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LSA Update

**News from the
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2019 Linguistic Institute News
As the LSA's 2019 Linguistic Institute at the University of California, Davis enters its final week, there's still a lot going on, including Pop-Up Mentoring, Student and Faculty Focus Groups, and the Collitz and ADS lectures, not to mention the closing reception on Wednesday. For more information about these and other activities during this last week, [click here](#).

The LSA
extends its
sincerest thanks
to Co-Directors

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Raul Aranovich and Georgia Zellou and to their extremely able staff and volunteers, who have made this Institute such a great success. And we're already looking forward to the 2021 Institute at the University of Massachusetts Amherst!

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Two New LSA Awards Included in Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for many of the LSA's Awards, including the Early Career Award; the Excellence in Community Linguistics Award; the Kenneth L. Hale Award; the Linguistic Service Award; the Linguistics Journalism Award (deadline extended through August 1); the Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award; and the Victoria A. Fromkin Lifetime Service Award. [Click here](#) for descriptions of the awards, nomination criteria, and lists of past winners. In most cases, a simple preliminary nomination is due by August 1, and a final nomination by September 1.

Two new awards will be presented, along with those mentioned above, at the LSA's 2020 Annual Meeting: the

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organizations that have exhibited a sustained commitment to mentoring linguists, and the latter, excellence in syntactic research in mid-career scholars.

[Submit your nomination\(s\) today!](#)

New Edition of *The 5 Minute Linguist* now available

[Order your copy today](#) of the third edition of *The Five-Minute Linguist* -- each copy sold benefits the LSA! Edited by LSA members Walt Wolfram and Carolyn Myrick, *The Five-Minute Linguist* aims to provide a fun, reader-friendly introduction to language designed for beginners and those with a general interest in the subject. The book contains short essays on more than 60 intriguing questions such as "What's the difference between a language and a dialect?" "Can animals understand us?" "What causes foreign accents?" and "How is language used on social media?" *The 5 Minute Linguist* is available from [Equinox Publishing](#).

Celebrating Lavender Language/Linguistics

June, 2019 has been marked by multiple celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion and of the changes associated with the aftermath of Stonewall. Academic and public interest in the language of Trans and gender-non-binary persons, of the genderqueer, and of same-sex desiring and same-sex identified women and men have been part of those changes, and [these comments](#) examine one component of those interests: Lavender Languages/Linguistics.

#LSA2020 News

We're looking forward to the [LSA's 2020 Annual Meeting](#) in The Big Easy, New Orleans, next January 2-5. [Click here](#) for more information about things to see and do while you're there, and [here](#) for a list of the New York Times' recommended place to visit. [Hotel reservations](#) and [meeting registration](#) will be available beginning September 1.

Have you ever wondered how host cities and hotels for the Annual Meeting are chosen? Why we meet when we do? Why there isn't more free coffee at the Meeting? Find answers to these and other questions in our [Annual Meeting F.A.Q.](#)

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[these many ways.](#)

Peter Trudgill Honored by University of Murcia

The LSA is delighted to announce that Life Member Peter Trudgill (University of Fribourg, Emeritus) has been chosen for an Honoris Causa doctorate by the University of Murcia, with the support of the LSA and fourteen other institutions and professional organizations.

He is only the second linguist--and the first nominated by the university's Department of English Philology--to receive such an honor. [Read more ...](#)

LSA Calls for Release of Tibetan Language Activist

Join the LSA in [signing the petition](#) calling for the release of Tibetan language advocate Tashi Wangchuk. Wangchuk, a Tibetan language rights activist and entrepreneur from Yushu prefecture, was arrested by the Chinese government in 2016 on charges of "inciting separatism." On January 4, 2018, he was tried and still awaits a verdict. [Read more](#) about the LSA's continuing efforts to secure his release.

Linguistics In The News

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

- "[Language is also a form of resistance](#)" *Global Voices*
 - "[New Stanford research shows difference in language used by Republicans and Democrats](#)" *Stanford News*
 - "[Indigenous language experts from around the world gather in Victoria](#)" *Vancouver Island News*
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