LSA Update

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LSA Announces Inaugural Zwicky Award

The LSA is delighted to announce that Kirby Conrod has been selected as the inaugural winner of the Arnold Zwicky Award. This award is intended to recognize the contributions of LGBTQ+ scholars in linguistics, and is named for Arnold Zwicky, the first out LGBTQ+ President of the LSA, who was elected in 1992. Dr. Conrod is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Linguistics at Swarthmore College.

The award will be presented to Dr. Conrod at a special ceremony during the LSA's 2022 Annual Meeting. Read more.
Check out cutting-edge research from the LSA's flagship journal! The latest issue includes articles on the roots of verbal meaning, using recursive programs for phonological analysis, lingua francas as lexical donors, the reconstruction of the evolution of Indo-European grammar, and more.

The September 2021 issue of *Language* is available online at [Project MUSE](https://muse.jhu.edu) and the print edition should have been received in your US mailboxes last week.

### LSA Annual Meeting News

We are pleased to open [hotel reservations](https://www.hotels.com) for our upcoming 2022 Annual Meeting. The LSA has also issued more detailed [COVID safety protocols and guidance](https://www.linguistics.org/2022-annual-meeting) information for those wishing to attend the meeting in person. Look for the full meeting schedule and registration to open later this week.

### Call for Preston Diversity Travel Award Applications

We are delighted to once again issue the call for applications to students interested in attending the LSA Annual Meeting via the CEDL Travel Award program. The travel awards are sponsored by the LSA's [Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics](https://www.linguistics.org/cedl) (CEDL). This year the LSA CEDL is awarding up to five student travel grants supported by the [Dennis R. and Carol Guagliardo Preston Fund for Diversity in Linguistics](https://www.linguistics.org/fund) intended to increase the participation of underrepresented ethnoracial minorities in the LSA. Each grant (up to $1000) will assist students in traveling to the [2022 LSA Annual Meeting](https://www.linguistics.org/2022) in Washington, D.C., January 6-9, 2022, and defraying other related expenses. Read the full [Call](https://www.linguistics.org/call-preston-award).  

### Reminder: Meet the Authors Webinar This Friday

The LSA is pleased to invite interested members and linguists to our next webinar in a continuing series of Meet the Authors sessions. Join authors Gerd Carling and Chundra Cathcart as they discuss their paper “Reconstructing the evolution of Indo-European grammar” at our next webinar scheduled for October 15th at 12PM EST. [Register here](https://www.linguistics.org/register) and [read on](https://www.linguistics.org/meet-the-authors) for more details.

### Student Abstract Award Winners Announced

The LSA is delighted to announce that the three winners of our annual [Student Abstract Awards](https://www.linguistics.org/abstract-awards) have been selected.
First Prize: Aron Finholt, University of Kansas for "States and Possession in Mashi: A Novel Argument for Decomposing have"

Second Prize: Josh First Phillips, Yale University for "Cyclicity, narrativity and Djambarrpuyŋu tense"

Third Prize: Caitlin Coons, University of Texas at Austin for "Relative Clause Typology Across Signed and Spoken Languages"

The awards will be presented at a special ceremony at the 2022 Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 8th from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. ET. Make your plans now to attend these outstanding presentations! Read more.

In Memoriam: Harriet E. Manelis Klein

The LSA regrets to announce the passing of longtime LSA member Harriet Klein (Montclair State University and Stony Brook University). Klein first joined the LSA in 1971, and was active in the early years of the Society's Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics (now the Committee on Gender Equity in Linguistics) and also as a past Chair of the Program Committee. Her colleagues and family have collaborated on the obituary. Read more.

Executive Committee News

The LSA Executive Committee has been meeting virtually, more frequently, and for shorter durations, as a result of the COVID pandemic. Their most recent meeting was last month and they hope to resume their regular schedule of in-person meetings beginning this coming January. The minutes of all EC meetings, including the recent September one can be found here.

In Case You Missed It ...

Voting continues through early November for the LSA's Slate of Candidates and Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Members may access the ballot here [login required]. The slate reflects two write-in campaigns initiated by differing groups of LSA members. A fifth candidate has been added to the slate of nominees for the at-large seats on the Executive Committee, and a proposed amendment to the Bylaws has been added that would change the procedures for electing LSA Fellows. Changes to the mechanisms for student representation on the Executive Committee are also being proposed. Read more.
Some of the most popular recent news articles and other features on linguistic topics:

- What's the Newest Language?
- Authentic Language in Fake News

Other LSA Resources

The LSA supports the scientific study of language by creating great venues for linguists from all subfields to congregate and discuss research, innovation, and learning. It is a community of scholars and professionals who have a deep respect for the importance of an interdisciplinary community of peers.

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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