The LSA thanks David Robinson for his thirteen years of dedicated service to the LSA.

**LSA Update**

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**8th Edition of LSA Annual Report**

**Highlights Demographic, Career Trends**

The LSA is pleased to announce the publication of the eighth edition of its [Annual Report on the State of Linguistics in Higher Education](#). The 2020 Annual Report provides data and information on careers in linguistics, trends in linguistic teaching positions, gender and ethnicity breakdowns within linguistics, and topics of specialization in linguistics programs, among other areas. The report features data provided by linguistics departments and programs throughout North America, federal government surveys, the American Academy, and the LSA's internal membership directory.

LSA members, [complete your membership](#)
Bonus: members whose profiles are 100 percent complete will be entered in a prize drawing at the LSA Annual Meeting.

LSA Issues Statement on the Importance of Linguistic Expertise in Legal Contexts
On April 9, 2021, the LSA Executive Committee issued a statement in connection with the ongoing trial of the former Minneapolis police officer charged in the death of George Floyd. Read the statement, and read more about LSA's many resolutions, statements, endorsements, and guides.

New LSA Endowment to Promote Diversity in Linguistics
The LSA announces with extreme gratitude the establishment of the Dennis R. and Carol Guagliardo Preston Fund for Diversity in Linguistics. The earnings of the fund will be used to support travel awards for linguistics students from underrepresented groups to attend the Annual Meeting. Read more about the Preston Fund.

"[T]he reality of linguistics in the high school classroom is beginning to gain momentum." Meet Amy Plackowski, our April Member Spotlight
Amy Plackowski, a high school English and linguistics teacher, is a relatively new member of the LSA, having joined in 2019 to present on a panel ("The Teachers are Here") at the LSA's 2020 Annual Meeting. Read more about her publications, her work to bring linguistics to high schoolers, her advice for students, and her thoughts on the LSA and the profession.

Bloomfield Book Award Nominations Due May 1
The LSA is accepting nominations for its prestigious Leonard Bloomfield Book Award, which recognizes a volume that makes an outstanding contribution of enduring value to our understanding of language and linguistics. Read more about the Bloomfield Award and nominate your own or someone else's work. Nominations may be submitted by LSA members or publishers of nominated volumes.
Get Ready! Abstract Submission for LSA 2022 Annual Meeting to Open May 1

The LSA Program Committee will begin accepting abstracts for posters and 20-minute papers for the 2022 Annual Meeting beginning May 1. Read the call for abstracts here. Abstracts are submitted through the LSA member portal.

Register for SALT 31 by May 6 & Sign Up for the Pop-Up Mentoring Program by May 3

Calling all semanticists! Registration is open for SALT 31, which will be hosted virtually by Brown University from May 7-9. Register -- it's required but free -- by May 6. If you're interested in participating in the Pop-Up Mentoring Program organized by the LSA's Committee on Gender Equity in Linguistics (COGEL, formerly COSWL), please sign up no later than May 3 at 3:00 PM.

Check Out the Latest from the LSA's Subtitle Podcast

The LSA is proud to serve as the lead sponsor of the Subtitle podcast, produced by Patrick Cox, winner of the LSA's Linguistics Journalism Award in 2019, and by documentary film and radio producer Kavita Pillay. Read more about Subtitle, check out the latest episodes here, and donate to support production costs here.

Staffing Changes at the LSA Secretariat

- Longtime Director of Membership and Meetings David Robinson will retire on April 15 (see next news item).
- The LSA will welcome Mary Jo Olsavsky as our new Meetings Manager on April 16.
- Spring intern Angela Schrader will serve as Membership Associate at least through the end of August.

Stand by for more information as the staffing model for the LSA's membership program begins to evolve. We are grateful to David for his service, and we welcome Mary Jo and Angela!

Farewell from David Robinson

I approach my imminent retirement from the LSA with mixed feelings. I'm immensely grateful to the LSA for having given me this opportunity, and it has been my sincere pleasure to collaborate with so many of you as the LSA's Director of Membership and Meetings (and, incidentally, editor of the LSA Updates). I will miss so many of you that I have worked with on LSA publications, Annual Meetings, Institutes, LSA committees and governance, and more.
4-week series of events and programming to help linguists explore job opportunities and build skills for job seeking outside of academia. #LCL2021 will take place in July 2021 -- mark your calendars now!

You can support our planning efforts by completing this survey no later than tomorrow, April 13.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting Posted
View the minutes of the LSA's most recent (March 2021) Executive Committee meeting (.pdf).

In Case You Missed It ...
- Nominate yourself or another LSA member for service on one of the LSA's committees. Nominations are due April 15.

Linguistics In The News
Some of the most popular recent news articles on linguistic topics:
- "New language app makes Mi'kmaw language more accessible for children and parents" Journal Pioneer

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