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LSA Receives Challenge Grant on Open Access Publishing

The LSA is delighted to announce that former [LSA President](#) Steve Anderson (pictured at right) has offered to match all donations made to the Society's [Open Access Publications Fund](#), up to \$10,000, between now and the end of 2019. Read more about the gift [here](#) or make a donation [here](#).



In the one week since the grant was awarded, \$2,515, or over 25 percent, of the \$10,000 matching limit has been donated. Please contribute today and see your gift doubled!

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Final Call for Responses: LSA Survey on Linguistics Publishing

If you have not already completed our brief survey on scholarly publishing issues in linguistics, please take a few moments to do so at your earliest convenience. Your feedback will help to guide the LSA in planning for the future of our publishing program. [The survey](#) will close on March 13th.



New Syntax Award Established in Honor of C.L. Baker



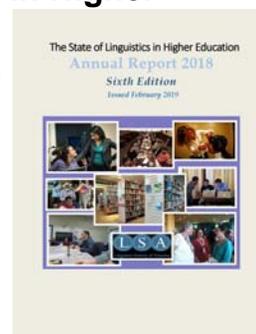
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The family of the late C.L. Baker (University of Texas at Austin) has endowed a new award honoring excellence for scholarship in syntax. Baker was a long-time member of the LSA who served, among his other contributions, as an Associate Editor of *Language*. Read more about Baker (pictured at left with his wife, Mary) and about the award [here](#).

LSA Releases New Report on the State of Linguistics in Higher Education

The LSA has just published the sixth edition of its [Annual Report on the State of Linguistics in Higher Education](#) [pdf].

The 2018 Annual Report provides data on careers in linguistics, trends in teaching positions, gender and ethnicity breakdowns, and topics of specialization in linguistics programs, among other areas. Data sources include linguistics departments and programs throughout North America, federal government surveys, the American Academy, and the LSA's membership directory. [Read more ...](#)



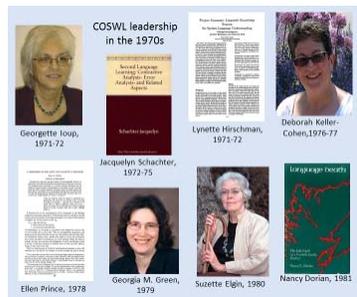
"I have really enjoyed expanding my understanding of the field and its interdisciplinary nature ..." Meet Kazuko Hiramatsu, the LSA's March Member Spotlight



Kazuko Hiramatsu (University of Michigan-Flint) has been an LSA member since 1995, when she was a graduate student. She has served, among other capacities, as Associate Editor of the *Teaching Linguistics* section of *Language* and on the LSA's Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (UPAC), now the Linguistics in Higher Education Committee (LiHEC). [Read more](#) about her research, her take on the LSA and the field of linguistics, and her advice for LSA members.

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This Month in LSA History: The Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics



In recognition of Women's History Month 2019, the LSA celebrates the accomplishments of the [Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics](#) (COSWL), whose mandate from the Society is 'to monitor and advance the status of women in Linguistics'. The committee's foci have been many and wide-ranging in the nearly 50 years since its founding as an informal alliance of LSA members in 1971. [Read more ...](#)

LSA Signs on to Letter in Opposition to Threatened Funding Cuts to University of Alaska

The LSA has co-signed a letter to Governor Mike Dunleavy and other elected officials in Alaska expressing its opposition to threatened cuts of \$134 million to the University of Alaska system. Read more about the proposed cuts [here](#) and read the letter [here](#) (.pdf).



News from SALT 29

[Registration](#) for the Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) conference, to be held at the University of California, Los Angeles from May 17-19, is ongoing on the LSA website.



conference.

[Hotel information](#) has just been added to the conference website. Prospective attendees should make housing arrangements as soon as possible, since the University is holding a large alumni event the weekend of the SALT

News from the 2019 Linguistic Institute

Enrollment and course selection for the [LSA's 2019 Linguistic Institute](#) at the University of California, Davis will begin on March 25.



2019 Summer
Linguistic Institute
University of California, Davis

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

Laurels to Linguists



LSA Secretary-Treasurer Lenore Grenoble, pictured at left, gave an invited plenary address on "[Language Vitality and Sustainability](#)" at the [conference of the American](#)



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LSA member Philip Rubin, pictured at right, has been appointed to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences' Challenges for International Scientific Partnerships (CISP) Large-Scale Science Working Group. [Read more ...](#)

Linguistics In The News

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

- "[When Did the Verb 'To Be' Enter the English Language?](#)" *JSTOR Daily*
- "[Do you speak Ladino? Meet the folks trying to save a dying language](#)" *NBC News*
- "[No habla español? How Netflix could transform the way we learn languages](#)" *The Guardian*

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.

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LSA Student Members can submit their research to the [Student Research Spotlight](#).

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