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LSA Update

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"There have been many times when I've felt burnt out and uninspired and been woken up by a great conference and all the amazing things my colleagues have been up to."

Check out December's Member Spotlight [Kathryn Campbell-Kibler](#) (The Ohio State University) who will be a featured panelist at the LSA's special session on "Our Linguistics Community: Addressing Bias, Power Dynamics, and Harassment" at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City.



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Congressional Conferees Seek to Reconcile Tax Legislation that Would Adversely Affect Graduate Students

[Contact your members of Congress](#) to urge that the House version of the legislation that included this problematic provision be rejected in conference.

It's Been Quite A Year for the LSA: Your Support Makes it Possible

Whether it was responding to threats from the new federal administration, concerns about civility in the workplace, or advancing the professional development and training goals of linguists, the LSA had it covered. Click [here](#) for a full report on the LSA accomplishments in 2017.

The LSA couldn't do it without you! Please consider a donation to one of the LSA's funds. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Click [here](#) to donate online or [here](#) to download a contribution form. Thank you!

LSA Announces Best Paper in *Language*, Excellence in Community Linguistics Awards

The LSA is delighted to announce the two final awards that will be presented at the Awards Ceremony on January 6, 2018 at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City. The



[Excellence in Community Linguistics](#) will be given to Dehe Wang (pictured at left) of the Ersu Tibetan language community (Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China) and the [Best Paper in *Language* 2017](#) award will be given to "Competing models of liaison acquisition: Evidence from corpus and experimental data": *Language* Volume 93, Number 1 (March, 2017), by Angelica Buerkin-Pontrelli, Jennifer Culbertson, Geraldine Legendre, and Thierry Nazzi. Read more about the LSA's program of honors and awards [here](#).

LSA Awards Diversity Travel Grants

The LSA is pleased to announce that its [Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics](#) (CEDL) has selected five linguistics students to receive its Diversity Travel Awards to attend the [2018 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City](#). The students selected are José Fernández Guerrero (Cornell University), Christina Goodson (University of Oklahoma), Monica Do (University of Southern California), Kendra Calhoun (University of California, Santa Barbara, pictured at right), and Minnie Quartey Annan (Georgetown University). Read more about the recipients [here](#).



The LSA wishes to thank the sponsors of this award, which include [Redfin](#), Arthur Spears, Marianna Di Paolo, and [donors](#) to the LSA's [Financial Assistance and Student Support Fund](#).

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Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act Passed by U.S. Senate

On November 29, the U.S. Senate passed the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act (S.254) by unanimous consent. The bill provides grants to Native American language educational organizations to maintain and revitalize endangered Native languages.

Read more about the LSA's ongoing efforts to further this and similar legislation in the U.S. Congress [here](#).

CoLang 2018 to Offer Mini Practicum in Choctaw



Participants in [CoLang 2018](#) will have a unique opportunity to work with two members of the tribal language department (Jason Lewis and Abrianna Tubby) and a linguist (Jack Martin) to update and expand the current dictionary of Choctaw, a Muskogean language spoken primarily in Mississippi and Oklahoma.



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.
- [Meeting preregistration](#) and [hotel reservations](#) are available through December 15 and December 13, respectively. . A special block of rooms for students is available starting at the low rate of \$94/night!
- [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](#).

Linguistics In The News

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- "[How Long to Learn That Language? Here's a Map for That.](#)" *The Big Think*
 - "[Linguistics team using Ohio Supercomputer Center to translate lesser-known languages](#)" *Phys.org*
 - "[Twenty-six words we don't want to lose](#)" *BBC News*

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](#).

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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](#)
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