



NARNiHS @ the KFLC

The North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics at KFLC: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference

Abstract submission deadline: **26 November 2018, 11:59 PM (U.S. Eastern Time)**

Abstract submission portal: **<https://kflc.as.uky.edu/>**

Conference: **11-13 April 2019 – University of Kentucky – Lexington, Kentucky, USA**

The North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics (NARNiHS) is accepting abstracts for a ***new kind of NARNiHS conference*** with an exciting new profile! *NARNiHS @ the KFLC* seeks to provide a collaborative conference environment where presenters bring work that is work-in-progress, exploratory, proof-of-concept, prototyping; and the audience participates in the brainstorming and workshopping of those new ideas. We see *NARNiHS @ the KFLC* as a place for testing/pushing boundaries; developing new theories, methods, models, tools; seeking feedback from peers willing to engage in productive assessment of fledgling ideas and nascent projects. Successful abstracts for this *research incubator* environment will demonstrate thorough grounding in the field, scientific rigor in the formulation of research questions, and promise for rich discussion.

NARNiHS welcomes papers in all areas of historical sociolinguistics, which is understood as the application/development of sociolinguistic theories, models, and methods for the study of historical language variation and change over time, or more broadly, the study of the interaction of language and society in historical periods and from historical perspectives. Thus, a wide range of linguistic areas, subdisciplines, and methodologies easily find their place within the field, and we encourage submission of abstracts that reflect this broad scope.

To encourage maximum exchange of ideas in the research incubator environment of *NARNiHS @ the KFLC*, we are soliciting two types of submissions: (a) 15-minute individual presentation followed by a 15-minute question & answer session; (b) 30-minute round-table-style set of 2-3 interrelated presentations on a single topic, theme, method, model, dataset, etc. followed by a 30-minute discussion session. Abstracts for both types of presentations should be no more than 500 words (not including examples and references). Abstracts will be accepted until 26 November 2018 – late abstracts will not be considered!

Abstracts are submitted through the KFLC website (<https://kflc.as.uky.edu/>):

- 1) create an account and log in.
- 2) follow the menu path: Call for Papers > Submit an Abstract.
- 3) read carefully and follow the general KFLC abstract submission guidelines and instructions.
- 4) NARNiHS is only accepting individual submissions of the two types identified above, so the KFLC instructions regarding pre-organized panels do not apply for the *NARNiHS @ the KFLC* sessions.
- 5) select the “Linguistics” track and indicate clearly at the very top of your abstract: “NARNiHS Abstract”.

NARNiHS @ the KFLC is hosted within the framework of the longstanding conference, *KFLC: the Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference* at the University of Kentucky. The KFLC has a tradition of attracting scholars from a broad range of languages and specializations and is pleased to be adding historical sociolinguistics. Acceptance of a paper implies a commitment on the part of all participants to register and attend the conference. All presenters must pay the appropriate registration fee by 4 March 2019 to be included in the program. For NARNiHS-specific questions please contact the program committee for *NARNiHS @ the KFLC* at: NARNiHistSoc@gmail.com, <http://narnihs.org>. For general information about the overall conference please visit the website: <https://kflc.as.uky.edu/>.