

SCALAR 13

“Formative Language Assessment”

Saturday, May 1st, 2010
University of California, Los Angeles

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 13th Annual Conference of the Southern California Association for Language Assessment Research (SCALAR) will be held on Saturday, 1 May 2010 at the University of California, Los Angeles. The theme of this year’s conference is, “Formative Assessment”.

The organizers are now accepting proposals for both paper and poster sessions. Paper presentations will be **20 minutes** in length, followed by a 10-minute discussion. Poster sessions will be displayed for 45 minutes. Presenters must prepare their own posters.

Presentations should address topics relevant to second and foreign language assessment. Priority in the program will be given to graduate student proposals. Preference will be given to proposals that address the theme of the conference.

Proposals should include:

- Whether the presentation is a paper or a poster session
- The title of the paper/poster session
- The lead presenter’s name, affiliation, and email address
- The names and affiliations of other authors
- A list of equipment needed for the presentation (a laptop and projection equipment will be available for all presentations)
- A 300 word (maximum) abstract of the paper/poster session
- A 30 word (maximum) biographical statement for each author

The deadline for the receipt of proposal submissions is **April 5th, 2010**. Proposals must be submitted through email to **hwcai@ucla.edu**.

SCALAR 13 will consist of a half-day workshop on Friday afternoon, 30 April, and a full-day conference on Saturday, May 1st. The Friday afternoon workshop leader and conference plenary speaker for SCALAR 13 is Dr. Pryanvada Abeywickrema, of the Department of English, San Francisco State University.

SCALAR is a student-run organization formed by graduate students and faculty at the University of California, Los Angeles, and at California State University, Los Angeles in 1997, and later joined by the students and faculty of California State University, Fullerton. The first SCALAR conference was held in 1998. SCALAR’s goal is to promote awareness, research, and practice in language assessment in the southern California region. Each year, SCALAR organizes a conference to provide graduate students and other language assessment researchers and practitioners with opportunities to present their research and to receive feedback and guidance from leading scholars in the fields of education and assessment.

SCALAR faculty advisors: Lyle Bachman, UCLA; Antony Kunnan, CSULA; Nathan Carr, CSUF. For any inquiries, please email hwcai@ucla.edu. For more information about SCALAR, go to: <http://sites.google.com/site/scalaractivities/>