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2019 Annual Meeting Call for Abstracts

Abstracts for posters and 20-minute papers are now being accepted for the LSA's [2019 Annual Meeting](#), its 93rd, which will be held at the Sheraton New York Times Square from January 3-6. Find out more about the meeting [here](#), and read the Call for Abstracts [here](#). At the same time, abstracts will be accepted for The Five-minute Linguist plenary contest event. Read more about the Five-minute Linguist and how to submit an abstract for it [here](#).

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Please help us review abstracts for #LSA2019

The LSA's Program Committee relies on several hundred "external reviewers" to assist it with the ranking of the more than 700 abstracts for 20-minute papers and posters submitted for presentation at the Annual Meeting. External reviewers should hold the Ph.D., and may be LSA members or nonmembers. To find out more, and to sign up to review abstracts, click [here](#).

Submit a Nomination for one of the LSA's Awards

Nominations are being accepted for several of the LSA's [Honors and Awards](#).

For most awards, a preliminary nomination, consisting only of the nominee's name, email address and website URL or CV, is due by August 1, 2018. A final nomination -- requirements vary depending on the award -- is due by October 1. The system of preliminary and final nominations is designed to allow nominators who desire help in preparing a nomination to receive it in a timely fashion. Please direct any questions about submitting a nomination [to David Robinson](#), Director of Membership and Meetings.

A full list of the LSA's Awards, including requirements for the final nomination and lists of past winners, is available [here](#). Please note that the following awards are NOT included in this Call: the Best Paper in *Language* 2018 Award (all articles published in the journal in 2018 are eligible); the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award (has its own procedure and committee); and the Student Abstract Award (the winners are the authors of the three highest-rated abstracts submitted for the 2019 Annual Meeting that are authored solely by students).

Learn more about the slate of candidates for LSA Officers and Executive Committee members

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received, according to the procedures described below, no later than July 3, 2018. An electronic ballot will be available from September 1 through November 3, 2018.

The LSA Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, states:

The Nominating Committee shall nominate one person for the position of Vice President and two for each vacant position on the Executive Committee. A report from the Nominating Committee and the slate of nominees with statements from the candidates shall be sent to the members at least seven months in advance of the Annual Meeting. If six months before the Annual Meeting, ten or more members have separately and in writing nominated any additional individual member for any position, and that member agrees to be presented as a candidate for the position in question, then that name shall be added to the ballot submitted to the members. This ballot shall be sent not less than four months in advance of the Annual Meeting. A quorum shall consist of those replies which have been received by the Secretary-Treasurer two months in advance of the date of the Annual Meeting.

"I think all LSA members benefit from the association's commitment to linguistics in a broad sense." Meet Aaron Broadwell, the LSA's June Member Spotlight

George Aaron Broadwell is Co-Director of the LSA's CoLang Institute,

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the Elling Eide Professor of Anthropology. Read more about his take on the LSA and the field of linguistics, and his commitment to language documentation, revitalization and maintenance [here](#).

University of Massachusetts Amherst to Host 2021 Linguistic Institute

The LSA is pleased to announce the selection of the [University of Massachusetts Amherst](#) as the site for our 71st [Linguistic Institute](#). The timing of this Institute is scheduled to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Linguistics Department at UMass. Inquiries can be directed to [Kyle Johnson](#), Director of the Institute. [Read more ...](#)

Meet the LSA's Student Interns

The LSA would like to thank our departing Student Intern, Tyler Kibbey, who served two semesters in the Fall of 2017 and the Spring of 2018. We welcome our Summer Intern, Valentyna Filimonova, a linguistics graduate student at Indiana University. In addition, several undergraduate students are working with the LSA in a volunteer intern capacity this summer, some of whom started helping out earlier in the year.

The LSA issues regular calls for applications for paid internships. If you are interested in working with the LSA as a volunteer, please [contact Executive Director Alyson Reed](#).

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Christopher von Claparede-Niemann; and outgoing Intern Tyler Kibbey.

***Semantics and Pragmatics* Editorial Staff Changes**

The LSA is pleased to announce the appointment of Hazel Pearson (Queen Mary, University of London) as an Associate Editor of *Semantics and Pragmatics*, the LSA's platinum open-access journal. We welcome Dr. Pearson to the editorial team and thank her predecessor Paul Elbourne (Oxford University) for his distinguished service.

Help the LSA Make the Case for Studying the Humanities

The LSA is a founding member of the National Humanities Alliance (NHA) and works alongside it to champion federal funding for research, teaching, programming, preservation and access for the Humanities. The NHA debuted [a toolkit](#) last month designed to help you make the case for the humanities on your own campus, and is [seeking feedback](#) on it. [Read more ...](#)

Webinar on Sharing Your Scholarship Available Online

A [recording of the recent LSA webinar on Sharing Your Scholarship](#) is now available on the Society's [YouTube Channel](#). Read more about the webinar [here](#) and see a list of the LSA's audiovisual materials and webinars [here](#).

Students! Submit Your Published Research for the Student Spotlight

As part of the LSA's ongoing efforts to increase the visibility of student members and their work, the Society's "Student Research Spotlight" highlights recent or forthcoming journal publications by our student members. To find out more and to submit your work for inclusion in the spotlight, [click here](#). [See who has been featured](#) in past spotlights.

LSA Governance News

The LSA Executive Committee met at the Hilton Americas-Houston on May 5-6. You can see

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the minutes of the meeting [here](#). Read more about LSA Governance [here](#) and review the Slate of Candidates for LSA Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2019 [here](#).

Linguistics In The News

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

- "[A Linguist Explains Why 'Laurel' Sounds Like 'Yanni'](#)" *The Atlantic*
- "[Why do people interrupt? It depends on whom you're talking to](#)" *The Guardian*
- "[Spanish has never been a foreign language in the United States](#)" *Los Angeles 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](#).

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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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