Whither Linguistics – Oh The Places You’ll Go!
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What professional skills does the study of linguistics cultivate?

- Heightened cultural awareness
- Systems Thinking / Analytic reasoning skills
- Ability to structure and support a logical argument / Information Architecture
- Ability to formulate and test hypotheses using both quant and qual methodologies
- Insightful observation skills (e.g. identifying and unpacking presuppositions)
- Powerful communication skills (esp. designing a message for reception by specific audiences - Localization)

What professional organizations exist for Linguists?

- Linguist List The LINGUIST List, housed at Eastern Michigan University, bills itself as “The world’s largest on-line linguistic resource.” The Jobs area of the site offers position listings in private industry and academia. People and Organizations includes links to 207 linguistic societies and professional associations related to Linguistics worldwide. The Linguist List also provides an FAQ on Ix as a career.
- Linguistic Society of America Housed in Washington, D.C. the LSA is the largest linguistic society in the world. Membership is required to search their jobs site, but resources accessible to the public include this piece on Jobs and Interviewing in Linguistics.
- American Association of Applied Linguistics
- American Anthropological Association

Where can I search for jobs? – also network, use LinkedIn, and seek out the HR webpage for orgs directly!

- Indeed (a powerful aggregate engine: you can set up a daily search for jobs related to your key words)
- Idealist.org (jobs dedicated to particular issues and causes (e.g. env. policy, women’s issues, NGOs, etc))
- USA Jobs (Federal government jobs)
- Making the Difference: (A source for federal jobs and internships)
- OPM – Job Seekers (Federal government’s Office of Personnel Management’s Job Seekers site)
- Opportunity Knocks (insight into the nonprofit world)
- Diversity Jobs (directory of current positions in companies committed to diversity)
- NAFSA Job Registry (international education; open positions in a variety of fields)
- International Career Employment Weekly (jobs in the US and overseas)
- Jobs in the Humanities and Social Sciences (jobs in secondary and higher ed.; social science in industry)

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