LSA Surveys Members on Professional Conduct

The LSA is committed to guaranteeing a safe, inclusive, and positive environment at LSA events, and to encouraging and supporting the same in the linguistics profession more generally. As the task force charged with finding ways to reach these goals, the LSA's Task Force on Procedures for Evaluating Professional Conduct has created this short anonymous survey to learn what kinds of measures linguists think the LSA should take to prevent unethical or uncivil/harmful behavior among linguists, and to address the circumstances when prevention efforts have failed. We seek the opinions of as diverse a range of linguists as possible - of all ages, racial/ethnic identities, genders, sexual orientations, and professional statuses, both members and non-members of the LSA.

We ask you to take the survey, and to encourage your colleagues to do so as well.
"The LSA's most important services are the events that bring people together:" Meet Laura McPherson, the LSA's November Member Spotlight

Laura McPherson, a ten-year member of the LSA, is Associate Professor of Linguistics at Dartmouth College. Read more about McPherson, her research on musical surrogate languages (like talking drums) and tonal languages, and her take on the LSA and the profession of linguistics.

LSA Comments on Proposed Rule on International Student Visas

The Trump Administration recently proposed a rule which would restrict the issuance and duration of international student visas. Read on for excerpts from a comment on the proposed rule submitted by the LSA's Committee on Public Policy.

"The LSA opposes new rules which make it more difficult for international students to enter or remain in the United States. Linguistics, in particular, would be particularly impacted by burdens which would discourage international students from choosing to study at US universities, or to consider leaving the US before completing their degrees. . . . The existing visa regime is sufficiently secure, and placing additional onerous burdens on students who wish to study at US institutions will only impede the ability of these schools to attract the best students."

Polls Open for LSA Elections through November 7

LSA members who have not already done so are encouraged to cast their vote on the Slate of Candidates for LSA Officers and Executive Committee members and on an amendment to the Bylaws of the LSA. Read more here about the candidates and the proposed amendment, or cast your vote directly here (login to the LSA website required).

Keeping Up With COZIL: LGBTQ+ History Month

Check out these blog posts from COZIL, the LSA's Committee on LGBTQ+[Z] Issues in Linguistics, including the four most recent ones in honor of LGBTQ+ History Month!

LSA Community Dialogue Event Provides Forum for Feedback

The LSA's first-ever Community Dialogue Event, held on October 26, provided a forum for linguists to provide feedback to LSA leaders on a range of issues, and for LSA officers to answer questions submitted both before and during the event. A recording of the event is available here, and transcripts of the event and the chat will be available soon. The LSA will also be commenting on questions raised by attendees which were unable to be addressed during the event.

In Case You Missed It ...

• Comment by December 1 on the LSA's Statement on the Scholarly Merit and...
Linguistics In The News

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

- "Fact or fantasy? Tales from the linguistic fringe" Knowable Magazine
- "Why do masks make it so hard to understand each other?" Nevada Today

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.

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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