LSA Update

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LSA Concludes First-Ever Virtual Annual Meeting

Over 1,000 linguistics students and professionals from academia, industry and government attended the LSA's first-ever fully virtual Annual Meeting from January 7-10, with select satellite events taking place during the week of January 11-15. Highlights of the meeting included:

- invited plenary addresses by Cecilia Colombi, Donka Farkas and Louis Goldstein, and a Presidential Address by Marianne Mithun;
- the LSA's Annual Business Meeting (see minutes (.pdf)) which included the approval of new LSA Honorary Members, the induction of the LSA Fellows Class of 2021, and a time of silence in honor of recently deceased members;
- an Awards Ceremony;
- a Panel on Student Resources During a Pandemic;
- a virtual Exhibit Hall;
- four pre-meeting minicourses;
- and over 300 scholarly presentations,
LSA Opens Search for Next Secretary-Treasurer
The LSA Executive Committee is seeking nominations, including self-nominations, for the position of Secretary-Treasurer, which will become vacant at the end of this year. Read a description of the position and the full call. Nominations should be submitted by February 14.

LSA Shares Reports of Task Forces
At a virtual Open form on January 14, the LSA shared reports from the chairs of the task forces on Media Resources and on Procedures for Evaluating Professional Conduct. Read the task force reports and view a recording of the Open Forum and transcript of the q&a and chat.

CoLang Seeks Proposals for 2024 Host
The Advisory Circle for CoLang, the Institute on Collaborative Language Research, is seeking expressions of interest for hosting CoLang 2024. Read the full call here (.docx); a response is requested by February 15.

The LSA has been a sponsor of CoLang since 2015, underwriting student fellowships and providing in-kind and promotional support. Read more about the LSA and CoLang.

LSA Welcomes Spring Intern
The LSA is delighted to welcome our spring Intern, Angela Schrader, pictured at left. Schrader, a Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics at Arizona State University, will assist the LSA with writing, database management, social science policy work, and administrative tasks, and will become familiar with the workings of a small scholarly nonprofit located in the nation's capital.

We welcome Angela and thank volunteer Sofia Buitrago and outgoing intern Tess Blumenthal for their excellent service.

"I Value the LSA's big-tent approach ..." Meet Hadas Kotek, our January Member Spotlight
Hadas Kotek, an LSA member since 2009, is employed at Apple, working on natural language understanding for Siri. Kotek's involvement with the LSA has centered around efforts to promote gender diversity and inclusion.
founding organizer of COSWL's Pop-Up Mentoring Program (PUMP), which organizes ad-hoc mentoring meetings at conferences. Read more about Hadas Kotek, her work, her take on linguistics and the LSA, and her advice for students.

January 22 Webinar to Spotlight Emergent Developments in Protactile Phonology
Join us on Friday, January 22 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM for the latest in our series of "Meet the Authors" webinars. Authors Diane Brentari (University of Chicago) and Terra Edwards (Saint Louis University), will discuss their article, FEELING PHONOLOGY: The conventionalization of phonology in protactile communities in the United States, which appeared in the December 2020 issue of the LSA's flagship journal, Language. Read more and register for the webinar.

Audited Financial Statements Available
The LSA's audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2020 (.pdf) are available for member inspection on the LSA website. See where the LSA's revenue comes from, and how it is spent. It's not too late to make a charitable contribution to the LSA!

In Case You Missed It ...

- Apply for a dues reduction or waiver if you've been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Linguistics In The News

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

- "Aamjiwnaang First Nation goes digital as it launches new language app"
  Anishinabek News

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.

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LSA Student Members can submit their research to the Student Research Spotlight.