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April member spotlight, LGBTQ+ webinar, new Routledge book, and more!

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# LSA Update

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## #LSA2020 News

The [94th Annual Meeting of the LSA](#), will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana from January 2-5. Read on for some important deadlines:

Proposals for organized sessions -- symposia, panels, workshops, and the like -- are due May

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15. Proposals are encouraged from LSA members, committees, and Special Interest Groups (SIGs); from women and underrepresented ethnic minorities; on topics relating to the Southeastern United States in general and New Orleans in particular; and on topics related to the [United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages](#). [Read more and submit a proposal](#).

Abstracts for 20-minute papers and posters will be accepted between May 1 and June 24. [Read the call for abstracts](#), and **note that the submission deadline is slightly more than one month earlier than in previous years.**

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## LSA to Host Webinar on LGBTQ+ Perspectives in Linguistics

Sign up for the latest in the LSA's series of webinars on professional development topics! This webinar explores LGBTQ+ issues in Linguistics from the perspectives of a master's student, a doctoral candidate, and a postdoctoral fellow. Building from the LSA Special Interest Group on LGBTQ+ Issues in Linguistics' 2019 panel "New Directions in LGBTQ+ Linguistics," This webinar also addresses contemporary topics of interest in the study of language, gender, and sexuality. This webinar is of interest to LGBTQ+ linguists and allies at all career stages, those seeking to promote LGBTQ+ issues in the wider discipline, and those seeking to learn how to organize around these topics. For more details and to sign up for the webinar, [click here](#).

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## LSA Issues Call for Bloomfield Book Award Nominations

The LSA is accepting nominations for its prestigious [Leonard Bloomfield Book Award](#), given annually for the volume which makes the most outstanding contribution to the development of our understanding of language and linguistics.

Nominations may be made by publishers of linguistic works as well as by LSA members. With certain

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should have been published after February 28, 2018 but before May 31, 2019. It is incumbent upon nominators to ensure that these criteria are met prior to submission of the nominated works.

To nominate one or more books for the Bloomfield Award, [click here](#).

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## International Year of Indigenous Languages Blog Post

In celebration of the [International Year of Indigenous Languages](#) declared by the United Nations, the LSA, [CELP](#) and [SSILA](#) invite you to check out our [latest blog post!](#) [Kate L. Lindsey](#), a Ph. D student in linguistics at Stanford University, wrote a profile of the Ende Language Project, which aims to document and revitalize Ende language and culture.

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## New Book Published in LSA/Routledge Guides to Linguistics Series

The LSA is delighted to announce the publication of the newest title in our book series partnership with Routledge. *Language, Gender, and Sexuality*, authored by LSA member Scott F. Kiesling, is a beginner's guide to the relationship between language and gender. A portion of the royalties from the sale of this book benefit the LSA. [Read more about the book and order your copy.](#)

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## "The [LSA] Annual Meeting provides a great way for members to hear about current research and see old friends." Meet Sandra Chung, our April Member Spotlight

Sandra Chung (University of California, Santa Cruz) has served the LSA on the editorial staff of *Language*, on the Executive Committee, and as President in 2011. [Read more](#) about her take on the LSA, the services it provides, her work, and her advice for students.

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## Ready to start signing up for classes at the Linguistic Institute? You can pay your registration fees starting April 12th!

Access to the [payment portal](#) for the [LSA's 2019 Linguistic Institute](#) at the University of California, Davis will begin **Friday, April 12 at 12:01am (PST)**. All applicants will receive an email with a link to the payment portal. If you haven't submitted your application already, you can do so [here](#). Within two business days of paying your registration fees, you will **receive your login information** for our Course Management System and will be able to **enroll in classes!**

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you pay to reserve your spot in [on-campus housing](#)\*. You'll also have the option to purchase [Institute swag](#)\* and to reserve a spot on one of our [two weekend excursions](#)\* (one to Napa, one to San Francisco)..

\*pending availability

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

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## Committee Nominations Due Today

Nominations are due today 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. 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.

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## Five LSA Members Receive NEH Grants

The LSA is pleased to announce that five of its members -- Patience Epps (University of Texas at Austin), Susan Kalt (Roxbury Community College), Adam Singerman (University of Chicago), Alice Taff (University of Alaska, Southeastern Senior College), and Beth Young (University of Central Florida) have been awarded portions of the \$28.6 million that has been awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to fund 233 humanities projects. [Read more ...](#)

The LSA works throughout the year to ensure that the NEH has adequate financial support from Congress. This includes opposition to President Trump's proposed FY2020 budget, which would eliminate all funding for

NEH. Read more about our advocacy efforts [here](#).

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## Pop-Up Mentoring Information for SALT 29

[Early Bird Registration](#) for the Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) conference, to be held at the University of California, Los Angeles from May 17-19, is available through April 20th.

The LSA [Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics](#) (COSWL) is excited to host a "[Pop-Up Mentoring](#)" event at SALT 29. The event at SALT will take place during lunch time (12:00 - 1:30 PM) on Friday May 17. All attendees are invited to participate; this event is not restricted to women, and is open to

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The event is free, but you must register online in advance; please [click here](#) to register as a mentor or [here](#) to register as a mentee. Registration closes May 3.

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## Linguistics In The News

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

- "[Anyone Speak K'iche' or Mam? Immigration Courts Overwhelmed by Indigenous Languages](#)" *New York Times*
- "[Major study of Scots vocabulary being launched by University of Aberdeen](#)" *BBC News*
- "[How a Cosmic Collision Sparked a Native American Translator's Labor of Love](#)" *National Public Radio*

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## 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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