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# LSA Update

News from the  
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## June Member Spotlight

"LSA is crucial to the professional identity of our field, and I appreciate the ways in which it brings linguists from across a wide range of disciplines together " Check out our June Member Spotlight, [Anne Curzan](#) (University of Michigan).

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## 2018 Annual Meeting News



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Mark your calendars now for the [LSA's 2018 Annual Meeting](#), to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah from January 4-7. Submit your poster or paper abstract from now through July 31. Read the [call for abstracts](#).

For the first time in 2018, an additional plenary poster session will take place on Thursday evening from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. This session will allow for 57 additional posters, and a total of nearly 400 presentations, nearly 17 percent more than in past years.

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## Slate of Candidates

The LSA's [Nominating Committee](#) has selected a [slate of candidates](#) to stand for election in September-November 2017:

If by July 4, 2017—six months before the Annual Meeting—ten or more members have separately and in writing (to the attention of the Nominating Committee at the [LSA Secretariat](#)) nominated any additional individual member for any position, and that member agrees to be presented as a candidate for the position in question, then that name shall be added to the ballot submitted to the members. The final Slate of Candidates will be presented to the membership for online voting beginning in September 2017. Polls will be open from September 1 - November 4, 2017.

Comments in favor of or opposed to the proposed amendments to the LSA constitution will be posted on the LSA website.

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## LSA Fellow Nominations

Nominations for LSA Fellows are open through June 30. Members of the Society who have made distinguished contributions to the discipline may be recognized as Fellows of the Linguistic Society of America. Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague for this honor. Up to eight members may be recognized as Fellows each year by the at-large members of the Executive Committee, who are to select from among eligible individuals nominated by any member of the Society in good standing. Nominations of women and

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minorities are especially encouraged.

View a list of LSA Fellows [by name](#) or by [year of induction](#). Click [here](#) to submit a nomination.

(Pictured: 2015 Fellow Donca Steriade poses with then-LSA-President Joan Maling and Executive Director Alyson Reed.)

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## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Available

The LSA's [Executive Committee](#) met in early May at the [Grand America Hotel](#) in [Salt Lake City, Utah](#). The Grand America is the host hotel for the upcoming [LSA Annual Meeting](#). See the minutes of this and other Executive Committee meetings [here](#).

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## LSA Weighs In on "Extreme Vetting" Regulations

The Society has signed a statement, along with more than 50 allied institutions and societies, expressing opposition toward the potential impact of supplemental questions for visa applicants as announced in the 82 Federal Register 20956 on May 4, 2017 [*Notice of Information Collection under OMB Emergency Review: Supplemental Questions for Visa Applicants (DS-5535)*]. The letter addresses some concerns regarding the vague and ill-defined criteria in evaluating visa applicants, and the impact the new restrictions could have on future scientific exchange and collaboration. The LSA also maintains that the proposed visa changes could have a deleterious impact on linguistics scholars or attendees of conferences and events related to language and linguistics.

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## Linguistic Institute News

Help support the [2017 Linguistic Institute](#)... and look stylish while doing it! For a limited time, we are offering [t-shirts for sale](#). If you are attending the Institute, you can avoid shipping fees by having your shirt(s) delivered to us, for pick up on the first day. Or, you may pay extra to have your purchase delivered to your home.

Watch for the roll out of the very first Linguistic Institute mobile app. We are thrilled to be using [Guidebook](#) to optimize your Institute experience. Want to find a [ride-share](#) from the Cincinnati airport? Want a [burrito](#) or [warm cookies](#) delivered to the dorm at midnight? Wonder who's attending the [Monday night film](#)? Is your friend presenting a [poster](#) today? The app will help you navigate the Institute, Lexington, and beyond. We've been testing it on phones around the world... it even works in China. The app will be available for Android and iOS mobile devices in the coming weeks.

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## Linguistics and Language Funding Under Fire in the Trump Administration's 2018 Budget

This morning the Trump Administration released its Presidential Budget Request for Fiscal

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the linguistics community.

Click [here](#) for reports from the coalitions supported by the LSA, and more details about other aspects of the budget will be published as they become available.

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## Laurels to Linguists: Yale University

Congratulations to linguists Jessie Little Doe Baird and Tom McCoy, whose achievements have each been recognized by Yale University.

Jessie Little Doe Baird, whose work on the revitalization of the Wampanoag language was profiled in the 2010 documentary film *We Still Live Here (Ás Nutayuneân)*, and who appeared at the January 2012 LSA Annual Meeting in conjunction with a screening of the film, received an honorary Doctor of Social Science degree.

LSA Member Tom McCoy received the most prestigious award for a Yale undergraduate, the Alpheus Henry Snow Prize. McCoy, an active member of the LSA, presented a poster at this year's Annual Meeting in Austin T.X. and attended the LSA Institute in Chicago in 2015.

We congratulate these awardees for their efforts in championing linguistics research and outreach. [Read more ...](#)

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## Linguistics In The News

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

- "[The Unique Linguistic Effects of 'Laughing Out Loud'](#)" *Pacific Standard*
- "[Linguistics Breakthrough Heralds Machine Translation for Thousands of Rare Languages](#)" *MIT Technology Review*
- "[Does Your Accent Make You Sound Smarter?](#)" *BBC Capital*

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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](#).

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