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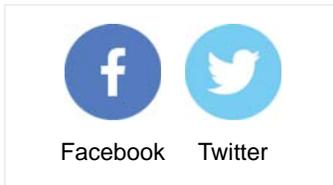
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Do people keep assuming that just because you're a linguist, you must be a language snob? Now you can push back against prescriptivism without saying a word, with a t-shirt (classic, fitted, or relaxed cuts), mug, tote bag, or zippered pouch that says NOT JUDGING YOUR GRAMMAR, JUST ANALYSING IT. Plus, complementary baby clothes that say NOT JUDGING YOUR GRAMMAR, JUST ACQUIRING IT -- it's never too early to start learning non-judgemental attitudes about language!

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Complete the Science Counts/Alda Center Survey on Communication

The LSA is partnering with ScienceCounts and the Alda Center to conduct a survey of US-based scientists about their attitudes and activities relating to the communication of their work to audiences outside of their immediate fields. Please take a few moments to complete this survey, as it will help guide national efforts to enhance the value placed on scientific research by key segments of the public, such as policy-makers, elected officials, the news media, and other opinion leaders.

Laurels to Linguists: Annual Meeting Panelists Receive Award

The LSA congratulates the members of the panel "New Directions in LGBTQ+ Linguistics: Commemorating the LSA Special Interest Group on LGBTQ+ Issues in Linguistics", which has been awarded an Interdisciplinary Public Engagement Award from the Society for Linguistic Anthropology. The SLA will provide a total of $2500 in travel funding for the LSA's 2019 Annual Meeting, where the panel will occur. *Read more ...*

In Memoriam

The LSA reports with regret the deaths of former LSA staff member Mary Niebuhr and Life Member Hansjakob Seiler (University of Cologne). Niebuhr was employed by the LSA from 1985 to 2008, first as Executive Assistant and later as Executive Assistant of Publications. Seiler had been a member of the LSA since 1953. Click the links above for more information.

Reminder: Polls Close November 3

If you have not already done so, please cast your vote on the Slate of Candidates for LSA Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2019. View the Slate of Candidates here or access the ballot directly here (login to LSA website required).

Reminder: Excellence in Community Linguistics Award Nominations Due October 31

Nominations for the LSA's Excellence in Community Linguistics Award, which recognizes the outstanding contributions members of language communities (typically outside the academic sphere of professional linguists) make for the benefit of their language communities, are due by October 31. To read more, click here, or submit a nomination directly here. Nominations of women and underrepresented ethnic minorities are particularly encouraged.

#LSA2019 Reminders
The LSA's 2019 Annual Meeting will take place from January 3-6 at the Sheraton New York Times Square. Please note the following deadlines:

- November 5: Deadline to apply for GLBL travel grants
- December 3: Deadline for hotel reservations
- December 14: Deadline for meeting preregistration
- December 21: Deadline to sign up for Pop-Up Mentoring

Linguistic Institute News

The LSA's 2019 Linguistic Institute at the University of California, Davis will debut the "Three-Minute Thesis" (3MT) contest: without the help of notes and with only three minutes to present, 3MT contestants must be able to present the fundamental points and significance of their thesis in a clear, direct, and interesting manner. Read more here, and be sure to follow the Institute on Facebook and Twitter.

Save the Date! CoLang 2020 in Montana

Mark your calendars now for the next CoLang Institute on Collaborative Language Research, which will be hosted by the University of Montana in collaboration with Chief Dull Knife College. Workshops will take place from June 15 - June 26 and practica from June 29 - July 17.

Watch the website above and the LSA news feed for more information as it becomes available. (CoLang 2020 logo Designed by Kay Big Knife Design)

Departmental News: University of Pennsylvania

We are very excited to announce the first official release of **PennController**, a new tool for web-based experiments using **Ibex**, developed by Jeremy Zehr in Florian Schwarz's lab, along with a **website** providing documentation, a tutorial, and example experiments.

Combined with the **free hosting** offered by **Ibexfarm** and **templates** that can be directly imported from GitHub, posting simple experiments online just takes **a few simple steps**. The experiment design interface uses **simple code** while allowing **flexible control over task structure**. PennController is **free, open-source**, **extendible** and compatible with any recruitment platform (MTurk, Prolific, …). You can find a full **documentation**, a **tutorial** and examples on the PennController **website**.

For questions and feedback, use the **forum** or write to penncontroller@lab.florianschwarz.net.

Linguistics departments and programs: send us your news to be featured in the LSA Update!

Linguistics In The News

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

- "How the English failed to Stamp Out the Scots Language" *Atlas Obscura*
- "M.I.T. Plans College for Artificial Intelligence, Backed by $1 Billion" *New York Times*
- *"*Do You Speak Telegu? Welcome to America" *BBC News*

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:

- Linguistics and the News Media: An LSA Guide for Linguists
- Taking Linguistics to the Public: An Outreach Guide
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