LSA Update
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LSA Seeks Member Input for Evaluating Work on Language Documentation

The LSA is seeking comments from members on a draft statement it has prepared to aid departments and administrators in evaluating work on language documentation in decisions on hiring, tenure, and promotion of faculty. To read the statement in its entirety, click here. Members may leave comments by logging in to the LSA website and entering their feedback in the “comments” box at the bottom of the page where the statement appears.
LSA Summer Internship Available

The LSA is seeking applicants for the position of Student Intern at its national office in Washington, DC for the Summer 2018 semester (June - August). Applications are due March 23 for full consideration. Click here to read more.

Registration for SALT 28 Conference Now Open

Registration for the 28th Annual Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) Conference is now available on the LSA website. The conference will be held from May 18-20 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Click here to read more and to register for the conference.

Latest Volume of Proceedings of the LSA Published

The LSA is delighted to announce the publication of a new volume of the Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America. Volume 3 contains some 60 articles developed from talks and posters presented at the LSA’s 2018 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. To read more and for a complete list of articles, click here.
New Annual Report on the State of Linguistics Published

The 2017 Annual Report on the State of Linguistics in Higher Education provides data and information on careers in linguistics, trends in linguistic teaching positions, gender and ethnicity breakdowns within linguistics, and topics of specialization in linguistics programs, among other areas. This Annual Report, the fifth to be released by the LSA, features data provided by linguistics departments and programs throughout North America, including new data on LGBTQ+ identities in the discipline of Linguistics. Click here for highlights and to read the report in its entirety.

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New Contribution Fund Established in Memory of Richard T. Oehrle

The LSA has established a new endowment intended to fund the "Richard T. Oehrle Memorial Lecture" annually at the European Summer School in Language, Logic and Information (ESSLLI). Oehrle was a regular participant in ESSLLI from its very early days (Leuven, 1990), serving as lecturer and workshop organizer and contributor.

The fundraising goal for the endowment is $75,000. The endowment has been seeded by generous donations from Oehrle's family and close friends for an initial total of $18,500. The LSA's goal is to raise the remainder within 18 months of the endowment's establishment. Click here to read more and to contribute to the fund.

In other fundraising news, the LSA is delighted to report that the Charles L. Fillmore Student Fellowship Fund, established in 2014 with a generous founding contribution from Fillmore's widow Lily Wong Fillmore, has reached its fundraising goal of $50,000, which will enable it to support a student fellowship at the LSA's next Linguistic Institute.

New Publications Advisor Appointed

The LSA is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick Farrell (University of California, Davis) as Publications Advisor. Read more ...

LSA Books Available on JSTOR

Several out-of-print monographs published by the LSA are now available on JSTOR. These books, from authors such as Edward Sapir and Edgar H. Sturtevant, are now available digitally for the first time. Read more ...
The LSA webinar on linguistic advocacy held on March 9 is available as a recording on the LSA's YouTube channel. Read more about the webinar and about the LSA's work on behalf of the profession here.

LSA Committee News
The LSA is delighted to announce the following appointments to some of its key committees. We thank these members in advance for contributing their time and talents, and thank their predecessors for their service: Evan Bradley (Penn State Brandywine) as Chair of the Committee on Public Policy, Anne Lobeck (Western Washington University) as Chair of the Language in the School Curriculum Committee, and Lauren Collister (University of Pittsburgh) as Junior Co-chair of the Committee on Scholarly Communication in Linguistics. In addition, Susan Fischer (The Graduate Center, CUNY), has been appointed to the Bloomfield Book Award Committee and Lisa Green (University of Massachusetts Amherst) to the Awards Committee, both for a two-year term.

In other committee news, the LSA Executive Committee has appointed a new Strategic Planning Committee to update and revise its long-range Strategic Plan, which is due to expire at the end of 2018. The small but diverse group of LSA members and leaders comprising the committee will meet throughout 2018 to execute its charge and responsibilities. Read more...

LSA Opposes Program Cuts at Wisconsin University
The LSA has signed on to a joint statement opposing the proposed elimination of thirteen undergraduate majors involving key humanities and social science programs, and affecting linguists on staff, at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Read the statement.

Language 94.1 Available Online
The March 2018 volume of Language is available online through Project MUSE. LSA members always have online access to issues of the journal back to 2001. Read more...
Some of the most popular recent news articles on linguistic topics:

- "Why Don't We Say 'You're Welcome' Anymore?" Huffington Post
- "Badeshi: Only three people speak this 'extinct' language" BBC News
- "No More 'Fatherland'? Germans Debate Gender-Neutral Anthem" New York Times

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:

- Taking Linguistics to the Public: An Outreach Guide
- Linguistic Academic Depository
- LSA Jobs Center

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