Federal Policy Update: Implications for Linguistics

The LSA is pleased to report that the recently concluded federal budget approval process for FY18 included a modest increase for both major funders of linguistics research: the NSF and the NEH. The latter agency had been targeted for complete elimination by the Trump Administration. In other positive news, the NIH’s efforts to reclassify most social science research involving human interventions as “clinical trials” was postponed as part of the budget process. But there are clouds on the horizon: 1) The Trump Administration has proposed adding a citizenship question to the
2020 Census, which has the potential to greatly reduce response rates among under-represented minorities; and 2) the Trump Administration’s proposed budget for FY2019, which calls for cuts to the social sciences directorate of the NSF, and for the elimination of the NEH (again). For more resources on policy issues, be sure to subscribe to the LSA’s Policy Alert e-mail list, or view our recent Advocacy Webinar.

"The LSA ... Keeps the Field Evolving"

Check out the April Member spotlight: Georgia Zellou. Zellou is on the faculty at the University of California, Davis, and is one of the co-directors of the LSA’s 2019 Linguistic Institute. Read more about her take on the field of linguistics, the services the LSA provides, and her advice for students.

LSA to Host Semantics Archive

The LSA is delighted to announce that it will be serving as the new host of the Semantics Archive, a forum intended for the distribution of papers to natural language semanticists and philosophers of language. The archive was originally created (and maintained for 18 years) by Chris Barker and Peter Lasersohn with funding from the University of California, San Diego’s Academic Senate and was previously hosted by New York University from 2006 to 2018. Read more ...

CoLang Fellowships Awarded

The LSA is delighted to announce that it has awarded fourteen fellowships to attend CoLang 2018, the Institute on Collaborative Language Research. CoLang provides an opportunity for community language activists and linguists to
SALT 28 Conference News

The LSA is proud to be a sponsor of the Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) conferences, and to publish their proceedings. Discounted Early Bird Registration for SALT 28 is available through April 13 on the LSA website. Local information is now available on the conference website, along with pop-up mentoring sign-ups, the conference program, and more.

Bloomfield Award Presented

LSA Executive Director Alyson Reed presented the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award for 2018 to Charles Yang (University of Pennsylvania) at a special awards ceremony held in Philadelphia on March 23rd. Dr. Yang was unable to attend the official awards ceremony held earlier this year at the LSA’s Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. The event in Philadelphia was held at the 42nd Penn Linguistics Conference on the University’s main campus. Dr. Yang’s book, The Price of Linguistic Productivity: How Children Learn to Break the Rules of Language, was published by the MIT Press. Read more...
Important Reminders for LSA Members

LSA members please note the following deadlines:

- **Nominations for the LSA's open committees** can be submitted at any time of year, but nominations for LSA appointed committees for 2019 should be submitted no later than Friday, April 6 using this form. To read more about the LSA's committees and their work, click here.
- Proposals for Organized Sessions for the **LSA 2019 Annual Meeting** are due May 15. To read more about organized sessions and how to propose one, click here.
- The LSA is seeking comments from members on evaluating language documentation for hiring, promotion, and tenure. To read more, and to leave feedback, click here.

Linguistics In The News

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

- "Brain mechanism involved in language learning" ScienceDaily
- "Macron to turn derelict chateau into global beacon for French language and culture" The Local France
- "Climate Change Can Also Transform Language" Smithsonian.com

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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