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LSA Update

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News from *Language*

The LSA is seeking a proofreader to assist the editorial team in the offices of its flagship journal, *Language*. [Click here](#) for more details and to apply. The application deadline is March 11.

The *Language* editorial staff are pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Patricia Cukor-Avila (University of North Texas) as a new Associate Editor, working alongside Dr. Donna Christian for the journal's "Language and Public Policy" section. We also thank Professor John Baugh, outgoing associate

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editor of this section, for his years of outstanding service.

Check out Joe Pater's article, "[Generative linguistics and neural networks at 60: Foundation, friction, and fusion](#)" and six responses to it now that it has been published in advance of print on Project MUSE.

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This Time in Linguistics History: Mervyn Alleyne

In honor of Black History Month 2019, the LSA recognizes one of its Honorary Members, [Mervyn Alleyne](#). Alleyne's professional life was devoted to Caribbean linguistics, and to the study of creole languages—although he disputed the adequacy of that label. He was a founding member of the Society of Caribbean Linguistics and served as an Executive of the Society from 1988 until 1994, with tenure as the society's president from 1990 to 1992. In addition, he was a founding member of the Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages, which became the field's flagship publication. [Read more ...](#)

Register Now for SALT 29

Registration for the [29th Annual Semantics and Linguistic Theory \(SALT\) Conference](#) is now available on the LSA website. The conference will be held from May 17-19 at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The LSA has a long history with SALT, having hosted the [online version](#) of the entire run of the [SALT Proceedings \(Vol 1-28\)](#) since 2009 and, since 2017, having served as an official co-sponsor, providing online infrastructure, conference registration and marketing assistance. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for SALT 29.

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Complete the LSA's Publishing Survey

The LSA is seeking feedback, from members and nonmembers alike, on a range of issues relating to the scholarly publishing landscape in linguistics, and on the LSA's publishing program in particular. Please take a few moments to complete [this brief survey](#) by March 13. Your responses will help to inform the LSA's approach to publishing going forward, and will also serve as a benchmark for how linguists perceive the broader context for scholarly publishing in the discipline.

Award Presented to Santa Barbara Scholar

LSA Vice President Marianne Mithun (l.) presented Anne Charity Hudley (r.) with the 2019 Linguistics, Language and the Public Award at a special ceremony held at the University of California, Santa Barbara earlier this month. Read more about Dr. Charity Hudley's award [here](#), and about the LSA's program of awards and honors [here](#).

In Memoriam: Eric P. Hamp (1920-2019), Wallace Chafe (1927-2019)

The LSA reports with regret the deaths of two longtime members of the Society: former (1971) President [Eric P. Hamp](#) (University of Chicago, Emeritus), pictured at left on an Albanian postage stamp, and [Wallace \(Wally\) Chafe](#) (University of California, Santa Barbara, Emeritus), pictured at right. Click their names for more information.

Linguistic Institute News

Register now for the [LSA's 2019 Linguistic Institute](#) at the University of California, Davis. Don't delay; the first 250 registrants will receive priority for on-campus housing. [Read more ...](#)

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developments!

Advocacy Updates

The LSA has offered comments, drafted by Evan Bradley (Penn State Brandywine), Chair of our [Committee on Public Policy](#), on the [Strategic Plan](#) of the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development. Read the comments [here](#).

LSA Executive Director Alyson Reed recently participated, along with other world language advocates, in a [Language Advocacy Day](#) on Capitol Hill organized by the Joint National Committee for Languages. Reed (center) and fellow advocates are pictured at right with US Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD).

LSA Tax Return and Financial Statements

Considering a [donation to the LSA](#)? You can review the LSA's FY18 federal tax return and audited financial statements [here](#).

Linguistics In The News

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

- "[Word order predicts a native speaker's working memory](#)" *Science Daily*
- "[Sanna: A language written for the first time](#)" *BBC News*
- "[Telling porkies: no, Peppa Pig is not giving American kids British accents](#)" *The Guardian*

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