Welcome to the Fall 2023 semester! We are particularly excited to welcome all our new students and faculty. As the current President of the Linguistics Society of Mānoa, I would like to introduce this year’s LSM newsletters. Each month, we will send out one of these newsletters to share the exciting plans we have in store! As we prepare for this upcoming academic year, we would love to hear what hopes, concerns, or questions you might have for us. Please feel free to share anything through this form, which will be open throughout the year: https://forms.gle/mvJfPdHzAicp1Z7y5 Your feedback will help guide us as we do our best to provide services for the department. I hope you all have a great start to the semester, and I look forward to seeing you around!

Welcome Back!

Emma Breslow, LSM President

land acknowledgement

LSM acknowledges that we live and work on the lands of the Hawaiian people. We affirm our kuleana to support and promote the vitality of the Hawaiian people and their culture, land, and language.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Please see page 3 for more details

New Student Orientation: Thursday, August 17th, 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Welcome Beach Party: Saturday, August 19th, 3:30 - 5:30 PM
Department Welcome Party: Friday, September 8th, 5 PM

LSM Events Calendar
Intro to LSM

The purpose of LSM 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 LSM. As the semester starts off and classes begin again, we all look forward to getting to know you and making LSM an impactful and meaningful part of your time studying linguistics at UH!

JOIN LSM

Now that you’ve heard about LSM, what’s next? Become a member! This comes with voting privileges and event discounts. The 2023-2024 membership is free for undergraduates, $15 for graduates, and $35 for faculty. 100% of these funds go to hosting events for the Linguistic Dept, such as the upcoming LSM events. Mahalo for your support!

Fill out this form to join LSM: https://forms.gle/rZNj4Naus5Rme7mn7

LSM STUDENT HANDBOOK

Whether you’re new to the department or a seasoned grad student, you can find advice and answers to many of your questions about department life and island-living in the LSM Student Handbook! Access it here: http://bit.ly/3KFnAz4

Join LSM Social Media Channels

- Instagram @lingsocmanoa
- Facebook @LinguisticSocietyofManoa
- Discord UH Ling Mailroom https://discord.gg/dzZPdtwyac
Important Dates & Upcoming Events

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
Orientation for new students will take place on Thursday, August 17th, 1:30 - 3:30 PM in Moore 575. Join LSM afterwards at Paradise Palms for an informal chat to hear more about department life from some of our current grad students!

CAMPUS TOUR
New to campus? LSM is organizing a tour for new students! Keep an eye on your inbox for more details!

WELCOME BEACH POTLUCK
Kick off the semester with us with a beach potluck at 'Aina Moana (Magic Island) Saturday, August 19th, 3:30 - 5:30pm! Make sure to RSVP and sign up to bring a favorite dish to share! Come prepared to buy in to our fun Lei Game fundraiser for a chance to win a Starbucks giftcard! LSM shirts will also be sold - $16 for members, $21 for non-members. Venmo, Paypal, and cash accepted.
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OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT WELCOME PARTY
We will be formally welcoming new and returning students in the Moore Hall Courtyard on Friday, September 8th around 5pm (tentative), so mark your calendars!

STUDENT RESEARCH SAMPLER
LSM is organizing a forum for graduate students to share their research to take place in late September/early October. Keep an eye on your inbox for more details and how to sign up!

LINGUISTICS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
If you're a new grad student, consider signing up for our mentorship program! You'll be paired with a continuing grad student who you can meet and chat with as you adjust to life at UH. Fill out the mentee interest form here: https://forms.gle/MEQAH1oZb8Hwt6vU9
If you're a continuing grad student who would be willing to pass on your wisdom and mentor an incoming student, please fill out the mentor interest form here: https://forms.gle/prApNNCZTLR6Tcti6

TEACHING MATERIALS REPOSITORY
Several LSM officers are currently working on organizing a collection of teaching materials used/developed by current and continuing instructors of undergraduate linguistics classes at UH. This collection would be accessible to new and continuing instructors as a resource so that instructors don't have to develop all new materials from scratch for their courses.
Please consider filling out this form so we can gauge interest in such a resource: https://forms.gle/tycou3YtRZzuA1YX7
LDTC had an extremely successful Spring 2023 term. We conducted eight language documentation workshops (taught by A.L. Blake, Cole Flottman, Sebi Ohara-Saft, Henry Osborne, Aliya Slayton, Greg Vondiziano, and Olivia Waring) and hosted a closing ceremony to celebrate the season’s achievements. Our participants included three language experts (Angeli Cabrera, Poeherenui Karsin, and Annika Topelian) and six linguistics mentors (Margaret Asperheim, Jillian Breithaupt, Echo Canadaye, Luchia Flores-Arecco, Joel Jesson, and Kianu Schwerdtfeger), who collectively produced language materials for Kapampangan, Western Armenian, and Tahitian. We were particularly delighted that our ranks included two undergraduate students, representing the beginning of a new era of expansion for LDTC. The final projects - a quadrilingual children's alphabet book, a video recipe for Tahitian Banana Pudding, and a website on Armenian culture and orthography - are available for viewing on our website. We also hosted a Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon, during which we added or edited entries for seven languages (read more here).

For the first time ever, LDTC conducted an additional summer workshop to support the documentation of Micronesian languages by members of the Micronesian diaspora community here in Hawai‘i. Ten participants representing eight languages (Chamorro, Chuukese, Kiribatese, Mochulockese, Mwokilese, Palauan, Pohnpeian, and Yapese) gathered in Moore Hall on three afternoons in July to learn about language documentation techniques and produce revitalization materials. Event coordinators and volunteers included Jillian Breithaupt, Cole Flottman, Justin Hong, Kelli McLeod, Armando Molina Gómez, Josiah Murphy, Sydney Shansey, Annika Topelian, and Olivia Waring, with mentorship by Brad McDonnell and Gary Holton. LDTC plans to continue its community outreach work in the coming months.

**SHARE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Did you do something amazing last semester or over the summer? Send us information on the cool projects you worked on, awards received, grants and scholarships earned, along with any other accomplishments you want us to highlight!

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