We are pleased to announce that submissions are now open for the 8th annual meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS8), which will be held from April 21st-24th, 2016 in the Illini Union at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

ILLS is a general linguistics conference open to any and all submission relating to language and linguistics. We primarily encourage submissions from graduate and undergraduate students.

To mark the coincidence of ILLS8 with the 50th anniversary of the Linguistics Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, this year’s conference will feature plenary talks from five distinguished alumni of the department representing each decade of the department’s history, and five distinct fields of linguistic inquiry.

Invited plenary speakers are:

Jerry Sadock (University of Chicago)
Peter Cole (University of Delaware)
Nkonko Kamwangamalu (Howard University)
Laura Downing (University of Gothenburg)
Khalil Iskarous (University of Southern California)

ILLS8 will also feature a special session organized around the conference theme “Language and Linguistics Through Time”.

Submissions related to this theme are especially encouraged, though submissions are not limited to this theme.

Abstract Submissions

To submit an abstract, please visit: http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/ILLS8

Submissions are limited to single-author abstract and one multi-author abstract, OR two multi-author abstracts. First and presenting authors must be graduate students.

Abstracts should be maximum 500 words, with one extra page allowed for images, data, and/or references. Full references are not necessary; please use the (Author, Year) format. Abstracts should be submitted via EasyAbs on LinguistList.org in PDF format with NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION of the presenter in the document.
Submissions will close on December 20th, 2015.

Authors will be notified of abstract decisions in February, 2016.

For more details, please visit our website (http://ills.linguistics.illinois.edu/) or contact us at ills-conference@illinois.edu