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Especially for Students: the LSA 2016 Annual Meeting.

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Dear Colleagues,

I'm writing to welcome you, a few days in advance, to the LSA's 90th Annual Meeting. Please read on for a list of the activities that we have planned especially with you in mind.

Additional Student Volunteer Opportunities

We've had a few late-breaking cancellations and as a result have some open volunteer slots. You can view and sign up for these [here](#).

First-Time Attendee Orientation

If you've never been to an LSA Meeting before, plan on attending the orientation session in Salon 1 from 3:00 to 3:45 on Thursday. Hosted by Eric Potsdam (University of Florida) and Lauren B. Collister (University of Pittsburgh).

Expert Consultations

Sign up [here](#) for one or more 15-minute consultation sessions with experts on topics such as applying to grad school, research funding, being on the job market, careers on higher education and beyond academia, professional

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self-presentation, explaining your research to job search committees, and more.

Student Lounge

The student lounge will be open on Friday and Saturday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. There will be complimentary hot beverages, snacks, and wifi.

Job Information Desk

Stop by the Job Information Desk in the Marquis Ballroom Foyer (near registration) on Friday and Saturday from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM and Sunday from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

Taking place from 2:00 - 5:00 PM in Salon 17 on Friday, the Edit-a-thon is a great chance to become better acquainted with the basics of editing linguistics-related Wikipedia articles.

Linguistics Beyond Academia Salon

This networking event for linguists practicing outside of, or interested in working outside of, academia, will take place on Friday from 3:30 - 5:00 PM in the George Washington University Room.

Panel on Explaining Your Research in Different Contexts

The panel is open to all and will include significant time for questions from the audience. Confirmed Panelists include Keren Rice (University of Toronto), Janet Randall (Northeastern University) and Jennifer Renn (Center for Applied Linguistics). The panelists will discuss how to tailor explanations of your research depending on the context. Different contexts to be discussed include: academic job applications, grant writing, industry job applications, and how these might differ from a paper or conference presentation. The panel will take place on Friday from 8:30 - 10:00 PM in Salon 12.

Student Mixer

Join your fellow students for a few hours of R&R, courtesy of the LSA and the Committee on Student Issues and Concerns. City Tap House, 901 9th St. NW from 10:00 PM to midnight, immediately following the panel.

Linguistics Beyond Academia Career Mixer

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This event, held Saturday from 3:30 - 5:00 PM in the George Washington University room, will bring together individuals from all stages professional development for exploratory discussions about career paths.

Student Abstract Awards

All regular poster and paper abstracts authored solely by students are eligible for the Student Abstract Awards. All abstracts are double-blind reviewed by at least four reviewers. See your fellow students acknowledged at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday from 5:30 - 6:00 PM in Salon 6 on Meeting Level 2.

Meeting of the Committee on Student Issues and Concerns (COSIAC)

Make your voice heard. COSIAC works to improve and expand the range of services the LSA offers to its student members. Sunday from 8:15 - 9:00 AM in the Union Station Room.

I look forward to seeing you again (if you're a seasoned Annual Meeting attendee) or to meeting you in person (if this is your first time with us) soon. And I look forward to seeing you in 2017 (Austin, TX), 2018 (Salt Lake City, UT), 2019 (New York City), New Orleans (2020) and beyond!

Sincerely,

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