LSA Update

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Check Out the Latest from Language

Read the newest cutting-edge research from the LSA's flagship journal! The latest issue includes articles on the effects of phonotactics on alternation learning, rethinking cartography, Mayan syntactic structures, velum kinematics in German, and more.

The June 2021 issue of Language is available online at Project MUSE. Please see the Table of Contents, with clickable links to the latest research published the journal. To read the articles, you will need to be logged in using your institution’s online credentials or the Project MUSE login portal for LSA members.

All LSA members can access issues of Language going back to 2001 through the Project MUSE website. Instructions are available here (login to LSA website required).
Calls for Nominations for the C.L. Baker Award, LSA Fellows, and the Linguistics Journalism Award are Open

It's the beginning of honors and awards nomination season for the LSA! The Society has put out the call for LSA Fellow nominations, and also for two awards recently: the C.L. Baker Award and the Linguistics Journalism Award. The C.L. Baker Award, given for the first time in 2020, is intended to honor the legacy of the late C.L. Baker (1939-1997); it recognizes excellence in research in the area of syntactic theory on the part of a scholar who is at the mid-point of a distinguished career. The Linguistics Journalism Award, established by the LSA in 2014, honors the journalist whose work best represents linguists during this past year. Nominations for the Fellows are due by June 30, 2021, and for LJA are due by July 1, 2021.

Nominate someone today for the LSA Fellows Class of 2022, the C.L. Baker Award and the Linguistics Journalism Award!

In Memoriam: Dr. W. Keith Percival

The LSA was recently notified of the passing of LSA Life Member Dr. W. Keith Percival (February 24, 1930 - December 6, 2020). Percival was a professor of historical linguistics, whose research included work on various languages and reflections on the history of the field itself. Percival joined the LSA in 1957, and his niece, Lisa Peterson, reported that the community he found through the LSA was always very important to him. Read here more information about Dr. Percival and his work.

Explore the Latest Episode from the LSA's Subtitle Podcast

The German word “Volk” usually translates as “people,” but it means a whole lot more than that. In 1989 as Germans tore down the Berlin Wall, they chanted, “Wir sind das Volk!” (“We are the people!”) Today, though, “Volk” no longer unites Germans. Some understand it to mean everyone living in Germany. Others define it along ethnic lines, thereby excluding immigrants. Now with parliamentary elections looming as they did in 2017 when Patrick Cox first reported this, voters are again wondering: Who are the “Volk” of Germany? Who belongs, and who doesn’t? Access this episode. Read more about Subtitle, check out earlier episodes here, and donate to support production costs here.

Abstract Submission for LSA 2022 Annual Meeting Concludes on June 30th

The LSA Program Committee is now accepting abstracts for posters and 20-minute papers for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Read the call for abstracts here. Abstracts are submitted through the LSA member portal. A note on the format: The bulk of the meeting content will be presented in person. Attendees who are unable or unwilling to attend the in-person meeting will be offered a virtual alternative. Please note: the submissions deadline has now
Registration is Still Open for the 2021 Linguistics Career Launch!

Linguistics Career Launch 2021 is a four-week summer “boot camp” designed to help people with linguistics degrees explore career possibilities outside of academia. LCL21 will take place virtually on 19 days from July 6 to July 30 using the Gather.town platform as an interactive hub with workshops and courses conducted via Zoom. Read more about LCL21 and register for this event today!

Call for Interested LSA Student Members - COSIAC Chair Needed

COSIAC, the Committee on Student Issues and Concerns, is seeking a motivated, organized, and enthusiastic LSA student member to serve as its chair.

Approximately one third of the LSA's members are students. COSIAC represents them within the larger structure of the LSA, advocating for issues and concerns affecting students, expanding and improving the services the LSA offers them, and promoting their increased involvement in LSA governance.

Currently, COSIAC is preparing for an increase in student representation on the LSA Executive Committee, with some new roles expected to be put on the LSA ballot this fall. Now is your chance to get involved!

Learn more about what COSIAC does for the LSA student community here. To express your interest in becoming the next COSIAC chair, contact the current COSIAC chair, Alicia Chatten.

In Case You Missed It …

Any LSA member can donate linguistics books or materials through the LSA Book Exchange. Donors can manage their listed items from their Member Homepage, i.e. list new items and/or remove donated items. Likewise, if you are an individual scholar or a representative of a department, program or library that is in need of linguistic books and materials, you can also utilize the LSA Book Exchange. Read here for more information on how to make use of this valuable resource.

Linguistics In The Public Sphere

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

- [What Makes Someone Bilingual? There's No Easy Answer](#)
- [Knowledge of Medicinal Plants at Risk as Languages Die Out](#)

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 of 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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