Why Social Science? Blog, Media Advisory, and More!

LSA Update

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Sponsored Conference Announcement:

Cross-disciplinary Conference on Family and Healthy U

University of Pittsburgh, March 28, 2018

This one-day cross-disciplinary conference around the topic of family and health will focus on the central role of the family as a fundamental building block of society. Family is often the foundation of determining a healthy (or unhealthy) lifestyle for all family members. Family narrative and dynamics, gender identity, kinship and social organization, race, literacy, household income, and sociolinguistic background represent the early input children receive and shape the construction of identities, roles in society and expectations and values. They affect the earliest experiences which impact our health. Read the conference announcement and Call for Papers.

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Second Title in LSA/Routledge Book Series Published

The LSA is pleased to announce the publication of a second title in its book series partnership with Routledge: *Language and Meaning*, by LSA member Betty Birner. Aimed at undergraduate students with little or no prior knowledge of linguistics, this book is essential reading for those studying this topic for the first time. A portion of the royalties from the sale of this book benefit the LSA. Order your copy today.

LSA Approves Policy on Civility

The LSA Executive Committee (EC) has approved a Civility Policy drafted by a working group headed by EC members Penelope Eckert (Stanford University) and Sharon Inkelas (University of California, Berkeley), based on input from LSA principals and relevant committees. The Civility Policy outlines expectations for all those who attend or participate in LSA events, with special focus on the importance of professional academic ethics and norms, and reminds them that all forms of incivility and harassment are considered by the LSA to be serious forms of professional misconduct.

To read the Civility Policy in its entirety, click here.

Support Linguistics Scholarship in 2017 with a Year-End Charitable Donation to the LSA

If you have not already made one, please consider a year-end donation to the LSA. Donations are tax-deductible to the extend allowed by law. Alternatively, Amazon.com offers several ways to support the LSA while shopping.

LSA Member Answers "Why Social Science?"

Congratulations to LSA member Evan Bradley (Penn State Brandywine), whose blog post "Because Language is Essential to Human Interaction" was featured in the Consortium of Social Science Association's (COSSA) "Why Social Science?" blog. The LSA is a founding member of COSSA, and Executive Director Alyson Reed sits on its board of directors.

LSA Issues Media Advisory for 2018 Annual Meeting

The LSA has issued a media advisory for the upcoming Annual Meeting, drawing attention to the cutting-edge linguistic research being presented as well as special events and LSA awards and honors. The advisory is distributed worldwide using the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) EurekAlert! service, as well as to local and national contacts. Among the journalists attending the meeting will be representatives from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *New York Times*, and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

2018 Annual Meeting News

- 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.
- Preregistration for the meeting has closed, and although the deadline has passed,
hotel reservations are still being accepted.
- 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.
- The 2018 Annual Meeting Handbook is now available as a bookmarked .pdf.

Laurels to Linguists: Shana Poplack

The LSA congratulates Shana Poplack (University of
Ottawa), on being awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor
of Literature from University College Dublin. Read the
award announcement.

Linguistics In The News

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

- "Why Click Speech is Rare" *Scientific American*
- "Wales plans to revive Welsh language with one million speakers by 2050"
inews.co.uk
- *"*Genetics, linguistics reveal Inca Empire resistance" *Cosmos*

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.

Subscribe to RSS Feeds for the latest issue and the Table of Contents of *Language.*

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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