LSA Update

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LSA Announces Journalism and Student Abstract Awards

The LSA is delighted to announce the winners of its Linguistics Journalism and Student Abstract Awards. The former honors the journalist whose work best represents linguistics during the previous 12-month period, and the latter is awarded to the three highest rated abstracts submitted for the LSA Annual Meeting that are authored solely by students. Read more about Journalism Award winner Thomas Curwen (Los Angeles Times) and about the Student Abstract Award winners.
LSA Executive Assistant Rita Lewis to Retire
Rita Lewis, the LSA's Executive Assistant for the past fifteen years, will retire at the end of September. The LSA thanks her for her many years of dedicated service -- her warm presence at the Secretariat and at the LSA Annual Meeting registration desk will be sorely missed. Retirement messages may be sent to Rita by email or by postal mail to LSA, 522 21st St. NW, Suite 120, Washington, DC 20006.

The LSA is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant, with an application deadline of September 12. Read more...

"[T]he future [of linguistics] is dynamic and diversifying." Meet Jessica Rett, the LSA's September Member Spotlight.
Jessica Rett (University of California, Los Angeles), has worn many hats since becoming an LSA member in 2005, including serving on our Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics (COSWL) and as an organizer of the Pop-Up Mentoring Program. Read more about her take on the field of linguistics and the services the LSA provides, and her advice for students.

#LSA2020 News
Preregistration for our 2020 Annual Meeting (January 2-5, Hilton New Orleans Riverside) is available through December 13, and hotel reservations are available through December 11.

Watch this space in coming weeks for more information about session chairs, complimentary registration for student volunteers, and local dining and transportation.

This Time in Linguistics History: Vicki Fromkin Elected First Woman Secretary-Treasurer of the LSA

2019 marks the fortieth anniversary of the election of the late (1923-2000) Victoria A Fromkin (University of California, Los Angeles) as Secretary-Treasurer of the LSA, the first woman to hold this position. In addition to her many other contributions to the Society, Fromkin served as Vice-President and President in 1984 and 1985, respectively. The Victoria A Fromkin Lifetime Service Award is given, in her honor, to individuals who have performed extraordinary service to the discipline and to the society throughout their careers. Read more ...
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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- Linguistic Academic Depository
- LSA Jobs Center

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