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Radio Broadcaster to be Honored With LSA Award

The LSA is delighted to announce that Patrick Cox, host of the [World in Words](#) podcast on Public Radio International (PRI), has been selected as the recipient of the Society's [Linguistics Journalism Award](#) for 2018.

The LSA bestows a number of [honors and awards](#). Watch during the coming weeks for more news about the other 2018 awards.

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Montana to Host CoLang 2020

We are pleased to announce that the [Institute on Collaborative Language Research](#) (CoLang) will be held at the [University of Montana](#) (UM) from June 15th to July 17th in 2020, co-hosted by UM and [Chief Dull Knife College](#) (CDKC – a two-year tribal college of the Northern Cheyenne in Montana). LSA members [Mizuki Miyashita](#) and [Susan Penfield](#) have been appointed Co-Directors for [CoLang 2020](#). The LSA has been a sponsor of CoLang since 2015, underwriting student fellowships, providing in-kind promotional support, and contributing to the scholarly content of the Institute. [Read more ...](#)

LSA Solicits Input on ClinicalTrials.gov

The LSA is asking linguists to provide input no later than November 12 on the proposed expansion of ClinicalTrials.gov, an initiative

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of the National Institutes of Health for reporting the design and results of medical research studies. The LSA fully supports transparent and open research practices, but we are concerned that the proposed policies could hamper the work of NIH-funded linguists. To read more about the issues and to find out how you can help, [click here](#).

LSA Members to Vote on New Leadership

LSA members can log in to the LSA website between September 4 and November 3 to vote on the [Slate of Candidates for LSA Officers and Executive Committee members](#) for 2019. Pictured from left to right are candidate for Vice President/President-Elect Marianne Mithun (University of California, Santa Barbara) and candidates for at-large seats on the Executive Committee Barbara Citko (University of Washington), Richard Meier (University of Texas at Austin), Rebecca Scarborough (University of Colorado Boulder) and Arthur K. Spears (City University of New York).

Back to School Shopping? Contribute to the LSA via your purchases on Amazon.com

Read more [here](#) about you can support the LSA at no additional cost when you shop at Amazon.com, and about how LSA student members may qualify for a free trial Amazon Prime membership.

In Memoriam: Akira Omaki (1980-2018)

The LSA is saddened to report the August 6 death of our member [Akira Omaki](#) (University of Washington) due to complications from lymphoma. Dr. Omaki received his PhD from the University of Maryland in 2010 and worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Geneva in 2010-2011 before joining the faculty at Johns Hopkins University. In 2016, Dr. Omaki became an Assistant Professor at the University of Washington's Department of Linguistics, where he directed the [Language Development and Processing Lab](#), with two ongoing NSF-funded research projects. [Read more ...](#)

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African Linguists Receive ACLS Awards

Several linguists were among the fifty-four African scholars who received [postdoctoral fellowship awards](#) and [dissertation completion awards](#) from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). Please join us in congratulating these emerging scholars! The LSA has been a member of the ACLS, the preeminent representative of American scholarship in the humanities and related social sciences, for over ninety years.

2019 Linguistic Institute News

Remember to submit your [proposals for workshops and symposia](#) no later than September 1 for the [LSA's 2019 Linguistic Institute](#) at the University of California, Davis. [Pick your courses now](#) so that you can be among the first to sign up when registration becomes available!

[Follow the Institute on Facebook](#) to get the latest news and updates!

Thanks to LSA Summer Intern and Volunteers; Welcome to Fall Intern

The LSA would like to thank volunteers Asher Berwick, Claire Derry, Laura Nugent, Rachel Sprouse, and Christopher Von Claparede-niemann and our departing summer intern Valentyna Filimonova for their outstanding service during the past several months. In addition to learning about the operation of a small nonprofit academic association, they have assisted the LSA with priority projects in such areas as linguistic advocacy, web resources, and historical archiving.

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Linguistics In The News

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

- "['Language: 'untranslatable' words tell us more about English than other cultures'](#)" *The Conversation*
- "['Only 20% of US kids study a language in school - compared to 92% in Europe'](#)" *World Economic Forum*
- "['Hothouse,' From Steam Baths to Climate Change'](#)" *Wall Street Journal*

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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