LSA Update #192: LGBTQ+ History Month, This Time in Linguistics History, In Case You Missed It

LSA Update
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LSA to Host Community Dialogue Event

All current LSA members are invited to attend a virtual Community Dialogue event on Monday, October 26, from 3:45 - 5:00 PM EDT to discuss issues recently raised by LSA members and others. Read more about the event and submit your comments and questions (by October 22) here.

Registration links will be sent later this week. Registration is required but free.

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Diversifying the LSA Member Database/Diversifying Your Job Search

Earlier this year, the LSA launched an initiative to facilitate diversity, equity, and inclusion in linguistics hiring practices. Spearheaded by the LSA's Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL), the Curriculum Vitae Database Project assists search committees with identifying a diverse pool of linguists as prospective candidates for job openings at their home institutions. LSA members can read more here about how to include demographic information in their membership profile, and search committees can read more here about how to more effectively diversify their job searches.

Reminder: LSA Awards Nominations

Final nominations for LSA Awards are due by Sunday, October 25. Read more here about LSA Awards and Honors, explore the nomination requirements for our awards, and how to submit your nomination.

Member Feedback Sought for LSA Statement on Open Scholarship

The LSA's Committee on Scholarly Communication in Linguistics (CoSCI) has drafted a Statement on the Scholarly Merit and Evaluation of Open Scholarship in Linguistics. LSA members are invited to comment on the Statement -- comments may be left at the bottom of the page linked above, by December 1.

This Time in Linguistics History: Anténor Firmin (1850–1911)

18 October 2020 marked the 170th anniversary of the birth of Haitian scholar and public intellectual Joseph August Anténor Firmin. Firmin was variously a diplomat, Pan-Caribbean and Pan-African organizer, candidate for the presidency of Haiti, and self-taught anthropologist. Read more here about Firmin's life, work, and his pioneering contributions to the overturning of "scientific" racism.

Using Social Media to Advance Your Scholarship

Check out this recording of the LSA’s recent webinar on "Being a Linguist on Social Media." The webinar provides a brief introduction to social media, with a particular focus on Linguist Twitter. Find out about some of the benefits and pitfalls of social media, as well as pointers for social media etiquette.

Keeping Up With COZIL: LGBTQ+ History Month

COZIL, the LSA's Committee on LGBTQ+[Z] Issues in Linguistics, has organized a series of activities for LGBTQ+ History Month, including webinars and blog posts. Read COZIL's blog posts here.

Click here for more information about an October 24 webinar on Queer and Trans...
LSA Linguistic Institute at UMass Amherst Postponed to 2022

The LSA’s biennial summer Linguistic Institute, originally scheduled to be held at UMass Amherst in 2021, has now been postponed until the summer of 2022. The postponement will allow for the local organizers and the LSA to have sufficient planning time to ensure the health and well-being of participants in this flagship event. Read more ...