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# LSA Update

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## CoLang Fellowship Applications Available

CoLang fellowships will offer several students the opportunity to participate in CoLang 2018 at no cost or at a reduced rate. The Institute on Collaborative Language Research (CoLang) will be held on the campus of the University of Florida in 2018, June 18th – July 20th.

CoLang 2018 is sponsored by the National Science Foundation (BCS-1664464), the Linguistic Society of America, and the University of Florida.

For more information and to apply for a

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### **New "This Time in LSA History" Feature Published**

[Read the latest](#) in a series of essays about the early days of the LSA, this one with a focus on the Society's professional staff. From 1924 through 1968, the LSA's operations were managed by dedicated volunteers, including the linguists who served as Secretary-Treasurer during that time. As the field of linguistics grew, it became increasingly clear that the LSA would need professional staff operating out of a central office in order to serve the discipline more fully. This is the story of how that transition came to pass.

Please submit your ideas for commemorating an important day, week, month or year in the history of the LSA and/or the field of linguistics to [Brian Joseph](#) or [Alyson Reed](#).

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### **LSA Accomplishments in 2017**

Curious to see what the LSA was able to accomplish last year thanks to your membership dues, donations, in-kind contributions and volunteer efforts? [Read on!](#)

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### **LSA Financial Statements Available**

Considering a charitable contribution to the LSA? You can view a copy of [our audited financial statements for FY2017](#) on our website to see our annual revenue and

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## 2018 Annual Meeting Wrap-up

Over 1100 LSA members, Sister Society Members and others took over the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City for four days of paper, poster, organized and plenary presentations, professional development activities, networking, and socializing. Highlights included:

- [A panel on Civility: Addressing Bias, Power Dynamics, and Harassment](#)
- [The LSA Business Meeting](#), at which new LSA Fellows were inducted and Honorary Members approved
- A [Career Mixer](#) organized by the Linguistics Beyond Academia Special Interest Group (SIG)
- A panel for students on [The Publication Process Demystified](#)
- [The Five-minute Linguist](#) Plenary Contest Event
- A round table discussion for linguists of color
- A preconference workshop on Increasing Native American Participation in Linguistics

A number of sessions were video recorded and we plan to make those available soon. Check [here](#) for more updates to online content from the 2018 Meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the next Annual Meeting, January 3-6, 2019, at the Sheraton Times Square in New York City.

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## "We can and should use our expertise to promote social justice in big and small ways that I don't think we have fully internalized yet"

[Read an interview](#) with our January Member Spotlight profilee Heidi Harley (University of Arizona) to find out her views on LSA membership, careers in linguistics, social justice, and more.

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## In Memoriam: Arthur Abramson

The LSA has learned with regret of the death of former LSA President (1983) Arthur Abramson, a Life Member of the Society and a member since 1956. In addition to his service with the LSA, Abramson was Professor Emeritus of Linguistics at the University of Connecticut, where he was the founding chair. He has been a part of the research staff in multiple capacities at Haskins Laboratories since 1959, most recently Emeritus Senior Scientist and member of the Board of Directors. [Read more ...](#)

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

- ["Kazakhstan Cheers New Alphabet, Except for All Those Apostrophes"](#) *New York Times*
- ["The BBC in Pidgin? People Like it Well-Well"](#) *BBC News*
- ["There is No Racial Justice Without Linguistic Justice"](#) *Language Log*

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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](#).

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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](#)
- [LSA Jobs Center](#)

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