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LSA Update

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Trump Budget Proposal Eliminates Support for NEH—LSA to Hold Webinar on Linguistic Advocacy

President Trump recently released his Presidential Budget Request for FY 2019, which again calls for the elimination of the National Endowment for the Humanities, which supports humanistic linguistic research and the Documenting Endangered Languages Program (in partnership with the NSF). Read more about the proposed cuts [here](#).

[As for the NSF](#), the Directorate of Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences -- the umbrella entity within which Linguistics is located -- is slated for a cut of 9.1 percent, or \$24.7 million, a disproportionately large cut compared to the other NSF directorates. More details about the proposed funding cuts to NSF are available [here](#).

Are you interested in taking action to counter these threats (and other) to funding for science and the

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humanities? Not sure how to help? The LSA's next webinar, on linguistic advocacy, will be held on Friday, March 9 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM US EST.

This webinar will be of interest to linguistics scholars, students, and enthusiasts who



may be looking to engage in advocacy for the first time, or seasoned advocates interested in hearing about the latest strategies for effectively talking about research to policy makers.

To read more and to sign up for the webinar, [click here](#).

New LSA Resource: Human Rights and Linguistics/Support for Jailed Tibetan Language Rights Activist



The LSA emphasizes the close relationship between linguistics and human rights, through [advocacy](#), [collaborations](#), education, [endorsements](#), and [public engagement](#). The LSA and its members stay actively involved in voicing their opinions on humanitarian issues, as well as motivating those around them to participate in advocacy. Read more about the LSA's Human Rights activities [here](#), and [click here](#) to assist the LSA in its campaign of support for jailed Tibetan language rights activist Tashi Wangchuk.

In Memoriam; Richard Oehrle (1946-2018)

The LSA has learned with regret of the death of longtime LSA member and Life Member Richard Oehrle. [Click here](#) to read more about Oehrle's long and distinguished career in academia and industry, including stints at the University of Arizona and Cataphora.



"Take a broad approach to your studies." Meet Emily M. Bender, the LSA's March Member Spotlight

Emily Menon Bender is Professor of Linguistics at the University of Washington. She has

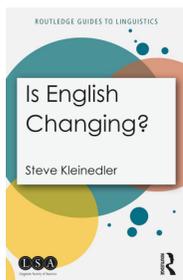
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positions with the LSA since then. She notes that "[g]reater public awareness is very exciting because ... it puts us in a better position to influence public policy on issues that make a real difference in people's lives."

[Click here](#) to read more about Dr. Bender, her research, her advice for students and her take on the LSA and the field of linguistics.



Is English Changing? New Title Published in LSA/Routledge Book Series



Is English changing? To what degree is it changing? Is this change good or bad? In answering these questions, *Is English Changing?* provides a lively and concise introduction to language change, refuting commonly held misconceptions about language evolution as we understand it.

This book, authored by LSA member Steve Kleinedler, is aimed at undergraduates with no prior knowledge of linguistics. [Click here](#) to read more and to order your copy.

McWhorter Presented with Award

LSA Executive Director [Alyson Reed](#) presented the Linguistics, Language and the Public (LLP) Award for 2018 to John McWhorter (Columbia University) at a special awards ceremony held in New York City on February 22nd. [Click here](#) to read about the event, the award, and to see more photos.



New Annual Meeting Content on Website



2018 · SALT LAKE CITY [YouTube](#) channel.



Online content from the LSA 2018 Annual Meeting -- including the Five-Minute Linguist, the Awards Ceremony, Plenary and Presidential Addresses, and a special Pre-conference workshop -- along with many more resources, is available on the [LSA's](#)

K-12 Membership



The LSA Executive Committee recently approved the creation of a K-12 Membership Category offering complimentary membership to any K-12 student or teacher. To read more about this membership category and to apply for a K-12 membership, [click here](#).

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Linguistics In The News

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

- "[These Sámi women are trying to keep their native Skolt language alive](#)" *Public Radio International*
- "[Which European languages are endangered?](#)" *euronews*
- "[Threatened languages and how people relate to them--a Cameroon case study](#)" *Phys.org*

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](#).

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- [Taking Linguistics to the Public: An Outreach Guide](#)
- [Linguistic Academic Depository](#)
- [LSA Jobs Center](#)

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