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Fall LSA Internship Applications Due August 16

The LSA is seeking applications for the position of Student Intern as part of our Secretariat staff team for the Fall 2020 semester. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the field of linguistics, the professional needs of LSA members, and the LSA’s broader agenda to advance the scientific study of language. This internship also provides exposure to the workings of a small non-profit organization based in the nation’s capital. Thank you to the many generous donors whose contributions have enabled us to restore the stipend for this internship! Read more and apply now.
LSA Podcast Explores Language and Identity

Why doesn't Ciku Theuri sound Black in the sense that many people refer to? Her friends told her she didn't "sound Black" and wanted to know why. Eventually, she wanted to know. Ciku tells the story of how she came to speak the way she does—and how others, from Ohio to Kenya, perceive her speech. (Spoiler alert: to many she would "sound Black.") Also in this episode: why many Americans choose the voices of Black celebrities for their digital assistants. This is the third in our four-part series on speech, identity and bias.

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. Transcripts of Subtitle episodes are being added in reverse chronological order -- look for links at at the bottom of each episode description.

Upcoming LSA Webinars Explore Inclusion in the Classroom, Word Order

Join us on Friday, August 14 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM Eastern Time for the first in a series of webinars on "Racial Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Linguistics Curriculum." This inaugural webinar -- Centering linguistic diversity and justice in course design -- features Savithry Namboodiripad (University of Michigan) and Nathan Sanders (University of Toronto). Read more and register.

Then, on Friday, August 21 from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM U.S. Eastern Time, authors Jennifer Culbertson, Marieke Schouwstra, and Simon Kirby of the University of Edinburgh will discuss their article, "From the world to word order: deriving biases in noun phrase order from statistical properties of the world," which will appear in Language Volume 96, Number 3 (September 2020). Read more and register today.

LSA Members Garner National, International Awards and Honors

Please join us in congratulating the following LSA members who have been honored for their distinguished achievements.

- David Adger (Queen Mary, University of London), former LSA President Alice Harris (University of Massachusetts Amherst) and Antonella Sorace (University of Edinburgh) have been elected Fellows of the British Academy. Read more ...

- Mary Murphy (University of Sussex) has received an award from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) which will fund the completion of a book on the historical function and development of the English language’s small words and what such words reveal about their speakers. Read more ...

- former LSA President Barbara Partee (University of Massachusetts, Emerita) has been honored with the Benjamin Franklin Medal in Computer and Cognitive Science. Read more ...
Online Teaching Resource Enhanced by Materials from 2019 Linguistic Institute

The LSA's Linguistic Academic Depository (LAD), an online collection of teaching resources, has recently been enhanced by the addition of materials from our 2019 Linguistic Institute at the University of California, Davis. The Depository is normally a benefit reserved for LSA regular members, but the resource has been made fully open-access for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic.

LSA Seeks Your Photos for Website

The LSA is seeking new images to use in all parts of our website. We are especially interested in high-resolution images that show linguists at work: in the lab, using equipment, in the field, interacting with colleagues, in classroom settings, presenting posters, and anything else that communicates dynamic interaction. We also seek images that reflect the diversity of the LSA in relation to ethnicity, sexuality, and gender identity as well as the broad scholarly and professional interests of our members. Read more and upload your photos.

Register by August 17 for SALT 30

The Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT30) conference will be held virtually from August 17-20, 2020. Registration is required, but a free registration option is available. Click here for more information, including a conference schedule and information about pop-up mentoring and sign language interpretation.

For the fourth year in a row, the LSA is handling conference registration, publishing the proceedings, and promoting SALT as part of its mission to advance the scientific study of language through scholarly communication.

In Case You Missed It ...

- Check out our list of resources for linguists during the COVID pandemic.
- Donate your no-longer-needed books, or request one, through the LSA Book Exchange.

Linguistics In The News

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

- "Were French People Born to Speak French?" Scientific American
- "Language Development During Interstellar Travel" Acta Futura
- "Racism, Linguistics, and the Law" The Oxford Student

Other LSA Resources
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.

Complete your member profile to be entered in a prize drawing.

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:

- Taking Linguistics to the Public: An Outreach Guide
- Linguistic Academic Depository
- LSA Jobs Center

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