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LSA Update

News from the
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How to Communicate with Aliens
If there are extraterrestrials out there, what kind of messages might they be sending us? How might we decipher those messages? And should we hit reply?

[Listen to 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.



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Call for Organized Session Proposals, #LSA2021

The LSA's Program Committee is accepting proposals through May 15 for organized sessions at the [2021 Annual Meeting](#), which will take place from January 7-10 in San Francisco, CA. An Organized Session is an excellent opportunity to present a group of similarly-focused presentations on a diverse array of topics and in a wide variety of formats. [Read more ...](#)



Register now for SALT 30, CoLang



Registration is ongoing for two events of which the LSA is a sponsor: the [Semantics and Linguistic Theory \(SALT\) conference](#) will take place at Cornell University from April 24-26, and [CoLang 2020](#), the Institute on Collaborative Language Research, will take place at the University of Montana from June 15-26.



"We innovate in print, and we remain a field by being in contact with each other." Meet Norma Mendoza-Denton, the LSA's March Member Spotlight



Norma Mendoza-Denton is Professor of Linguistic Anthropology at the University of California, Los Angeles. In addition to having participated in five of the LSA's Linguistic Institutes and served on several LSA committees, she is now on our [Executive Committee](#). [Read more](#) about Mendoza-Denton, her take on the LSA and the field of linguistics, and her advice for students.

The LSA Celebrates Women's History Month

In celebration of Women's History Month, the LSA spotlights the accomplishments of pioneering women linguists, including [Adelaide Hahn](#), [Victoria A. Fromkin](#), and, most recently, [Christine Mohrmann](#) (pictured at right), the LSA's first woman Honorary Member. Read more about the early history of the LSA's Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics (COSWL) [here](#), and stay tuned for another post later this month on firsts by women in the LSA.



Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting Posted

The LSA's Executive Committee last met on January 2, during our recent Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Read the minutes of the meeting [here](#) (.pdf) and read more about LSA governance [here](#).

NIH Seeks Feedback on Accomplishments in the Social and Behavioral Sciences



The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is calling on members of the



behavioral and social sciences research community to submit an accomplishment, add information to a submitted accomplishment, and/or vote on the ones that have had a substantial health impact and for which behavioral and social sciences research was critical to achieving. [Read more ...](#)

MLA Seeks Field Bibliographers

The Modern Language Association (MLA) is seeking field bibliographers for its *MLA International Bibliography* and is also accepting applications for MLA Bibliography Fellowships through April 1. [Read more about becoming a field bibliographer](#), and apply for a fellowship [here](#).



In Case You Missed It

- On the job market or preparing to be? Check out our [Jobs Center](#) for job listings, professional development resources, and more!

Linguistics In The News

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

- ["On S'Klallam land, new street signs a reminder that 'our language is important and alive'"](#) *Kitsap Sun*
- ["No more 'nagging wives': how Oxford Dictionaries is cleaning up sexist language"](#) *The Guardian*
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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.

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