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### Esther Martinez Act Passes U.S. House of Representatives

The LSA is delighted to announce that the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Reauthorization Act, for which we have advocated for most of this decade, was adopted by the US House of Representatives on December 9. Having already been passed by the U.S. Senate, it will now head to the White House for the President's signature. [Read more ...](#)

Pictured at right is Nancy Richardson Steele, winner of the LSA's 2019 [Excellence in Community Linguistics Award](#).



### New Section of *Language* to Debut in 2020



In conjunction with its 2019 observance of the International Year of Indigenous Languages, the LSA is pleased to announce the formation of a new section of its flagship journal *Language*. The new section, which is expected to begin accepting submissions during the first half of 2020, will be edited by Colleen Fitzgerald (Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi), and will focus on Language Revitalization and Documentation. [Read more ...](#)

### Annual Meeting Updates and Reminders

The LSA's [2020 Annual Meeting](#) is coming up fast! Please note the following deadlines and other information in preparation for attending:

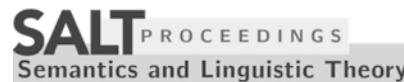
- The initial deadline for [hotel reservations](#) has passed, but the Hilton will continue to honor the special conference rate, subject to availability.
- Preregistration closed December 13. Onsite registration will be available beginning at 1 PM on Thursday, January 2 at the registration counters in The District on the third floor of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.
- Register for a January 5 [minicourse](#)
- Sign up for [pop-up mentoring](#) by December 20.
- Schedules of the LSA and Sister Society meetings and abstracts of plenary events, organized session and paper and poster presentations are available [here](#).
- 2020 Annual Meeting merchandise is now available in the LSA's Zazzle Store. [Get yours today!](#)



[Check out things to do while you're in New Orleans](#), and watch the [Annual Meeting page](#) and your email Inbox for updates in the coming weeks about local transportation, dining, nightlife, and more.

### New Volume of SALT Proceedings Published

[Click here](#) to view the latest volume of the Proceedings of SALT, the Semantics and Linguistic Theory conference. The host since 2009 of the entire run of SALT Proceedings, the LSA has served since 2017 as an official co-sponsor, providing online infrastructure, conference registration and marketing assistance.



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## LSA Names Winner of Excellence in Community Linguistics Award



The LSA is delighted to announce that its Excellence in Community Linguistics Award, given for contributions made by members of language communities for the benefit of their community's language, will be given to Mosyel Syelsaangthyel Khaling (left) for his work with the endangered Southern Tangkhulic language Uipo in the Indian State of Manipur. [Read more ...](#)

Khaling will be honored, along with other awardees, during a ceremony in the St.Charles Ballroom at 6:30 PM on Saturday, January 4 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

## New Podcast Episode: Words We Love to Hate



Listen to "[The Language of Diamonds](#)," the latest episode of *Subtitle*, the LSA's new podcast. Read more about *Subtitle* [here](#), and [donate here](#) to help support production costs for the podcast.

## Linguists Receive Honors



LSA members Jennifer Cole, Suzanne Flynn, Allard Jongman, and Dan Jurafsky (pictured clockwise at right from upper left) have been elected as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). And Shana Poplack (left) has been

awarded the André-Laurendeau Prize, given by the Association for the Advancement of Science in Quebec and Francophone Canada for excellence in the humanities. Read more about the [AAAS Fellows](#) and about [Poplack's award](#).



## Linguistics In The News

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

- "[What Might Baby Yoda's First Words Be?](#)" *Slate*
- "[Why Are Languages Worth Preserving?](#)" *Sapiens*
- "[Do Babies Cry in Different Languages?](#)" *New York Times*

## Other LSA Resources

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