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The Ken Hale Chair

Dear Colleagues:

A major thrust within contemporary linguistics, and indeed in North American linguistics since even before the founding of our Society, has been the study and preservation of endangered languages, an area where linguistics can make a real difference in the broader world. As part of this effort, the Linguistic Society of America undertook an initiative in 2003 to endow a new chair at the summer Linguistic Institute for the teaching of field methods. This chair is to be named in memory of Ken Hale, whose passion for the study and preservation of endangered languages is legendary. The chair will be inaugurated at the 2005 Institute at MIT and Harvard, where it will be held jointly by Mary Laughren, Jane Simpson, and David Nash.

The announcement of the chair has already resulted in related synergistic activities. Complementing the chair is a new fellowship, funded by the Committee on Endangered Languages and Their Preservation, to support a highly ranked student at the Institute enrolled in the six-week field methods course to be taught by the holders of the Hale Chair. In addition, a workshop is planned for the weekend of 9-11 July at the Institute, focusing on 'Language Documentation: Theory, Practice, and Values'. Its themes include the requirements of field linguistic training, the concerns and involvement of the heritage language communities, and issues in documentation and archiving.

An endowed Institute chair requires substantial funding. In this particular case, the demands are still greater, because it is necessary to fund not only the professorial salary and expenses but also a stipend and expenses for the speaker of the language under study, who would be serving as consultant. Our estimate is that \$200,000 can endow this chair in perpetuity, alongside the existing endowed Collitz and Sapir chairs at the Institute.

Since the chair was announced in January 2004, the LSA has received contributions totalling \$67,000, which include \$20,000 from MIT, \$10,000 from the Salus Mundi Foundation, and \$37,000 from individual members of the LSA, 19 of whom have donated \$1000 or more. We have also been fortunate to have been awarded a matching grant from the NEH, which for the period through 2008 will add an extra 25% to contributions from nongovernmental donors, up to \$40,000. The LSA has also been able to budget \$30,000 towards this endowment. Thus we have about \$63,000 left to reach our goal, which we hope to reach by the end of this year, in time for the 2007 Institute at Stanford.

We would like to ask you to consider making a substantial tax-deductible contribution toward this campaign. We are hoping for contributions on the order of \$1000, but lesser amounts will not be frowned upon. We're sure there are myriad causes to which you regularly donate, but this is a special opportunity to help establish the recording and preservation of endangered languages as a top priority of the LSA, and to do so in the name of Ken Hale. Please

consider as large a gift as you can make, and then add 10 percent. A [form](#) has been included in this issue of the *Bulletin*, which may be sent to the LSA Secretariat.

By all means feel free to call or email us if you have questions or ideas. On behalf of the Executive Committee of the LSA, we thank you profusely for whatever help you can offer us in making this happen.

With warmest regards,

Mark Aronoff, President
Joan Bybee, Past President
Ray Jackendoff, 2003 President



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Executive Committee Report

The Officers and Executive Committee met on Thursday, 8 January 2004, in the Exeter Room of the Sheraton Boston at 9:00 AM and continued until 4:30 PM. Those attending were Ray Jackendoff, President; Joan Bybee, Vice President-President Elect; Frederick J. Newmeyer, Past President; Sally McConnell-Ginet, Secretary-Treasurer; Gregory Ward, Secretary-Treasurer Elect; Kristen Syrett, Bloch Fellow; Stephen Anderson; Eve Clark; Larry M. Hyman; Sarah G. Thomason; and Gillian Sankoff. Michael Krauss was ill and not able to attend. William Idsardi, Chair of the Program Committee, Brian Joseph, Editor of *Language*, Donna Christian, President of the Center for Applied Linguistics, and Past President D. Terence Langendoen were present by invitation. Dennis Preston, Sabine Iatridou, Jay Jasanoff, and C-T James Huang joined the Committee for the discussion of Linguistic Institutes. Margaret W. Reynolds represented the Secretariat.

President's Business

1. Appointed Joan Bybee, Mark Aronoff, Ray Jackendoff, D. Terence Langendoen, and Gregory Ward to serve on the Finance Committee for 2004, accepted the committee list for 2004, and appointed the following to serve: Roger Shuy as Chair of the Committee on Social and Political Concerns and Catherine Rudin to the Language in the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.
2. Received a report from Ed Battistella on the NSF National Workshop on Improving Education in the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences held in June 2003. The President reported on an invited session at the National Council of Teachers of English 2003 convention and noted that discussions were underway with the American Educational Research Association to explore mutual collaborations.
3. The President reported on his efforts this fall to raise funds for an endowed Chair named in honor of Ken Hale for the biennial Linguistic Institute sponsored by the LSA. He reported enthusiastic response from Past Presidents, members who had served on the Executive Committee over the past 20 years, and colleagues of Dr. Hale at MIT as well as the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy and the Dean at MIT. The Executive Committee enthusiastically endorsed the establishment of the chair and appointed an ad hoc committee (Steven Anderson, Chair; Sarah G. Thomason and Akira Yamamoto) to cultivate support; to guide the fundraising efforts, including possibly applying for a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant; and to draft the guidelines for the new professorship.
4. The Committee unanimously approved motions of thanks to Cornell, Ohio State University, and the University of South Carolina for their support of the Secretary-Treasurer's Office, the Office of the Editor of *Language*, and the Book Review Editor's Office respectively.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

1. The Secretary-Treasurer noted the continuing downward trend in the number of members and encouraged Executive Committee members to continue their efforts to recruit members for the LSA.

2. The Committee unanimously approved the audit report for FY 2002-3 and received with thanks the management letter that accompanied the report. Further, the Executive Committee approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Society's portfolio be moved to Legg Mason. Lastly, the Committee approved an increase in membership dues in 2005 and the continuation of the late fee assessments for those paying dues after the publication of the March issue of *Language*.

3. The Committee received the report and draft proposal from Sharon Klein on the Virtual Museum on Language and Linguistics, voted to support the project in principle, and asked Brian Joseph to serve as liaison between the organizers and the Executive Committee.

4. The Committee received the reports on the Long Range Planning discussions that took place at the 2003 Linguistic Institute. The May 2004 meeting agenda will include time to focus on LSA membership changes, challenges, and concerns.

Committee and Delegate Reports

1. The Leonard Bloomfield Book Award Committee was discharged with thanks.

2. The reports submitted by the Advisory to Programs Committee, the Committee on Social and Political Concerns, the Computing Committee, the Committee on Endangered Languages and Their Preservation, the Language in the School Curriculum Committee, the Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics, and the Ad hoc Advisory Committee on Web-based Materials were accepted with thanks.

3. The Committee discussed the report and recommendations of the Committee on Honorary Members and approved the nominations of Probal Dasgupta, Inga-Lill Hansson, and Aryon Rodrigues for honorary membership.

4. The reports filed by the LSA delegates to AAAS: Section H and the Consortium of Social Science Associations were accepted with thanks. The Secretariat was encouraged to contact the new Executive Director of ACTFL to explore ways in which the LSA and ACTFL might more effectively collaborate.

5. The report on activities undertaken by the Secretariat was accepted with thanks.

Publications

1. The report of the Editor of *Language* was received and discussed by members of the Committee. The Editor was thanked for his efforts and encouraged to prepare an estimate for the May meeting of the cost of correcting and updating the *Twentieth Century Index of Language*.

2. The appointment of Jaye Padgett, Janet Pierrehumbert, and Natsuko Tsujimura as Associate Editors was unanimously approved.

3. The Committee learned that the following four FAQs were likely to be ready this spring: "How to Raise a Child Bilingually", "Animal Communication", "How many languages are there?" and "The Origins of Language". Larry Hyman agreed to draft a new FAQ on "Why Join the LSA?"

Reports from Sister Organizations and Collaborative Projects

1. The Committee received with thanks reports from the Center for Advanced Study of Language, the Coalition for National Science Funding, the Decade of Behavior, The Race and Human Variation Project of the American Anthropological Association, the Coalition on the Academic Workforce, and the National Museum of Language.

2. The Committee asked that Carol Padden be invited to serve as LSA delegate to the Disabilities Studies conference being organized by the Modern Language Association in March 2004.

Executive Session

Gregory Ward was nominated to stand for election as Secretary-Treasurer and Brian Joseph was renominated to stand for election as Editor of *Language*.

Annual Meetings

1. William Idsardi, Chair of the Program Committee, presented a report on the Committee activities for 2004. The Committee urged the Program Committee to consider revising the time allotted for papers to 20 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion.

2. The Secretariat reported that a contract has been signed with the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque for the 2006 Annual Meeting and that negotiations were underway with the Hilton in Portland for the 2009 meeting.

Linguistic Institutes and Summer Programs

1. The Committee received with great thanks the report on the 2003 Linguistic Institute and voted unanimously their appreciation to Dennis Preston and his colleagues.
2. The Administrative Team of the 2005 Institute provided the Committee with an update on their plans and was thanked enthusiastically for all their effort to mount such an interesting summer program.
3. The Committee was disappointed to learn that the University of Colorado had withdrawn its letter of intention to host the 2007 Institute.
4. Larry Hyman reported on discussions underway at University of California, Berkeley to host a future Institute.



Audit Report

This is the statement of support, revenues, expenses, and changes in the fund balances of the Linguistic Society for the year ending 30 September 2004. A copy of the financial statements is available from the Secretariat.

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Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	30 September 2003	30 September 2004
Current Assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 43,434	\$ 81,526
Investments	903,260	1,002,424
Accounts receivable	2,259	705
Prepaid expenses	8,646	8683
Total current assets	957,599	1,093,338
Fixed Assets:		
Building	137,440	137,440
Property Improvements	4,535	5,827
Furniture and fixtures	24,979	24,979
Less: accumulated depreciation	(125,229)	(133,072)
Net fixed assets	41,725	35,174
Total assets:	\$999,324	\$ 1,128,512
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current		

liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$37,582	\$ 24,166
Accrued expenses	19,949	23,278
Deferred revenue - current portion	80,939	86,692
Total current liabilities	138,470	134,136
Long-term liabilities:		
Deferred revenue - long term	56,060	63,366
Total liabilities	194,530	197,502
Net assets		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	(236,448)	(273,999)
Designated	831,715	905,661
Total unrestricted	595,267	631,662
Temporarily restricted	209,527	299,348
Total net assets	804,794	931,010
Total liabilities and net assets	\$999,324	\$1,128,512

The balances in the restricted funds are as follows with comparative totals for 2000-2004:

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004

Fund for Future of Linguistics	\$104,982	\$34,323	\$(4,077)	\$(20,924)	\$ (11,246)
Linguistic Institutes	225,630	213,267	195,475	200,701	278,727
Membership Assistance	17,848	15,151	12,707	9,947	9,417
Committee on Status of Women	3,292	2,700	3,217	3,491	3,797
Child Care Assistance	9,886	10,443	11,139	11,589	12,101
Capital Equipment	3,171	1,833	1,508	1,825	2,470
Linguistics in the Public Sector	4,852	5,633	7,800	(9,014)	(11,526)
Endangered Languages Committee	1,068	1,758	3,409	4,762	6,334
Ethnic Diversity Committee	1,714	2,486	2,817	3,192	3,709
Austerlitz Fund	645				
Stokoe Fund	355	807	1,973	3,458	5,065
Language in the School Curriculum Cte		500	500	500	500
Total	\$373,443	\$288,901	\$220,868	\$209,527	\$ 299,348



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2004 Annual Report

A. Membership

As of December 2004, the membership of the Linguistic Society totaled 5490 compared to 5751 active members in December 2003, 5912 in 2002, 6018 in 2001, 5937 in 2000, 5999 in 1999, 6231 in 1998, and 6393 in 1997. The active members include by category: Libraries and Institutions (1691), Honorary (41), Life (374), Regular (2547), Student (768), and Emeritus (20). In addition, 49 institutions throughout the world were receiving the *LSA Bulletin* and/or *Language* on an exchange basis.

B. Deaths

We are sorry to report the deaths of the following linguists: Richard Brod, Jame Frith, and William Provost; Life Members Ralph D. Anderson and Ignatius Mattingly.

C. Elections

In 2004, the Nominating Committee (John Victor Singler, chair) submitted the following slate: Vice President/President-Elect (2005) Sally McConnell-Ginet (Cornell U); members of the Executive Committee: Randall Hendrick (U NC-Chapel Hill), Diane Lillo-Martin (U CT), Alec Marantz (MIT), and Dennis Preston (MI SU). Over 550 ballots were received in the Secretariat by 1 December, and the following members were elected: Vice President/President-Elect: Sally McConnell-Ginet; Executive Committee: Diane Lillo-Martin and Dennis Preston.

In addition, the Executive Committee nominated: Editor (2005): Brian Joseph (OH SU) and Secretary-Treasurer (2005): Gregory Ward (Northwestern U). Both were elected to office.

D. Audit Report

McMaster and Associates completed its review of the Society's funds through the end of the fiscal year, 30 September 2004. A statement of support, revenues and expenses, and changes in fund balances for the fiscal year with comparative totals for 2000-2003 may be found [here](#).



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2005 Annual Meeting

The 79th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America was held at the Oakland Marriott City Center Hotel, 6-9 January 2005. The American Dialect Society, American Name Society, North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, and the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas met in conjunction with the LSA. There were over 1,100 registered participants.

LSA President Joan Bybee officially opened the meeting at 7:15 PM on 6 January immediately preceding the first plenary address.

The Annual Business Meeting was held 7 January and attended by approximately 70 members. The President called the meeting to order and recognized the presence of a number of past presidents. The Secretary-Treasurer reported highlights of actions taken by the Executive Committee on 6 January. At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Society members present elected Anvita Abbi (Jawaharlal Nehru U), Gerrit Jan Dimmendaal (U Cologne), and Rodney Desmond Huddleston (U Queensland) to honorary membership. The citations presented read:

Anvita Abbi, Jawaharlal Nehru U, New Delhi, India.

Professor of linguistics at the Centre for Linguistics and English, Abbi has made major contributions to Indian/South Asian and general linguistics. Her research combines a focus on linguistic typology and language contact with fieldwork on various languages of India, including Hindi and Panjabi, but most significantly the so-called tribal languages, belonging to virtually every language family of South Asia. These include Cherapunji (Tibeto-Burman), Bangani (Indo-Aryan, with a possible non-Indo-Aryan Indo-European substrate), Munda languages of Chattisgarh, and most recently—and significantly—Andamanese (a language isolate). Most of these languages are on the endangered list. Andamanese, for instance, has only 37 remaining speakers. The significance of her on-site work on these languages extends far beyond the specific data that it adds to our knowledge of human language and the theoretical challenges posed by some of these data. By taking students from her center along on her field trips, she has been providing valuable training for new generations of linguists who are thus equipped to continue this valuable work.

Abbi received her PhD in linguistics from Cornell U in 1975. A revised version of her dissertation was published in 1980, under the title *Semantic grammar of Hindi: A study of reduplication*. Since 1976 she has been teaching at Jawaharlal Nehru U and producing an impressive series of publications, including *Reduplication in South Asian languages: An areal, typological, and historical*

study (1991); an edited volume, *Languages of tribal and indigenous peoples of India: The ethnic space*; and most recently, *A manual of linguistic fieldwork and structures of Indian languages*. In addition, she has published some 50 articles and reviews. Perhaps the greatest impact has been her *Manual of linguistic fieldwork*, which has received wide recognition, including in Books Noted in the *SSILA Newsletter* (6.1 through 22.1), a publication serving an audience far removed from India and its linguistic traditions. Her work has been recognized by editorial positions; visiting professorships at universities in the United States, Germany, and Australia; advisory positions with UNESCO; membership on the Board of Directors of Terralingua; and grants from the Max Planck Institute (Leipzig) and the School of Oriental and African Studies (London) for field research on Andamanese.

Gerrit Jan Dimmendaal, U Cologne, Germany.

Professor of African linguistics at the Institute of African Studies, Dimmendaal has made major and ground-breaking contributions to historical and contact linguistics, descriptive and documentary linguistics, anthropological linguistics, and typological linguistics, combined with first-hand field investigations of endangered languages. He is a pioneer in the study of language endangerment. His work deals with three of the four linguistic phyla of Africa: Afro-Asiatic, Nilo-Saharan, and Niger-Congo. His fieldwork has a similar breadth; he has worked in central, east, and northeastern Africa, especially in the Congo, Kenya, Ethiopia, and the Sudan. His contributions have been recognized by editorial appointments and most recently through membership on the advisory boards of the leading endangered languages research funding programs, the DOBES program of the VW Foundation (Germany) and the Rausing Foundation program for language documentation at the School of Oriental and African Studies (London). He has held visiting fellowships at universities in various African countries, the United States, Australia, and Germany and has been recently appointed Distinguished Visiting Scholar for 2005 at the Institute of Advanced Studies, La Trobe University, Australia.

Dimmendaal received his MA from Leiden U in 1978 with a ground-breaking historical study and reconstruction of Cross River languages—a subgroup of the Benue-Congo languages. He received his PhD (cum laude) in 1982 from the same university with a dissertation, *The Turkana language*, which was published a year later (1983). Since his PhD he has produced over 70 articles and several edited volumes. The latter include *The Surmic languages and cultures* (1998), the first comprehensive coverage of Surmic, as well as a book on participant coding in 12 little-studied languages of Africa (in progress). His articles have made insightful contributions on a large variety of topics, including

mixed languages, areal features, and genetic relationships; fieldwork in the African context; and language death. In addition to training European scholars at his home university, he has trained Africans from various parts of the continent (Senegal, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Sudan) to document hitherto undescribed languages. For this purpose he has initiated a program of on-site training for African students at their home universities, for instance in the Sudan, where he provides teaching and supervision twice a year under difficult circumstances.

Rodney Desmond Huddleston, Emeritus, U Queensland, Australia. First Class Honours graduate of Corpus Christi C, Cambridge, in modern and medieval languages in 1970 and awarded the Bishop Green Cup for best BA of year. PhD in linguistics, U Edinburgh in 1963. He taught at Edinburgh, London, and Reading before moving to U Queensland, where he spent most of his career. His work has been recognized through his election as Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities (1984) and Senior Research Fellow, Australian Research Council (1993-98), through a personal chair at U Queensland in 1990, and through the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award of the Linguistic Society of America in 2004 for his monumental *Cambridge grammar of the English language*.

Huddleston has made significant contributions to linguistics and especially to the linguistic investigation of English. Numerous incisive articles on difficult problems appeared in many of the top refereed journals such as *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Language*, and the *Journal of Linguistics*. These included an incisive argument that English does not have a future tense and a series of papers making an absolutely compelling case in simple descriptive grammatical terms for the view that the auxiliaries of English are verbs that are heads, not dependents, in their clauses. His major publications include *Introduction to transformational syntax* (1976), which is remembered as one of the most careful texts of that time, and the monumental *Cambridge grammar of the English language*, published in 2002 in collaboration with a number of members of the Linguistic Society of America. In all of his work, a scrupulously careful scholarship is married with a resolve to describe English scientifically and correctly and to fulfill the hopes of Leonard Bloomfield that linguistic analysis could be freed not only from senseless prescriptivism but also from the shackles of long-established but erroneous description.

Other reports were presented by the chair of the Program Committee and the Editor of *Language*.

Joan Bybee, LSA President, presented the 5th Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award to **Deborah Tannen**, University Professor of

Linguistics at Georgetown U. The award was established to recognize individuals engaged in on-going efforts to educate the public about linguistics and language. The citation read:

The immediate impetus for this year's award is Professor Tannen's 2001 book, *I only say this because I love you*, which explores ways in which talk within the family, where we expect the most comfort and support, can sometimes be the source of the greatest discomfort and antagonism. The key to understanding and perhaps avoiding such difficulties, Tannen suggests, is to distinguish between the MESSAGES and METAMESSAGES our words convey and to attend to the ALIGNMENTS between conversational participants that our words build on and help to establish.

I only say this because I love you is, however, only the latest in a series of widely popular books in which Tannen has shared the insights of sociolinguistics and discourse analysis--and her knack for analyzing the nuances of everyday conversation--with the general public over the past 20 years. The list begins with *Conversational style: Analyzing talk among friends* (1984), and includes *You just don't understand* (1990) which was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for four years and sold over a million and half copies, *Talking from 9 to 5: Women and men at work* (1994), and *The argument culture* (1998). In 8 general audience books like these, backed up by another 10 edited and coedited scholarly collections, e.g. *Perspectives on silence* (1985), *Handbook of discourse analysis* (2001), and numerous academic articles, Tannen has helped us all to understand better such topics as conversational strategy, concord and conflict, indirectness, pacing, turn-taking, and silence and how these relate to differences of gender, ethnicity, class, and individual style.

The popularity of Tannen's general audience books and her countless columns in *The Washington Post* and other newspapers is due in part to the highly readable and accessible style in which they are written, a gift that many academics find elusive. But they also derive in part from the myriad appearances she has made on radio and television shows (like the Diane Rehm and Oprah Winfrey shows), and from her willingness to participate in other public discussions (like the May 2004 Aurora Forum at Stanford) without cutting back on her teaching and professional responsibilities. As she has said recently, she maintains her active involvement in the media and her active general audience writing out of a sense of responsibility to represent the (socio)linguistic viewpoint to the public and to add the linguistic perspective to that of psychologists and other commentators on relationships and public life. The Linguistic Society of America's Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award recognizes and commends her for

the success with which she has fulfilled this responsibility, and continues to do so.

Ivan Sag received the 5th Victoria A. Fromkin Prize for Distinguished Service. The prize was established in 2000 to recognize extraordinary service to the Society and the discipline. The citation read:

Ivan A. Sag, this year's recipient of the Victoria A. Fromkin Prize for service to the field of linguistics, is a force of nature. Luckily for his colleagues in linguistics, that amazing force has been directed towards many projects for the general good of the discipline. The LSA is especially grateful for the extraordinary talents and energy he has invested in summertime linguistic institutes. To many, Ivan is "Mr. Institute": Not only did he direct early in his career the enormously successful 1987 Stanford institute, but he has served as associate director for three other institutes, including the upcoming MIT-Harvard institute, and, while still a graduate student, as "special consultant" for the 1974 U MA-Amherst institute. A student at three institutes during his graduate career, he has been on the faculty of at least eight more, organizing conferences or workshops at several including one where he did not teach. Through his own direct organizing skills as well as serving on committees and helping draft various documents, he has helped the LSA keep institutes successful. Ivan upped both the intellectual and the economic payoff, not only introducing corporate sponsorship for institute courses but even turning them into ongoing revenue streams by marketing tapes. Beyond these administrative achievements, Ivan has been central to creating the special atmosphere that makes institutes so attractive to linguists at all stages of their careers: Playing with the "Dead Tongues", organizing accommodations in empty sorority houses replete with French chefs, engaging colleagues and students in lively linguistic discussions, and more. Institute concerns by no means exhaust Ivan's involvement in the LSA: Not only is he one of the most faithful attendees and regular presenters at the Annual Meetings, but he has served with distinction on the Executive Committee, the Program Committee (as chair one year), and in several other capacities including as liaison to the Association for Computational Linguistics. Ivan has also been very active in forging international connections among linguists, not only through lecturing and teaching abroad but also through organizing conferences and undertaking research with colleagues around the globe. Ivan Sag is not only a very distinguished and influential linguistic scholar, he is also an exceptionally committed and effective citizen of the larger linguistics community, not just here in America but throughout the world.

The Resolutions Committee (Elizabeth C. Traugott, chair; Mark

Baker; and Ellen Kaisse) presented the following resolutions which were unanimously approved:

1. Whereas there are few institutional norms about how to recognize electronic databases in tenure and promotion cases, the Linguistic Society of America supports the recognition of electronic databases of language material as academic publications. It supports the development of appropriate means of review of such resources so that the functionality, import, and scope of the projects can be assessed relative to other language resources and to theoretical papers. The LSA supports the treatment of digital resources as publications for consideration in tenure and promotion cases.

2. For their services in organizing the program for the 2005 Annual Meeting in Oakland, our sincere thanks to the Program Committee (Diane Brentari, Chair; Eugene Buckley; Peter Culicover; Toshiyuki Ogiyama, Cathy O'Connor; Peggy Speas; Lindsay Whaley; and Draga Zec).

We thank the Local Arrangements Committee (Geoffrey Pullum, Chair; Larry Hyman; Geoffrey Nunberg; and Rachelle Waksler) for their help in planning the meeting.

For their cooperation in organizing the programs of the societies that meet jointly with us, our collegial appreciation to: Allan Metcalf of the American Dialect Society, Ed Lawson of the American Name Society, David Boe of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, Marlyse Baptista and Adrienne Bruyn of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, and Victor Golla of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas.

For their service to the Society as officers of the LSA, our special thanks to Past President Ray Jackendoff, and to Executive Committee members Eve Clark, Stephen Anderson, and Bloch Fellow Kristen Syrett, whose terms are completed at the end of this meeting.

3. Our warm and special thanks to the staff of the Society, Rita Lewis, Mary Niebuhr, and Executive Director, Margaret Reynolds, for their tireless support throughout the year. Above all we appreciate the enormous and successful efforts that the Secretariat, especially Margaret Reynolds, made at the last minute to seamlessly transfer the meeting to Oakland.

We also thank the Oakland Marriott City Center and the Oakland Visitors Center for receiving us so graciously.

Representatives from the 2005 Linguistic Institute, NSF, NEH, and the Endangered Language Fund gave brief reports. The 2005 President Mark Aronoff, 2005 Vice President/President-Elect Sally

McConnell, and new Executive Committee members Diane Lillo-Martin and Dennis Preston were introduced, and the meeting was adjourned.



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Cambridge, MA

Organized by participants in the LSA Conversation on Endangered Languages Archiving which convened 5-6 January 2005 in Oakland, CA, this conference is designed to bring archiving issues, especially electronic archiving issues, before the linguistic community. Six themes will be treated in paper presentation sessions, in poster sessions, and in panel presentations with open discussion: (1) Training for Language Documentation, (2) The Involvement Heritage Language Communities, (3) What Is Adequate Documentation?, (4) The Use of Documentation in Speaker Communities, (5) Training and Careers in Field Linguistics, and (6) Ethics, Documentation, and Archiving. Those who present papers and posters will be invited to join the LSA Conversation group on the morning of 11 July to further consider efforts that should be undertaken in endangered language archiving.

Abstracts (250 words) for 15-minute papers and for posters may be submitted for consideration. At the top of the page, identify the conference theme to which the abstract pertains (the conference themes are listed above). Abstracts should carry identification of the author(s), the address of the lead author, and an electronic address to which correspondence regarding the abstract may be addressed. Email abstracts to ALL THREE of the following persons: N. Louanna Furbee (louanna100@yahoo.com), Lenore A. Grenoble (Lenore.A.Grenoble@Dartmouth.edu), and Arienne Dwyer (anthlinguist@mail.ku.edu). If you cannot comply with the electronic submission requirement, please mail five copies of the abstracts to: Lenore A. Grenoble, Prog Ling & Cogn Sci, 6085 Reed HI, Dartmouth C, Hanover, NH 07355. Abstracts (by email or by snail mail) must be received by **31 March 2005**.



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2005: The Year of Languages

The week of 17 February 2005, the following resolution (S. RES. 28) was passed by the U.S. Senate.

RESOLUTION

Designating the year 2005 as the 'Year of Foreign Language Study'.

Whereas according to the 2000 decennial census of the population, 9.3 percent of Americans speak both their native language and another language fluently;

Whereas according to the European Commission Directorate General for Education and Culture, 52.7 percent of Europeans speak both their native language and another language fluently;

Whereas the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 names foreign language study as part of a core curriculum that includes English, mathematics, science, civics, economics, arts, history, and geography;

Whereas according to the Joint Center for International Language, foreign language study increases a student's cognitive and critical thinking abilities;

Whereas according to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, foreign language study increases a student's ability to compare and contrast cultural concepts;

Whereas according to a 1992 report by the College Entrance Examination Board, students with 4 or more years in foreign language study scored higher on the verbal section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) than students who did not;

Whereas the Higher Education Act of 1965 labels foreign language study as vital to secure the future economic welfare of the United States in a growing international economy;

Whereas the Higher Education Act of 1965 recommends encouraging businesses and foreign language study programs to work in a mutually productive relationship which benefits the Nation's future economic interest;

Whereas according to the Centers for International Business Education and Research program, foreign language study provides the ability both to gain a comprehensive understanding of and to interact with the cultures of United States trading partners, and thus establishes a solid foundation for successful economic relationships;

Whereas Report 107-592 of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives concludes that American

multinational corporations and nongovernmental organizations do not have the people with the foreign language abilities and cultural exposure that are needed;

Whereas the 2001 Hart-Rudman Report on National Security in the 21st Century names foreign language study and requisite knowledge in languages as vital for the Federal Government to meet 21st century security challenges properly and effectively;

Whereas the American intelligence community stresses that individuals with proper foreign language expertise are greatly needed to work on important national security and foreign policy issues, especially in light of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001;

Whereas a 1998 study conducted by the National Foreign Language Center concludes that inadequate resources existed for the development, publication, distribution, and teaching of critical foreign languages (such as Arabic, Vietnamese, and Thai) because of low student enrollment in the United States; and

Whereas a shortfall of experts in foreign languages has seriously hampered information gathering and analysis within the American intelligence community as demonstrated by the 2000 Cox Commission noting shortfalls in Chinese proficiency, and the National Intelligence Council citing deficiencies in Central Eurasian, East Asian, and Middle Eastern languages: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That--

(1) it is the sense of the Senate that foreign language study makes important contributions to a student's cognitive development, our national economy, and our national security;

(2) the Senate—

(A) designates the year 2005 as the 'Year of Foreign Language Study', during which foreign language study is promoted and expanded in elementary schools, secondary schools, institutions of higher learning, businesses, and government programs; and

(B) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to—

(i) encourage and support initiatives to promote and expand the study of foreign languages; and

(ii) observe the 'Year of Foreign Language Study' with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities.



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Center for Applied Linguistics

CAL invites applications for the 2005 G. Richard Tucker Fellowship. During the period of June 2005 - May 2006, including a four-week residency at CAL in Washington, DC, the Fellow will interact with senior staff members on one of CAL's existing research projects or on a suitable project suggested by the Fellow. The fellowship pays a stipend plus travel expenses. Priority will be given to proposals that focus on all types of language education and testing or on language issues related to minorities in the United States or Canada. The competition is open to candidates for a master's or doctoral degree in any field that is concerned with the study of language. Minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a degree program in the United States or Canada and must have completed the equivalent of at least one year of full-time graduate study. Applications must be received on or before 15 April 2005. Contact: Grace S. Burkart, CAL, 4646 40 St, NW, Washington, DC 20016; (202) 362-0700; grace@cal.org.



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Congratulations

John Baugh (Stanford U) will become director of African and Afro-American Studies at Washington U-St. Louis.

David Lightfoot (Georgetown U) was appointed Assistant Director for the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE) at the National Science Foundation.

"Voices of North Carolina"

The DVD "Voices of North Carolina" (prepared by Walt Wolfram and funded by NSF) will be a "featured program" during the fund raising efforts of the North Carolina PBS affiliate in late February and March. Viewers receive a copy of the DVD in exchange for donations at a specified level. "A new form of linguistic dissemination and a new interpretation of linguistic gratuity!"

International Linguistics Olympiad

The 3rd International Linguistics Olympiad will be held 8-12 August 2004 in Leiden, The Netherlands. Teams of up to four members may participate. Team members must be students in a secondary school and younger than 19 years old at the time of the Olympiad. Teams may represent individual cities as well as countries. Competitors will need no special knowledge to solve the problems offered. Each linguistic problem is dedicated to some interesting phenomenon in one or several languages. There will be two contests—one for individuals and one for teams. Contact: m.a.c.de.vaan@let.leidenuniv.nl (Michiel de Vaan).

"Talkin' about Talk"

"Talkin' about Talk", a project of the National Museum of Language, was successfully launched on South Carolina educational radio on 6 January 2005. Wisconsin Public Radio began broadcasting the series in February. A public radio station in Pennsylvania has asked to review the material. Radio stations in other states and the American Forces Radio have expressed interest in the series as well. If the latter opts to broadcast it, the series would have an audience of American military personnel around the world. As part of the school's celebration of the "Year of Languages", in addition to highlighting the mother tongues of students at the school, a Prince George's County, MD, high school with a large minority population, is thinking of playing segments of "Talkin' about Talk" through the school's speaker system.

The first 20 programs will be recorded by the end of March. The audio material will be posted on [ACTFL's website](#). For a demo disk and sample scripts contact: E. M. Rickerson, C of Charleston, 66 George St, Charleston, SC 29414; erickerson@comcast.net.

Summer Institutes

Eurolan 2005, 7th. 25 July – 6 August 2005 at University Babeş-Bolyai in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Contact:

<http://www.cs.ubbcluj.ro/eurolan2005/>.

European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information, 17th (ESSLI). 8-19 August 2005 at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland. Contact: fairouz@macs.hw.ac.uk.

LSA Linguistic Institute. 27 June – 5 August 2005 at MIT and Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Contact:

<http://web.mit.edu/lisa2005/>.

Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI). 13 June – 5 August at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Contact:

<http://wiscinfo.doit.wisc.edu/SEASSI/heritage>.

In Memoriam

Hreinn Benediktsson ((Reykjavik, Iceland)

M. Dale Kinkade (U BC)

Jan Kooij (Leiden U)

Kay Williamson (Harcourt, Nigeria)



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M. Dale Kinkade
(1933-2004)

M. Dale Kinkade, Professor Emeritus, U BC, and noted scholar of Salish languages, passed away 19 December 2004, succumbing to a brain tumor. Born 18 July 1933, in Hartline, WA, he earned his BA in German in 1955 and his MA in German philology in 1957 from U WA. He received his PhD in linguistics in 1963 from IN U, where he studied with Carl Voegelin, Florence Voegelin, Fred Householder, and Harry Velten. His dissertation, *Phonology and morphology of Upper Chehalis*, was published as a four-part paper in IJAL (1963-64). He taught at Cntrl WA SC (1961-64), U KS (1964-73), and U BC (1973-98).

Prof. Kinkade's career was devoted to the study of Salish languages, a family of 23 languages spoken in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. His fieldwork focused on three Salish languages: Columbian (in the Interior branch), Cowlitz, and Upper Chehalis (both in the Tsamosan branch). In fact, we are indebted to him for almost all we know about Tsamosan (named by him from the words for 'two' and 'four'). In addition to dictionaries of these three languages, he published over 100 papers, touching on every aspect of Salish languages--phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, discourse, ethnobiology, and place names. He also wrote, together with Laurence C. Thompson (U HI), on the classification of Salish languages, Proto-Salish phonology, and areal features of Northwest languages. His broad knowledge led to several articles in encyclopedias and *The handbook of North American Indians* (Vols. 7, 12, and 17). For a list of his publications, see Jan van Eijk's Salish [bibliography](#).

Prof. Kinkade generously shared his data and expertise. His legacy includes his meticulously transcribed field notes and his tape recordings, which are archived at the U WA Library. He mentored many students through his field methods courses and his seminars. He supervised nine MA theses and four PhD dissertations and was a crucial member of several other committees. Many authors benefited from his thorough and insightful reviews. On his 65th birthday he was honored with a special issue of IJAL (63.3, July 1997), and in 2004 he was presented with a festschrift (University of Montana Occasional Publications in Linguistics).

A long-time member of the LSA and the AAA, Prof. Kinkade was also a founding member of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, serving as its second president in 1983. He was part of the group that in 1966 started the International Conference on Salish and Neighboring Languages, which he attended for 39 consecutive years. He also served on the board of the Jacobs Research Fund, which supports fieldwork on Native American languages and cultures. Those wishing to honor his memory may make a contribution in his name to the Jacobs Research Fund, Whatcom Museum Foundation, 121 Prospect St, Bellingham, WA 98225. [Donna Gerdts, Simon Fraser U]



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LSA Member Number. The Society is updating the website to include a 'Members Only' section. Members will have to input their member number to access this section. Your eight-digit member number is printed in the top right hand corner of the address labels used on LSA publications. Please make a note of it.

2006 Annual Meeting (5-8 January at the Hyatt Regency, Albuquerque, NM). The deadline for Organized Session proposals is 15 April 2005. Proposal forms may be obtained from the Secretariat.

2005 Dues Notices. Second dues notices have been mailed. If you received one by mistake, please let us know so we can correct our files.

2005 Elections. The Nominating Committee requests that members who wish to suggest nominees for Vice President/President-Elect and for two positions on the Executive Committee write to the committee chair: Susan Fischer, Dept. Research, NTID/RIT, 96 Lomb Memorial Dr., Rochester, NY 14623-5604; susan.fischer@rit.edu. Those submitting suggestions need not, at this time, ascertain the willingness of the possible nominee to run. A brief statement of the nominee's qualifications or interest in serving would be appreciated. Suggestions should be sent as soon as possible.

2005 Committee and Delegate Appointments. In early May, the Committee on Committee and Delegate Appointments will be nominating members for committee and delegate appointments. Your suggestions of additional potential nominees and a note about their particular qualifications or interest in serving would be most appreciated. Send names by 1 April 2005 to: LSA Secretariat, 1325 18th St, NW, Suite 211, Washington, DC 20036-6501; Isa@lsadc.org.

[Committee Nomination form](#) (pdf)

Honorary Members. The Committee on Honorary Members welcomes input from the Society of names of individuals who should be considered for honorary membership in the LSA. Any foreign scholar of distinction in linguistics studies, not resident in the United States, may be elected an honorary member. Please forward your suggestions to Daniel Everett at: dan.everett@man.ac.org.

