Annual Meeting Survey

It feels like we just had our Annual Meeting, but it’s never too early to start planning for the next meeting.

Your input is important to us. LSA is requesting your participation in a survey that will help guide some decisions about our 2023 Annual Meeting, including issues of format, organization, and schedule.

To be considerate of your time, we have worked hard to keep the length of this survey short. Please click on the link below to share your feedback. We truly value your input and we thank you in advance for your time.

March Webinar Available Online

This past Friday's webinar with Claire Bowern, Irene Yi, and Sarah Babinski entitled “How usable are digital collections for endangered languages? A review” is now available on our YouTube channel (or click below). Many of the LSA’s past webinars are available on our webinar playlist.
LSA Award Nominations Are Open

Nominations are now open for select LSA Awards. Nominations will be accepted throughout the year up until the deadline of September 15, 2022. Persons nominated in previous years may be renominated; however, in a change from what we have done in past years, nominations will NOT be rolled over automatically into the next Award cycle. There will no longer be preliminary Award nomination applications, but anyone who would like help in preparing materials for a nomination can contact the chair of the Awards Committee, Marianne Mithun at mithun@linguistics.ucsb.edu.

The Awards with links to the Nomination forms are below. For information on each of these Awards, please see our Awards page and information on the current Award holder.

- Mentoring Award
- Victoria A. Fromkin Lifetime Service Award
- Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award
- Linguistic Service Award
- Early Career Award
- Kenneth L. Hale Award
- Arnold Zwicky Award
- Morris Halle Memorial Award for Faculty Excellence in Phonology
- Victoria A. Fromkin Memorial Prize for Student Excellence in Phonology
March Staff Spotlight: Krystal Bushell

Our staff spotlight for March is our new Meetings Manager, Krystal Bushell. Krystal joined the LSA staff in February and has hit the ground running in planning for next year's Annual Meeting. She notes, "I think the biggest challenge I foresee for LSA, which is the same for many associations in the current climate, is navigating events following two years of a lot of change and a future of unknowns. The pandemic has had a major impact on the way events look and will look and everything is still very fluid and changing." Read the complete profile.

Call for Committee Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for service on the LSA's open and appointed committees. This is an excellent opportunity for you to expand your professional networks, enhance your administrative portfolio, and make a difference in areas about which you care deeply. There are committees focused on:

- the LSA and its activities (Honorary Members Committee, Program Committee, Awards Committee);
- the field of linguistics as a whole (Ethics, Gender Equity in Linguistics, Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics);
- the wider public (Public Policy, Linguistics in the School Curriculum).

A complete list of the LSA's committees is available online. Note that LSA committees are of different types with regard to how they are populated: open and appointed. Read the complete call for nominations online.

To nominate yourself or another LSA member for service on an appointed committee, email the Secretariat at lsa@lsadc.org no later than April 15, 2022.

Departmental News: Yale Panel on Ukrainian Language, Politics, and Culture

Yale Linguistics is organizing a Zoom panel discussion on the war in Ukraine and its background. Dr. Asya Pereltsvaig, Dr. Volodymyr Dibrova, and Dr. Roslyn Burns will lead the discussion focusing on issues relating to language as well as politics and culture. All are welcome to join.
The panel will take place Friday, March 25, 7:30–8:45 pm EDT; 4:30–5:45 PDT. Visit the event website for more information or to register online.

Does your department have an item it would like featured in the Update? Email membership@lsadc.org to share.

### New Episode of Subtitle: The Speechways of the Folk

Does your grandmother call a chest of drawers a dresser? Or a bureau? Or perhaps a chiffonier? Over the years and across regions, Americans have favored many different words for furniture—and much else. Since 1929, the Linguistic Atlas Project has been documenting these lexical changes. We tell the story of the Project, from its early days of interviewing retired male farmers, through its initially clumsy attempts to engage Black Americans, to today's scientific, demographically diverse approach. [Listen to the latest episode online](#) or on your favorite device. [Sign up for the Subtitle mailing list](#) to stay up to date on the podcast.

### In Memoriam

**Allan Metcalf**

The LSA regrets to announce the death of longtime LSA member Allan Metcalf on February 25, 2022. Metcalf first joined the LSA in 1967, eventually becoming a Life Member of the Society. As the executive secretary of the American Dialect Society (ADS) for 37 years until retiring in 2018, Metcalf was instrumental in arranging for the ADS to become a "sister society" of the LSA in 1995. According to [the notice published on the ADS website](#), "Among his lasting impacts, besides shepherding this society and its members through the decades and his founding of the society's words-of-the-year event, was setting an example..."
of openness in welcoming newcomers to linguistics and sociolinguistics, whether they be students, amateurs, schoolteachers, or fellow scholars.' For more about his work, books, and career, please see his personal website. The Springfield, Illinois, State Journal-Register has posted a remembrance.

**Byron Bender**

We are also saddened to announce the death of longtime member Byron W. Bender, which occurred on 4 January 2020, but was not reported via LSA communications channels until late last month. We apologize for the oversight. Bender first joined the LSA in 1950 and eventually became a Life Member of the Society. According to an obituary published in 2020, "he was a major figure in advancing the study of the languages of Oceania. Bender served as the editor of *Oceanic Linguistics* (OL) for fifteen years and as Chair of the Department of Linguistics at the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa (UHM) for twenty-six years. His primary research interests throughout his career were the documentation of Marshallese and the comparative study of Micronesian languages. He was also a member of the LSA Program Committee in 1987–89, as chair in the final year, and was the first official LSA Parliamentarian in 1995–97.

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**In Case You Missed It ...**

**Student Research Spotlight**

The LSA features a spotlight on student members, who are paving the way for further linguistic research in the field! These students are selected because of their accomplishments in publishing works in peer-reviewed journals. If you would like to be considered, please read the guidelines here or contact us at intern@lsadc.org.

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**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.

- **LSA Listings**
  - [Job Listings](#)
  - [Conference Announcements](#)
  - [Grant Opportunities](#)
  - [In Memoriam Notices](#)
  - Other news items of interest.
  - Submit a conference listing or contact the LSA with news or other information.

- **Support the LSA**
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.

- **Update Your Member Profile**
  - Complete your member profile to be entered in a prize drawing.

- **Stay Informed about Language**
  - Subscribe to RSS Feeds for the latest issue and the Table of Contents of Language

- **Student Members**
  - 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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