
- UMass Police Department: (413) 545 3111
  (call this number for the quickest response)
  The dispatcher will send appropriate medical, fire or police service.
- General emergency number: 911
  Note: When you dial 911, you reach the Massachusetts Police Department. They will transfer you to the UMass Police Department.
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Health Services

• Amherst Community Health Center Urgent Care
  170 University Drive
  Amherst, MA 01002
  413-582-4400
  Hours: 8am-8pm M-F, 9am-5pm Sat-Sun

• Please see additional resources for Health Services in our page for Support Resources.

UMass Ombuds Office

• Confidential Concerns
• Conflict resolution

Center for Counselling and Psychological Health:

• (413) 545-2337
• includes 24/7 crisis intervention

Center for Women and Community:

• (413) 545-0883
• Sexual Assault Support Advocacy Hotline:
  (413) 545-0800 or (888) 337-0800

Office of Religious and Spiritual Life

The Stonewall Center (resources for LGBTQIA+ students)

Social Media

• Twitter: @lingstitute2023
• Facebook: Lingstitute 2023
3 Useful pages

The Institute website brings together information that may be helpful in various ways. Here are some its highlights:

- Traveling to Amherst
- Guide to the UMass Amherst Campus
- Things to do in the Amherst area (includes transport information)
- UMass Guide to Amherst

4 Checking into the Institute

Those starting the Institute in the first week of classes will check in on Sunday June 18. Checking into the Institute consists of two steps: checking into on-campus housing at North Apartments, and checking in for classes. You can decide what you do first!

- **Housing:**
  Institute participants staying on campus will need to check into North Apartments Institute housing is organized by UMass Conference Services. Their housing team will get in touch with you to provide a check-in time and spell out the process. When you check in, you will receive a code to your building and a code to your apartment, as well as a key for your room within the apartment. You will also be given complimentary parking close to North Apartments. Once check-in opens, there will be a person at the reception desk in the apartment building 24/7 (allowing you to check in at whatever time is convenient for you). The staff at the reception desk in your building will also be available to provide assistance with your accommodation for the duration of your stay.

- **Classes:**
  Checking-in for classes will take place at the lounge of the Integrative Learning Center (ILC) building from 12:00pm to 8:00pm. We will give you your welcome package and name tags. The classes check-in will also have a social component: we will have coffee, snacks, and a cash-bar from 5pm. It will be a welcome ‘mixer’! Drop by whenever you like. It will be a chance to meet some fellow participants and start getting to know people. If you are arriving after 8:00pm on June 18, then you can check in at the help desk at the ILC lounge from 8:00am-5:00pm.

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1 We will send out a separate message for the check-in date for those of you joining us in the second session, but the steps will be the same!
2 Only for those staying in on-campus housing.
3 We hope people will use their name tags during the Institute, particularly while we are getting to know each other in the first weeks.

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5  Life during the Institute

5.1  Parking

There are several options for parking on UMass campus. Parking Services spells these out here.

UMass has a paid central parking garage (Campus Center Parking Garage) open 24/7 which is close to the ILC (roughly, a 5 min walk). Parking in the campus open parking lots is free during the weekends but costs during the week (check out the Parking Services page for more info). Those of you staying at North Apartments will receive complimentary parking close by.

5.2  Supplies

Unfortunately, there are not many options for purchasing supplies on campus. Close to the ILC is the UMass Campus Center. Here you will find the UMass Campus Store. It mostly focuses on UMass souvenirs, and does not have many practical things, but it does have computer supplies and some emergency basics (open 10-4 weekdays, closed weekends). In the Campus Center you will also find Harvest Market (open 8-9 Monday-Thursday), where you can purchase cooked food items and salads, but also yogurt, fruit, milk, etc. There is a large CVS drugstore in Amherst approximately one mile from the ILC (there you will be able to find supplies such as coffee, tea, milk, juice and some food, but not fresh produce). If you need to do some more serious shopping (Trader Joe’s, Wholefoods, JC Penny’s, Walmart, Chapters, et al.) you will need to go to the Hampshire Mall. The PVTA bus B43 will take you from UMass to Hampshire Mall. You will find information about schedules and fares here.

5.3  Meals

If you who have opted for a meal plan, it will be provided at Worcester Dining Commons. It is also possible to access the commons without a meal plan, paying individually. Other options for food on campus include Harvest Market in the Campus Center and the Blue Wall.

5.4  Covid

We have made arrangements in case Institute participants (instructors or students) test positive for Covid. Please read about our Covid policy and isolation arrangements in our page Covid-19 on the Information and Resources page on the Institute website.

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6 Class-related

6.1 Schedules
For your reference, here are some schedules:

- The Class Schedule
- Lectures and receptions schedule
- Area Socials
- Wednesday workshops and extracurricular activities
- Weekend symposia and other events
- Overview of all activities

Changes may occur in schedules during the Institute (e.g. some courses may need to reschedule a class). We will do our best to keep all schedules updated. We will also post changes in course schedules on the course websites (and they will appear on Moodle). If there are sudden changes that affect everyone, we will email all Institute participants and also post the information on Twitter. Please make sure you keep up with your email!

We strongly encourage everyone to attend the Named Professor Lectures and the Forum Speaker Lectures, as well as the receptions that follow. These lectures constitute outstanding intellectual opportunities, and the receptions will be an important chance to socialize with everyone at the Institute and make new friends. The lecture series is, in a way, at the heart of the Institute, and we hope to see everyone there!

6.2 Classrooms
All classes will take place in the Integrative Learning Center (ILC). This is the building where the Linguistics Department is housed (fourth floor). You will find information about the room numbers for the courses on the website.

You will have access to Wifi throughout campus (either on Eduroam or on the Institute network. Instructors may wish you to access materials during class, and we recommend bringing devices to class that allow you to access the course website. As a general rule, we will not offer printed handouts.

6.3 Office hours
The instructors for the various courses have each made individual arrangements about office hours and meeting times. Please consult your instructor about this.
6.4 Library and work-spaces

It will not be possible for us to grant Institute participants full library privileges. The library does not allow us to give Institute participants library cards that would enable them to take things out of the library. However, no library card is needed to enter the library, and the library’s e-collection is available to everyone at computers within the library building. The library’s website is here. In addition to being able to consult books on the library shelves, visitors to the library will also find quiet work-spaces (and a small cafeteria).

The UMass Student Union building is across from ILC. It will be open during the Institute Monday-Friday 9-5, and Saturday-Sunday 10-5. The Student Union offers a series of common spaces with tables that can be nice for working, individually or in groups. They provide an alternative to the options in the library.

6.5 Moodle Websites and Communicating with Your Instructors

It is important that you sign into the Moodle website for each of your courses. You will have received a code to access the Moodle page for each of your courses from us. If you are missing the Moodle code for any of your courses, or have other requests that involve Moodle pages, contact us at this email address: lsa2023contact@umass.edu.

Moodle is a ‘learning management system’ that will allow your instructors to give you access to class notes and course materials. Instructors will also be able to email students through Moodle. You must log into the Moodle websites of the courses you are taking to become an active participant in the course and have access to everything you will need. The Moodle site is also where your instructor will let you know how to contact them.

6.6 Course changes

Since the Institute is short, there will only be a few possibilities for Institute participants to make changes to their course selections. You may drop courses at any point but you may only add courses within specific time-windows.

In the case of 4-week courses, you will be allowed to add a course during the first week (deadline: June 25).

In the case of 2-week courses (Session 1 and Session 2), you will not be allowed to add courses once a session has started, but you may drop them. You can add Session 1 courses up to June 18 and you can add Session 2 courses up to July 2. The policy on course changes is described here.

In order to add or drop courses, you will need to get in touch with our team at lsa2023contact@umass.edu.
7 Extra-curricular events

There are many extra-curricular events associated with the Institute. You will find the full information on our website, but we have made a list here since it may be helpful to have things together. We hope you will take the opportunity to participate in many events!

Note: Many of these events require (free) registration. Please make sure you register!

7.1 Workshops and Conferences

- June 24-25 PhonolEEGY 2 Conference: register here
  ILC S331

  ILC S240

- June 28 ALS-LSA Workshop: Complex/clustered predicates and argument structure in African languages: register here
  ILC N400

- July 1 Latinx: the Sociopolitics of Language: register here
  ILC N400

- July 7-8 The 30th International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar: register here
  Campus Center room 162-75

- July 8 What Sign Languages teach us about Iconicity in Language: RSVP here
  ILC S240

- July 8-9 Conference on Scholarly Teaching and SoTL in Linguistics (CoSTaSiL): register here
  ILC S311

- July 8-9 Bridging fieldwork, corpus, and experimental methods to study sociolectal variation: register here
  ILC S331

- July 9 Experimental and Corpus-Based Approaches to Ellipsis: register here
  Campus Center room 162-75
7.2 Professional development

- **Careers in Language Technology** (Course by Hadas Kotek)
- **Linguist Career Launch Team: Career Mixer in Gathertown**
  June 20 7:00pm–9:00pm (virtual)
- **LSA Committee for Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics: Unravelling Needs at the Intersections Today** (Panel)
  June 21 10:30am–11:50am ILC S240
- **LSA Committee on LGBTQ+[Z] Issues in Linguistics: 3rd Annual Pride Month Wikipedia Edit-a-thon**
  June 21 3:00pm–5:00pm ILC S240
- **Linguistics Career Launch Team: Live Linguistics Career Podcast**
  June 24 6:30pm–8:00pm ILC S331
- **LSA First Generation Access and Equity Committee: Navigating Higher Education as a First Gen and Tips for Success** (Panel)
  June 28 10:30am–11:50am ILC S331
- **LSA Committee on Gender Equity in Linguistics: ‘Mentoring up’ How to Manage your Mentoring Relationships**
  June 28 3:00pm–4:20pm ILC S331
- **The Study of African American Language and Practical Application: Summer Professional Development for Teachers and Speech Pathologists** (Workshop) register here
  July 6:00pm–7:00pm ILC N458
- **LSA Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics: Network Before Work** (Networking Event)
  July 12 9:00am–10:20am ILC S331
- **LSA Committee on Gender Equity in Linguistics: Taking Charge of your Immigration Education**
  July 12 10:30–11:50 ILC S331
- **Uri Tadmor (Publishing Director Brill Publishers): Modern Academic Publishing and the Early-Career Academic** (Presentation)
  July 12 1-2.20 ILC S331
- **Natives4Linguistics: Sharing Knowledge** (Panel)
  July 12 3:00pm–4:20pm ILC S331
- **COLANG 2024 Presentation**
  July 12 4:30pm–5:00pm ILC S331
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7.3 Talks

- Hadas Kotek: Gender bias in syntax example sentences
  June 22 6:00PM-7:30PM ILC S331

- Gretchen McCulloh: Data-driven approaches to lingcomm: A case study of internet linguistics
  July 6 6:00pm–7:30pm ILC S331

7.4 Opportunities for Institute Participants to share their work

- 3 Minute Thesis Showcase
  July 8 6:30pm–8:30pm ILC S240
  Abstracts deadline: June 24

- Poster Sessions
  There will be two poster sessions:
  June 29 5.30-8.30 Campus Center 10th floor
  July 12 5.30-8.30 Campus Center 1st floor
  Abstracts deadline: June 25

8 Fun

Social events and fun are an important part of the LSA summer Institute! We have tried to make sure that there is a chance for socializing and hanging out. You will find some information following the links below:

- Social events and excursions
- Things to do in the Amherst area

Here is a sample of activities on offer:

- Live Music Night (for linguists by linguists!)
  June 27 8:00pm–10:00pm Venue TBA
  Organizer: Joe Pater (pater@umass.edu)
  Live music performance by linguist-musicians!
  ALL Institute participants are welcome to perform!!
  If you are a musician, join us on stage!
  sign up here

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- **Area Social Hours**
  The Social Hours (happening most Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons 4:30pm-7:00pm) will be an opportunity for students and faculty working in various research areas to meet in an informal setting, mingle, and get to know one another. We hope many of you will come!

  Each social area meeting will have access to a cash bar and some complimentary hors d’oeuvres, which will be served in the ILC lounge. Each time slot will host two ‘areas’ in parallel, and there are two zones in the Lounge so each group can occupy a different zone. If anyone wishes to mingle with both groups, they are welcome to move back and forth. If the weather is nice some groups might like to move outside. The schedule for the Area Social Hours is below:

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- **NACLO Linguistic Puzzles**
  June 21, June 28 and July 5 5:00pm–6:30pm ILC S331
  Join us for an evening of fun and games organized by the North-American Computational Linguistics Open Competition

- **July 4th Picnic**
  The picnic will take place in Groff Park in Amherst. Details TBA!

- **Excursions**: MASS MoCA, Boston, Whitewater rafting