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LSA Adopts New Long-range Strategic Plan

The LSA Executive Committee (EC) has adopted a new Strategic Plan for the Society, covering the next five years. The plan includes a new mission statement for the LSA, along with updates to its vision, values, long-term goals, objectives and performance measures. [Click](#)

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[here](#) to read more and to view the Strategic Plan.

The LSA welcomes comments from the membership about this new plan and their direct involvement in its implementation. To learn more, please contact LSA Executive Director [Alyson Reed](#).

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Volume III of *Language Anthology* Published

The LSA is pleased to announce the release of [Volume III](#) of the *Language Anthology*, an on-line collection of the 20 best articles published in *Language* between 1986 and 2016, covering volumes 62-92 of the LSA's flagship journal. This volume complements Volumes I and II, which were released in 2012. This [three-volume anthology](#) presents the very best and most important and influential articles from the first ninety-plus years of the journal, as selected by the editors of *Language*, present and former.

Proposed EU Publishing Plan Poses Challenges for the LSA

The LSA submitted [comments](#) earlier this week on "[Plan S](#)", a proposal by research funding agencies based in Europe that could have significant implications for the LSA's publishing operations, including our flagship journal, [Language](#). The LSA has been monitoring developments related to Plan S since it was first issued by [cOAlition S](#), a consortium of funders affiliated with the European Union. The plan would require authors with funding from those agencies to meet certain mandates for the types of journals where the results of their funded research could be published. While these mandates apply only to those authors with funding, they have the potential to radically alter the entire scholarly publishing landscape. [Read more ...](#)

LSA Comments on Sexual Harassment in STEMM Fields

The LSA has signed on, along with a number of other scholarly societies, to a [letter to the U.S. Department of Education](#) expressing concerns about proposed amendments to the

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basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity. The letter argues that the proposed changes take insufficient account of the nature and extent of harm caused by sexual harassment in educational programs.

Black History Month

As the LSA celebrates Black History Month, we review some of the work of pioneering African American linguists, as well as some resources prepared by the Society on relevant issues.

- [LSA Resolution on the Oakland Ebonics Issue](#) (1997)
- FAQ Pamphlet: [What is Ebonics \(African American Vernacular English\)?](#) (2003)
- LSA [2016 Annual Meeting Presidential Address](#): John R. Rickford (Stanford University), Language and Linguistics on Trial: Hearing Vernacular Speakers in Courtrooms and Beyond
- Profiles of pioneering African American Linguists [Lorenzo Dow Turner](#) and (pictured at right with hands on chair) [Mark Hanna Watkins](#)

Help the LSA celebrate Black History Month by submitting a profile of a prominent African American linguist for the LSA's "[This \(Time\) in Linguistics History](#)" feature.

"[T]he LSA brings people with shared interests together so that we can learn from each other and address issues in ways that none of us would be able to do on our own." Meet February member spotlight Wesley Leonard

Wesley Leonard (University of California, Irvine) has been an LSA member and a participant at our Annual Meetings since joining the Society in 2000. Most recently and notably, Leonard, a citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, organized a [Natives4Linguistics satellite workshop](#) at the LSA 2018 Annual Meeting and a follow-up organized session at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

[Click here](#) to read more about his research, his advice to students, and his take on the LSA and the field of linguistics.

2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages Kickoff Event Held at LSA Annual Meeting

A full [report](#) on the IYIL 2019 Kickoff Event that was held at the LSA 2019 Annual Meeting is now available. The report includes links to the websites of the four organizations who presented at the event, as well as a list of the individual presenters. There you can also find selected slides, photos and a link to the video-

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Linguistic Institute Updates

Fellowship applications are due February 21 for the [LSA's 2019 Linguistic Institute](#) at the University of California, Davis. To read more about the fellowships and the application process, [click here](#). Applications are especially encouraged from underrepresented ethnic minorities, women, Indigenous students, community college students and individuals outside North America. Anyone, including fellowship applicants, who is planning on attending the Institute should also [register for it](#).

Viral Video Challenge: Would you like to win a free one-year LSA membership? Send us a short video about why you're excited for the 2019 LSA Institute at Davis, highlighting the Institute theme: "Linguistics in the Digital Era" or the Year of Indigenous Languages. [Click here](#) for details and instructions.

Be sure to follow the Institute on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to be the first to hear about new developments!

Complete Archives of LSA Annual Meeting Handbooks Now Online

[Archives of the entire back run of handbooks](#) from past annual meetings are now available on the LSA website. Members can open the handbooks online, and they are available for download in PDF format. The digital versions of the handbooks from 1965-1997 were provided by Brian Joseph and volunteers from The Ohio State University, Logan Fout and Khayla Slemper. The OSU Department of Linguistics and its chair Shari Speer also supported the archiving of the handbooks.

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Considering a [charitable donation to the LSA](#)? Prospective donors are invited to review the LSA's audited financial statements and federal tax returns [here](#). Documents for the LSA's fiscal year 2018 were recently posted online.

Linguistics In The News

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

- "[Babies who hear two languages at home develop advantages in attention](#)" *Science Daily*
- "[Sign languages are fully-fledged, natural languages with their own dialects -- they need protecting](#)" *The Conversation*
- "[Colleges Lose a 'Stunning' 651 Foreign-Language Programs in 3 Years](#)" *Chronicle of Higher Education*

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](#)
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