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News from the
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LSA Responds to NSF

LSA President
Brian Joseph
submitted
comments
earlier this week
to Arthur (Skip)
Lupia, Head of
the Social,
Behavioral and

Economic Sciences Directorate at the National
Science Foundation expressing concerns
about proposed changes to DEL embodied
within a broader plan to reorganize the
Directorate. The [letter](#) [pdf] was prepared in

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consultation with the leadership of the LSA's [Committee on Endangered Languages and their Preservation](#) (CELP) and the [Committee on Public Policy](#) (CoPP). Special thanks to LSA member Gary Holton for his leadership in addressing this important proposal and its potential impact on future language documentation efforts and related linguistics research.

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LSA Approves Statement on Race

We are delighted to announce that the LSA Executive Committee has approved a final version of the LSA Statement on Race, incorporating comments from LSA members and other interested parties. While this is a "final" statement, we recognize that it is a living document as dialog continues around this topic. [View the Statement on Race here](#), and [read more about the Statement and how LSA members can comment on it here](#).

Slate of Candidates Published for LSA Elections

The LSA will hold elections this fall for Officers, at-large members of the Executive Committee, and Co-Editor of *Language*, and on proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the LSA. [Read more about the candidates and the proposed amendments](#). Note that if any additional candidates for any of the positions are proposed, ten nominations must be separately received by the Secretariat in writing by July 2.

LSA Webinars News

[View a recording](#) of last Friday's Webinar on Linguists and Linguistics in Tech, and sign up for the two upcoming webinars on [Submitting an Abstract for the LSA's 2020 Annual Meeting](#) (Friday, June 7) and [PennController for IBEX](#) (Friday, June 14).

"It's up to us to show the scientific and social value of our work and become more visible ..." Read more about **June's Member Spotlight, Antonella Sorace**

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...and Sorace (University of Cambridge), an LSA member since 1992, is committed to disseminating information about her research specialty -- bilingualism over the lifespan -- to audiences outside of academia. Read more about Sorace, her research, and her take on the LSA and the field of linguistics [here](#).

Comments Due on Revised Ethics Statement by June 15

The LSA invites its members and other interested parties to submit comments on the Society's Ethics Statement as revised by the [LSA Ethics Committee](#). Comments should be received by June 15. [Read more ...](#)

2019 Linguistic Institute News

Enrollment is in progress for the LSA's 2019 Linguistic Institute at the University of California, Davis. If you haven't already done so, [register for the Institute](#) using the online application and start choosing your classes!

Submit your [application for the Three-Minute Thesis competition](#) today! The deadline has been extended through June 7.

Be sure to follow the Institute on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep up with the latest news.,

Annual Meetings News

Mark your calendars now for the LSA's [94th Annual Meeting](#), January 2-5 at the [Hilton New Orleans Riverside](#) in the Big Easy, [New Orleans, Louisiana](#)! Check out this [New York Times list of recommended places to visit](#).

[Abstracts for posters and 20-minute papers](#) are being accepted online through June 24. **Note that this deadline is approximately one month earlier than in previous years.** [Why did the deadline move?](#) An exception will be made for students at the Davis Institute, who may submit proposals through July 12. [Read the call for abstracts](#), or [submit your abstract directly](#) after logging in to the LSA website.

First time submitting an abstract? Questions? Sign up for the June 7 webinar on Submitting an Abstract for the LSA Annual Meeting (see "LSA Webinars," above, for details.)

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SCiL News: The Society for Computation in Linguistics (SCiL), one of the "Sister Societies" that meets concurrently with the LSA, is [inviting abstracts for its Annual Meeting](#).

News from the May 2019 LSA Executive Committee Meeting

The [Executive Committee \(EC\) of the LSA](#) met on May 4 and 5 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas. The minutes of the meeting have just been published [here](#). Among other business, the EC:

- extended the term of EC member Anne Charity Hudley (University of California, Santa Barbara) for one year following a temporarily leave of absence;
 - approved updates to the charge of the [Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics \(COSWL\)](#);
 - approved changes to the composition of the Committee on Student Issues and Concerns (COSIAC), subject to ratification by the LSA membership in elections this fall (see the [Slate of Candidates](#) for more information);
 - confirmed a cap of 60 on the number of LSA Honorary Members.
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News from the Archives: LSA Honorary Member List Updated

The lists -- by name and by year of induction -- of [Honorary Members of the LSA](#) have been updated. Formerly, they showed only members who were alive at the time the LSA website was created in the early 2000s. They have now been updated to show all linguists who have ever been elected to honorary membership.

Linguistics In The News

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

- "[A linguist's trick to perfectly understanding people with different accents](#)" *Quartz*
 - "[Children learn new words more effectively by listening to other kids](#)" *earth.com*
 - "[These are the hardest-to-spell words in the English language](#)" *CNN*
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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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- [Linguistic Academic Depository](#)
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