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LSA Update

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Life Membership in the LSA

Tired of paying dues annually or inadvertently letting your membership lapse? A [Life Membership](#) (\$1900, payable in one, four or twelve installments) exempts you from ever paying dues again. Contact [David Robinson](#) for more information.

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2018 Annual Meeting News

Mark your calendars now for the [LSA's 2018 Annual Meeting](#) at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah from January 4-7. Over 600 abstracts were received for posters and 20-minute papers; notifications will be sent during the week of September 11.

[Meeting preregistration](#) and [hotel reservations](#) will be available beginning September 1. A special block of rooms for students will be available starting at the low rate



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Organized Session proposals arising from the 2017 Linguistic Institute will be due by August 15. [Read more](#)

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In Memoriam: Delia Graff Fara, Deborah Schiffrin

The LSA has recently learned with regret of the deaths of members [Delia Graff Fara](#) (Princeton University) and [Deborah Schiffrin](#) (Georgetown University). Their names will be read aloud during a ceremony at the LSA's Business Meeting in Salt Lake City next January, and a period of silence observed for them and other LSA members of whose passing the LSA has learned in the past year.

August Member Spotlight: Lucas Champollion

"The most important service [the LSA provides its members] apart from the Institute, is the support for open access journals." Check out this month's member spotlight, [Lucas Champollion \(New York University\)](#), to get his take on the Linguistic Institute, LSA publications, who's who and what's what in linguistics.

[LSA Staff Spotlight: Tyler True](#)

Learn more about the LSA's Summer intern, his background in linguistics, and what he has learned about nonprofit association management, public policy and science research. Watch this space for future profiles of the LSA's Executive Assistant Rita Lewis and Director of Membership and Meetings David Robinson.

2017 Linguistic Institute

Congratulations to the directors and staff of the LSA's just-concluded Linguistic Institute at the University of Kentucky for a terrific program of courses, lectures, social and professional development events, and more. We'll be gathering together recordings of lectures and special events and curricular materials from instructors. Watch this space for updates!



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The Institute of International Education is looking for hosts that can help support threatened scholars. The Scholar Rescue Fund works closely with the host and their institution to formulate a fellowship for the scholar, typically lasting a year. Scholars and hosts from all fields and countries are involved with the Fund and 710 scholars have been relocated since 2002. For more information, to learn how to contribute, or to become a host, visit the website at <http://www.scholarrescuefund.org/>

Section of *Language* Becomes Independent Journal

The *Journal of Historical Syntax*, formerly an online section of *Language*, has become [an independent journal](#). The new *Journal of Historical Syntax* is fully Gold Open Access, with no charge to either authors or readers. Alongside full-length peer-reviewed articles and squibs, the new journal will also host book reviews.

LSA Linguistics Journalism Award

The Society is pleased to announce the recipient of its 2017 award for Linguistics Journalism, Lane Greene. In 2016, Lane Greene took up the task of bringing the "[Johnson](#)" column back to the print edition of [The Economist](#). Appearing every two weeks, his column has consistently publicized themes and ideas from within linguistics, and written about them accurately as well as interestingly. His approach consistently champions the scientific approach to language over dilettantism, and defends evidence-based linguistics against prescriptivist myth-making. [Read more ...](#)



Linguistics In The News

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

- "[The mysterious origins of Europe's oldest language](#)" *BBC News*"
- "[Study shows language development starts in the womb](#)" *Medical Press*
- "[Bilingual kids can pick up third language 'more easily': Study](#)" *The Straits Times*

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.

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