CoLang Scholarships, LSA & Human Rights, Laurels to Linguists, and More!

LSA Update

News from the
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Reminder: Sign up to be a Mentor by January 31

We are seeking mentors for the LSA's newest member benefit, an online Distance Mentoring Facility which will enable LSA members to: 1) identify themselves as mentees, mentors, or both, with specific areas of scholarly and professional concern, and 2) search the LSA member directory for a mentoring partner, or 3) ask to be matched with a mentoring partner by LSA staff/volunteers. As we prepare to debut the facility, we are requesting that potential mentors sign up by January 31. *Read more and sign up ...*

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CoLang 2020 Scholarship Applications Due February 14

Scholarship applications are being accepted through February 14 for CoLang2020. CoLang is an international institute for language activists, teachers, linguists and students from language communities and academia to obtain hands-on skills in language documentation and revitalization as practiced in collaborative contexts, as well as in technology and basic linguistics in community-based research contexts. As a co-sponsor of CoLang since 2015, the LSA provides financial underwriting for student fellowships, in-kind promotional support, and contributes to the scholarly content of the Institute *Read more and apply ...*

Interested in supporting student participation in collaborative language research? Consider a donation to the LSA's Emmon Bach Fellowship Fund, which is just shy of our goal to raise a $50,000 permanent endowment to support the very first named fellowship at CoLang.

LSA Calls for Release of Tibetan Language Activist

The LSA has contributed to and signed on to a letter calling for the release of detained Tibetan language advocate Tashi Wangchuk, pictured at left, on the fourth anniversary of his imprisonment. Read the letter.

Your membership dues support this and other LSA actions in support of linguists and linguistics everywhere. Read more about LSA advocacy.

New LSA Podcast: Are Polyglots' Brains Different?

Listen to "Is a polyglot's brain different?" the latest episode of *Subtitle*, the LSA's new podcast. Read more about *Subtitle* here, and donate here to support production costs of the podcast.

View Photos from #LSA2020

A selection of photos from events that took place at the LSA Annual Meeting earlier this month is now available (.pdf). You can also view selected videorecordings from the meeting.

University of Virginia Linguist Receives NEH-Mellon Fellowship

The LSA congratulates Lise Dobrin (University of Virginia) on her being awarded a year-long National Endowment from the

about Dobrin and about the award, which will allow her to document the oral history and culture of Wautogik village (Papua New Guinea).

Berkeley Scholar Receives Grant for Encoding of Unsupported Scripts

The LSA also congratulates Deborah Anderson (University of California, Berkeley) on her being awarded an NEH grant to support the work of the Scripts Encoding Initiative, which prepares formal proposals for the encoding of scripts not yet supported by Unicode.

LSA Publications News

The 21st Century Indices for the LSA's flagship journal *Language* have been updated to include the contents of Volume 95 (2019).

Malte Willer (University of Chicago) has been appointed an Associate Editor of *Semantics and Pragmatics*, the LSA's leading platinum open-access journal.

In Case You Missed It

In late 2019, *Language* published a special issue on Indigenous Languages: 21st-Century Perspectives. View the special issue on the Project MUSE site for *Language.*

Linguistics In The News

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

- "Why Are Some People Better at Learning Multiple Languages Than Others?" *Gizmodo*
- "She' goes missing from presidential language" *Phys.org*
- "Troops' is an Unethical Euphemism'" *The Atlantic*

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.

Subscribe to RSS Feeds for the latest issue and the Table of Contents of *Language.*

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](#)
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