Welcome Back!

Caroline Hendy, LSH President

Welcome, everyone, to the Fall 2021 semester – and a particular welcome to our new students! As the incoming President of the Linguistics Society of Hawai‘i, it’s my pleasure to introduce our new LSH newsletters. Our officers have been doing a wonderful job over the summer preparing for the coming academic year, and you can see some of the fruits of that labor in this very email. My gratitude goes out to last year’s LSH officers for navigating us through a period of incredibly swift and difficult change. LSH is still committed to providing the best services we can whilst protecting your safety, so we hope to offer a mix of online and in-person events over the coming year as the situation permits. We’re here to give your year a bit more sparkle and we’d love to know your thoughts on how we can best do that, so please reach out to us at any time via this form https://forms.gle/HWvBoBCvom2rNeGq6 for suggestions and comments on what you’d like to see us do. Best of luck for the new semester!
Though pandemic restrictions have been easing up, new variants are still causing some concerns. We wanted to share an overview of some UH pandemic policies along with some resources to help you navigate the Fall 2021 semester. Currently UH Mānoa does require all students, staff and faculty to be vaccinated, barring medical or religious exemptions. Additionally, please remember to wear your mask in all public spaces on campus. Classrooms will also have a 3ft social distancing policy in place and hand sanitizing stations have been placed throughout the campus. Hawaii vaccination sites are available. Additionally, UH Mānoa will be holding a free student vaccination clinic for both doses on August 17th from 9-1pm and September 7th from 9-1pm respectively.

If you need space to take an online class from campus, Hamilton Library has study rooms that you can reserve from their website, however rooms need to be used by a minimum of 2 people. The department may also have space for you in a reading room or the computer lounge. Please email Jen Kanda or John Kawahara to check.

Lastly, all students are asked to download and use the LumiSight UH app before coming to campus. If you are vaccinated, you can load your vaccine card under the Health tab. The University has also has an FAQ page to address common questions and concerns. Stay safe!

**COVID Safety**

LHS will be holding multiple social events throughout the year, including our Welcome Party on Sept 12 at 2pm! To stay connected, please join our Discord** or join our Facebook page! The two groups are used for both academic and non-academic advice and support, or just casual chatting with others in the department. Discord also has specific channels for each course for discussions and homework help. LSH will also be organizing a “Coffee Talk” Mentorship Program, a casual opportunity to be paired with a senior linguistics graduate student at UHM to discuss anything from your shared interests to academia. This program is designed to support incoming students as you adjust to grad school life. Fill out this survey to be paired with a grad student mentor! Please feel free to also reach out over email if you have any specific questions or just want to chat! Most students in the department are very happy to share advice or hobbies when they have the time :)

**This link will expire within the next 7 days. If it no longer works, please contact Blaine Billings (blainetb@hawaii.edu) or Laura Griffin (laurasg@hawaii.edu) for a new link.**
Achievements

Last year was a difficult experience for students and faculty alike, however we made it! We'd like to take this chance to share with you a few of the accomplishments and successes of our linguistics students in AY 20-21.

- Noe Kong-Johnson received the highly competitive and prestigious NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, which pays her tuition and a stipend for five years.
- Project to document knowledge of marine ecology of the Kala (PNG) that Margaret Randall-Green was a research assistant for was featured as an exhibit at the Bishop Museum.
- Ivan Bondoc accepted a one-year visiting assistant professor position at the University of Toronto (Canada's top ranked university) in the Department of Linguistics with the Faculty of Arts & Science.
- Caroline Hendy had three co-authored papers accepted:
- Josiah Murphy had a co-authored paper accepted:
- Sisilia Gravelle, supported by Caroline Hendy and now-alumn Sar Champagne, was awarded a grant of $2000 from the Graduate Student Organization to make hard-cover copies of the first story book in her mother tongue, Bua.
- Anu Reddy was awarded the Jagdish P. Sharma Scholarship for the academic year of 2021-22 for $5000 dedicated to studies of or about South Asia.
- Christina Truong won a GSO Merit Based Award for Teaching.

Have an accomplishment you'd like to share? Email LSH: lingsoc@hawaii.edu

Intro to LSH

The purpose of LSH is to foster a cooperative, active, and engaging community for students, staff, and faculty of the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa who are interested in linguistics. We aim to make the study of languages and linguistics fun, social, and inclusive for all and hope to promote interdisciplinary work and engagement for anyone with an interest in the field. To best achieve these goals, every year members elect a new executive committee of students dedicated to serving and leading LSH. As the semester starts off and classes begin again, we all look forward to getting to know you and to making LSH an impactful and meaningful part of your time studying linguistics at UH!