

Foundation for Endangered Languages (FEL)

**Call for Papers - FEL XXVI 2022
FELXXVI Conference 2022
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Theme:

Community ownership of language education for endangered language revitalization

Venue and Date:

The conference events will take place at the Science and Technology Park Rotunda, at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 2-4, 2022.

801 University Blvd SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106

<https://realestate.unm.edu/science-and-technology-park/meeting-facilities.html>

Organization and sponsorship:

Local organizers: Siri Tuttle and Wafa Hozien, Navajo Technical University
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Sponsors: **Navajo Technical University and the University of New Mexico**

Conference Website: <https://www.ogmios.org/conferences/2022>

Selection Process:

****All speakers must register for the conference****

Abstracts

Abstracts (in English) of up to 600 words will be submitted in PDF format through EasyChair:
<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=felxxvi2022>

The FEL Executive Committee will blind-review all abstracts. The abstracts should not contain names, affiliations or email addresses of the authors.

Timeline:

Abstracts due: **August 1, 2022**
Notification of acceptance: **September 10, 2022**

Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit an updated version of their abstract for inclusion in the pre-conference proceedings. Updates due: **September 20, 2022**

Authors of accepted abstracts confirm attendance/participation: **September 20, 2022**
Conference program available: **October 10, 2022**

Help with Abstracts:

Please contact Dr. Siri Tuttle, Co-Chair of FEL Albuquerque Conference, s.tuttle@navajotech.edu if you have questions regarding the content of your submission.

More about the Venue:

Sessions will take place in meeting rooms at the UNM's Science and Technology Park and each session will be attended by up to one hundred (100) registered conference attendees.

Albuquerque is one of the largest cities in the sparsely populated, but stunningly beautiful, state of New Mexico. This state is home to 23 Indigenous tribes: nineteen Pueblos, three Apache tribes and the Navajo Nation. Indigenous languages spoken in these communities belong to the Keresan, Kiowa-Tanoan, and Dene (Athabaskan) language families and also include Zuni and the unique variety of Spanish spoken by descendants of early European immigrants.

The conference will include an optional trip on Day 1 to the organizing institution, Navajo Technical University (NTU) in Crownpoint, New Mexico. 131 miles west of Bee'eldíldahsinil (Albuquerque), NTU is a fast-growing and innovative tribal university serving Diné and Ashiwi (Navajo and Zuni) students up to the Masters level. Day 1 will conclude with an evening reception at the conference site. Papers and posters will be presented on Days 2 and 3, with a conference dinner on Day 3.

Theme:

Community ownership of language education for endangered language revitalization

Indigenous and minority language communities have experienced many types and styles of external control and intentional manipulation of their language use. In order to reverse the language shift that has resulted from these practices, communities increasingly turn to different approaches for language learning, looking both to indigenous or traditional methods and to innovative ideas. Making such choices demands community ownership, not just of methods of language learning, but also of the entire infrastructure of language education. In many cases this option is not freely available and is even hindered by those in control (governments, institutions); communities will, in addition, seek ways of successfully enacting their choices.

This radical change will naturally lead to innovative descriptions of language, as well, and these will inevitably change linguistic description and theory.

The conference will address community owned, and alternative forms of, language education and community initiatives which aim at, or have successfully reversed, language shift resulting from external control of educational methods and systems.

Related questions and sub-themes :

- Traditional learning methods and innovative approaches
- Endangered language learning in state educational systems

- Non-school learning
 - Language nests
 - Master-apprentice schemes
 - Language in traditional culture
 - Re-introducing indigenous languages into family life
 - Endangered languages in sports
 - Endangered languages in journalism
- Critical periods / environments for language learning
- Effective reference and data sources for languages not currently spoken
- Endangered languages and mass media
- Recent achievement and trends in reversing language shift, especially through alternative and innovative models and approaches
- Case studies of endangered language community struggles and outcomes to change or own the language education process, methods and materials
- Using arts and culture to support language maintenance
- Traditional arts and culture as a means for language revitalization
- Education/knowledge transfer through women's work

Proceedings:

Accepted abstracts will be included in the pre-conference proceedings. Authors will be invited to submit full papers after the conference, which will be peer-reviewed for possible inclusion in the FEL Yearbook for 2022, to be published by Brill.

Accommodation: UNM's Science and Technology Park is located in the middle of the lively University neighborhood of Albuquerque. Hotel rooms are available with prices ranging from \$80 to \$300 per night. A block of rooms will be reserved at a nearby hotel for reservation on a first-come, first-serve basis.

REGISTRATION (All participants must register)

Registration includes the opening reception, field trip, and conference dinner.

Rates for FEL members:

- Concession, Community and Solidarity members: \$100
- All other FEL members: \$220
- Virtual attendance for FEL members: \$20

Rates for Non-members:

- Standard rate: \$350
- Virtual attendance for non-members: \$50

TRAVEL SUPPORT:

In keeping with our theme of language community leadership, FEL XXVI - 2022 seeks to support participants from endangered language communities. To do this, we are creating a travel support fund to help these participants come to the conference. For more information about receiving support, please write to s.tuttle@navajotech.edu.

FAQ:

- FEL will provide special accommodations upon request to ensure that the conference is accessible and inclusive.
- We encourage organizations and educational institutions to support presentation and attendance by your members at this conference.

COVID PROTOCOLS

New Mexico continues to be very watchful regarding pandemic conditions. To ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing, FEL will monitor United States Center for Disease Control or CDC guidelines and COVID trends and will notify participants of its vaccination and testing requirements as needed. If, in the very worst case, in-person meeting is not possible, we will work with our IT team to make it possible to share our work virtually.