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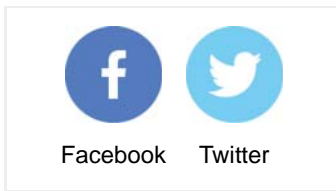
## November Member Spotlight

"Anything that can be done to help make your individual research, or accounts of your specific research, more accessible to the general public could be in our collective interest as an organization and to the future well being of linguistic science as a whole." Read more about November Member Spotlight John Baugh (Washington University in St. Louis) and his thoughts on the field of linguistics and the LSA [here](#).

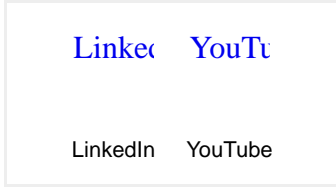


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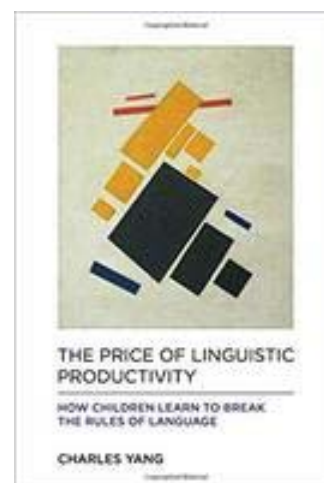
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## LSA Announces Bloomfield Book Award Winner

*The Price of Linguistic Productivity* How Children Learn to Break the Rules of Language by Charles Yang (University of Pennsylvania), published by Cambridge University Press, has been selected as the winner of the LSA's prestigious Leonard Bloomfield Book Award, which recognizes a volume that makes an outstanding contribution of enduring value to our understanding of language and linguistics.



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## New Executive Committee Members Elected

In voting concluded on November 4, the following were elected by the LSA membership to the LSA Executive Committee (EC): Vice President/President-Elect: Brian Joseph (The Ohio State University); Secretary-Treasurer: Lenore Grenoble (University of Chicago); At-large members of the Executive Committee: Marlyse Baptista (University of Michigan) and Norma Mendoza-Denton (University of California, Los Angeles). Two amendments to the LSA Constitution were also approved. [Read more ...](#)

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### Language Ahead-of-Print: Volume 93, Number 4 (December 2017)

Check out articles from the next issue of the LSA's flagship journal at the ["ahead-of-print" facility](#) on Project MUSE. Included are articles on "Backgrounded Agents in Catalan Sign Language (LSC): Passives, Middles, or Impersonals?," "The Multifunctionality of 'Possible' Modal

Adverbs: A Comparative Look," and "Case Assignment and Argument Realization in Nominals."

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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. Abstract notifications were sent September 11; please check your email inboxes and spam filters or [contact the Director of Membership and Meetings](#) if you did not receive a notification.

- Four Minicourses have been approved for the Annual Meeting. To find out more and to register for one, [click here](#).
- The bulk of the [Annual Meeting Schedule](#) is now online. LSA members may click the "Personal Schedule" tab to set up your personalized schedule.
- [Finalists have been announced](#) for the popular Five-minute Linguist plenary contest event which will be held on Friday evening, January 5. [The Department of Linguistics at the University of Utah](#) is sponsoring the Five-minute Linguist.
- Requests for ASL interpretation must be received by November 10. Read more [here](#).
- [Meeting preregistration](#) and [hotel reservations](#) are available through December 15 and December 13, respectively. . A special block of rooms for students is available

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- [Click here](#) for more information on local transportation, nightlife, dining, and more (.pdf).
- 2018 Annual Meeting merchandise is now available at the [LSA Zazzle Store](#).

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## LSA Reappoints Delegate to ACLS



The LSA is pleased to announce that Sandra Chung (University of California, Santa Cruz) has been reappointed as the LSA's Delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). To read more about the LSA's delegates, liaisons and representatives [click here](#), and to learn more about the work of the ACLS, [click here](#).

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## Could Linguistics Research Ever Be Considered a Clinical Trial? NIH Says "Possibly"

The NIH has proposed to redefine "clinical trial" to include much basic scientific research, and the LSA has signed on to a letter expressing concern with this new definition and the associated potential for an increased regulatory burden on researchers. Read the letter [here](#), and see a list of the LSA's Resolutions, Statements, Guides, and Endorsements [here](#).

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## CoLang 2018 News

[CoLang 2018](#) has posted a [preliminary schedule of courses](#). Don't miss this chance to become acquainted with tools such as PRAAT, ELAN, and FLEx, and to learn more about topics such as Language and Healthcare, Working with Archived Materials, and Language Activism.

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## Linguistics In The News

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

- "[Kazakhstan to Qazaqstan: Why would a country switch its alphabet?](#)" *BBC News*
- "[How to revive a 500-year-old dying language](#)" *BBC News*
- "[Pennsylvania Dutch: A language that persisted](#)" *swissinfo.ch*

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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](#)
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