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LSA Update

**News from the
Linguistic Society of America**

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LSA Issues Call for Organized Session Proposals for 2020 Annual Meeting

The Program Committee of the LSA is accepting proposals for Organized Sessions to be held at the [LSA's 2020 Annual Meeting](#), which will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana from January 2-5. An Organized Session is an excellent opportunity to present a group of similarly-focused presentations on a wide variety of topics and in a wide variety of formats. In addition to individual LSA members, Committees and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are encouraged to submit proposals on topics falling under their purview, and proposals are particularly welcome from

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underrepresented ethnic minorities, and on topics relating to the Southeastern United States in general and New Orleans in particular.

In addition, proposals related to the [United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages](#) are also particularly encouraged. [Read more and submit a proposal.](#)

Language News

The March issue of the LSA's flagship journal *Language* is now online. All LSA members have access to issues of the journal back to 2001 via Project MUSE. [Click here](#) for more information and a linked Table of Contents.

The award for the [Best Paper in Language 2018](#) was presented by LSA Executive Director Alyson Reed to Benjamin Bruening (University of Delaware) in a special ceremony in Newark, DE on March 20 (see photo at right).

LSA Advocacy

Action Alert: The Trump Administration's fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget request proposes steep cuts that would damage America's research and data enterprise, including complete elimination of the NEH -- a major funder of linguistics research -- and Title VI (Fulbright/Hays). Without Congressional intervention, federal agencies are facing another impending threat—the arbitrary across-the-board cuts passed as part of the *Budget Control Act*, which will set

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LSA Advocacy in Action: Pictured at left are Bridget Drinka (University of Texas at San Antonio) and LSA Executive Director Alyson Reed preparing to meet with their congressional representatives as part of [Humanities Advocacy Day](#) last week.

LSA Issues Call for Committee Members

Nominations are being accepted for service on the LSA's open and appointed committees. This is an excellent opportunity to expand your professional networks, enhance your administrative portfolio, and make a difference in areas about which you care deeply. There are committees focused on:

- the LSA and its activities (Honorary Members Committee, Program Committee, Awards Committee);
- the field of linguistics as a whole (Ethics, Status of Women in Linguistics, Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics);
- the wider public (Public Policy, Language in the School Curriculum).

See a complete [list of the LSA's committees](#) and [read more about how to nominate yourself or another LSA member for service on a committee](#).

***Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* Volume 4 Published**

The LSA is delighted to announce the appearance of Volume 4 of the *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, a periodical publication of the LSA containing articles developed from talks and posters presented at its [Annual Meeting](#), which since 1924 has been one of the premier gatherings of researchers from America and around the world working on issues in linguistics and language sciences, representing a wide range of theoretical and methodological perspectives. [View the new volume of the *Proceedings*](#).

Women of the LSA, 1924 - Present

As part of the LSA's celebration of Women's History Month 2019, we highlight a presentation from the LSA's 90th Anniversary meeting in Minneapolis, where LSA Archivist Margaret

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was founded. [Read more ...](#)

Pictured clockwise from upper left: a selection of past women LSA presidents: Penelope Eckert (2018), Alice Harris (2016) with Keren Rice (2012), Sandra Chung (2011), Barbara Partee (1986), Sally McConnell-Ginet (2006), Sarah Thomason (2009).

Open Access Challenge Grant Reaches 1/3 of Goal

Since the [Open Access Challenge Grant](#) sponsored by former LSA President Steve Anderson debuted early this month, it has reached over one third of its \$10,000 goal! [Make a contribution now](#) and see your donation doubled!

In Memoriam: Stanley Insler, 1937-2019

We note with regret the death of long-time LSA member Stanley Insler at the age of 82. Insler, who joined the LSA in 1964, was Emeritus Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology at Yale University, the same university from which he received his PhD in 1963. He was a historical linguist, serving as chair and director of graduate studies in the department of linguistics at Yale. [Read more...](#)

2019 Linguistic Institute News

Enrollment and course selection for the [LSA's 2019 Linguistic Institute](#) at the University of California, Davis will begin on April 5. Fellowship applicants will be notified in advance of this date and individuals who have been selected to receive fellowships will be given special enrollment instructions..

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

News from SALT 29

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[Early Bird Registration](#) for the [Seminar and Linguists Meet \(SALT\) Conference](#), to be held at the University of California, Los Angeles from May 17-19, is available through April 20th

[Hotel information](#), details about the [conference program](#), and information about [pop-up mentoring](#) are all available on 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 conference.

Linguistics In The News

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

- "[Crossing Divides: Two Koreas divided by a fractured language](#)" *BBC News*
- "[How Often Teens Use 'Vocal Fry' May Be a Sign of Emotional Distress](#)" *Inverse*
- "[Y'all Heard? An Argument for The Great Southern Pronoun](#)" *National Public Radio*

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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