LSA Centennial Planning Underway: Member Input Sought

The LSA will be celebrating 100 years of advancing the scientific study of language in 2024-2025. In a memo sent last week to current and recently lapsed members, the Chair of the Centennial Planning Committee, Brian Joseph, provided an update on preliminary plans and noted, "We welcome your suggestions and ideas for events and themes – please share your thoughts on the Centennial celebration with any of the committee members."

Alternatively, there is a “Comment” function on this page of the LSA website or send the committee an e-mail. Our prototype DIY logo at right is just one possible concept. Please send us your ideas for other graphics we might use instead.

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Mini Courses for LSA 2022 Annual Meeting Announced

We are pleased to announce the following Mini Courses that will be held at our 2022 Annual Meeting:

- Thriving as an early-career faculty member
- Qualitative sociolinguistic interviews
- Language documentation
- Neural nets and language processing

Please note that titles are tentative and subject to change. A schedule for the courses will be available in Fall 2021 as the Annual Meeting calendar is finalized. We hope you will join us for these dynamic courses online or in person.

Applications for Fall Student Internship due Aug 5th

The LSA is seeking applications for the position of Student Intern as part of our Secretariat staff team for the Fall 2021 semester (Sep - Dec*). This is a great opportunity to learn more about the field of linguistics, the professional needs of LSA members, and the LSA's broader agenda to advance the scientific study of language. This internship also provides exposure to the workings of a small non-profit organization based in the nation's capital. This part-time position involves 18 hours of work per week, with a stipend of $3500 for the duration of the semester. Application information and further details may be found here.

August Member Spotlight: Kelly Wright

Kelly Elizabeth Wright (She/Her) is a PhD Candidate in her final year at the University of Michigan. She identifies as a Black Biracial working class cis woman, an Afrolachian raised in Knoxville, Tennessee. Kelly is an experimental sociolinguist specializing in linguistic discrimination and its institutional outcomes. In this August feature in our continuing series, Kelly discusses the challenges facing the field: "It is my hope that as a discipline, we can focus more on what unites us than what separates us, and can begin to use our power as a community to address the very real harms that linguistic violence enacts around us."

Student Research Spotlight: Ander Beristain

Ander Beristain is a Ph.D. candidate in Hispanic Linguistics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His recent work discusses sibilant fricatives in Northern Spain, and was published in the Journal of the International Phonetic Association. Check here to read more about Beristain and his work. And don't forget to encourage your student colleagues to submit their own work to the Spotlight! More information here.

New Subtitle Podcast Episode Available: A tale of edible intrigue

Many of us enjoy the treat of a fortune cookie after our meal at a Chinese restaurant. But
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have you ever wondered who writes the fortunes? This episode of LSA’s podcast Subtitle explores the story behind fortune cookies and where they come from. Access this episode. Read more about Subtitle, check out earlier episodes here, and donate to support production costs here.

In Case You Missed It ...

Did you know that the LSA is active on a range of issues at the intersection between language, linguistics, and public policy? The LSA is also involved in work to ensure adequate funding for federal agencies that support linguistic research, in collaboration with allied organizations. We recently updated the policy information pages of our website to reflect recent activity in these areas.

Linguistics In The Public Sphere

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

- What if we could understand how and why languages evolve?
- Samish Indian Nation celebrates language, seasons

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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