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LSA Update

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The LSA's Advocacy Agenda
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LSA Partners with April 22 March for Science

The Society is partnering with the organizers of the April 22, 2017 March for Science to be held on Earth Day in Washington, DC and other locations around the world. We encourage LSA members and linguists everywhere to participate in this important event focused on defending the vital public service role science plays in our communities and our world. [Read more ...](#)



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Language Invites Responses to Mufwene Article

The *Perspectives* section of *Language* publishes invited target articles on topics of general interest to linguistics. Target articles typically have the character of an “opinion piece”, and are intended to generate discussion. Shorter written responses to a target article will be published in *Language* in conjunction with the target article. Our next target article is by Salikoko Mufwene (University of Chicago), and we are currently accepting responses to this article. [Read more ...](#)

LSA Publishes Annual Report on the State of Linguistics in Higher Education

The [2016 Annual Report on the State of Linguistics in Higher Education](#) provides data and information on careers in linguistics, trends in linguistic teaching positions, gender and ethnicity breakdowns within linguistics, and topics of specialization in linguistic programs, among other areas. The Annual Report, the fourth to be released by the LSA, features data provided by linguistics departments and programs throughout North America, federal government surveys, the American Academy, the LSA's internal membership directory, and data on gender collected by LSA's Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics (COSWL) from 50 select institutions. [Read more ...](#)

LSA Members Represented at National Commission on Language Learning

In late 2014, four United States Senators and four Members of Congress requested from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences a study to examine the country's current capacity in languages and language study. The Academy convened a Commission on Language Learning, whose members included three linguists: Mark Aronoff, Jessie Little Doe Baird, and Philip Rubin, along with other representatives from a wide variety of fields and occupations touching on language education and language policy. [Read more ...](#)

Registration for SALT Conference Now Open

Registration for the [27th Annual Semantics and Linguistics Theory \(SALT\) conference](#) is now available on the LSA website. Pursuant to its [new agreement](#) with the organizers of SALT, the Society is an official co-sponsor of the conference, providing online infrastructure, conference registration and marketing assistance. LSA members receive a discounted registration rate.

Linguistic Institute News

The Institute has just issued a [call for abstracts for poster sessions](#), with a deadline of May 15. Submit your abstract today!

Yining Nie (New York University) has been awarded the prestigious Bloch Fellowship to attend the Institute. In addition to her participation at the Institute, Yining will serve on the LSA's [Executive Committee](#) -- its governing body -- for a period of two years, and chair its [Committee on Student Issues and Concerns](#) (COSIAC). [Read more ...](#)



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Departmental News

Drs. Isabelle Barriere (Long Island University) and Jonathan Nissenbaum (Brooklyn College CUNY) have been awarded an NSF-REU Site Award to research the intersection of linguistics, language and culture. [Read more ...](#)

The LSA Update now carries a regular feature on news from linguistics departments and programs. Please [email David Robinson](#), Director of Membership and Meetings, if you would like news from your institution featured here.

Linguistics In The News

Some of the most popular recent news articles on linguistic topics:"

- "[Localingual map lets you hear people from around the world](#)" *Wired UK*
 - "[Remembering Nüshu, the 19th-Century Chinese Script Only Women Could Write](#)" *Atlas Obscura*
 - "[Four Things That Happen When a Language Dies](#)" *Smithsonian.com*
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Other LSA Resources

The LSA maintains listings of [jobs](#), [conference announcements](#), [grant opportunities](#), in memoriam notices, and other news items of interest. [Submit a conference listing](#) or [contact the LSA](#) with news or other information.

LSA members can cause a portion of any purchase they make on Amazon.com to be donated to the LSA. [Learn more](#), or [make a tax-deductible donation](#).

LSA Student Members can submit their research to the [Student Research Spotlight](#).

Visit the LSA website for information on other LSA resources, including:

- [Linguistics and the News Media: An LSA Guide for Linguists](#)
- [Taking Linguistics to the Public: An Outreach Guide](#)
- [Linguistic Academic Depository](#)
- [LSA Jobs Center](#)

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