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### Did You Know?

The greatest number of LSA members received their highest degree in:

A) 2000 or later; B) 1990-1999; C) 1980-1989; D) 1970-1979; E) Before 1970

Answer: A) 2000 or later

Help us learn more about our members! [Log in](#) to the LSA website and click on the "Edit" tab underneath your name to complete the demographic information in your profile today. (Be sure to click the "Save" button at the bottom of the page when you have finished.)

### LSA Annual Meeting Registration Begins September 1

Registration and hotel room reservations for the LSA's [2014 Annual Meeting](#) will begin September 1. In addition to the usual scholarly, professional development and social activities, this meeting will feature a suite of panels, talks and celebrations highlighting the contributions of the LSA to the discipline over the past 90 years. Click [here](#) if you are interested in contributing material for a special 90th anniversary video.

## 2015 Linguistic Institute Named Professors

The Organizers of the [2015 Linguistic Institute](#) at the University of Chicago are delighted to announce the Named Professors for the Institute: Paul Smolensky, Johns Hopkins University (Sapir Professor); Judith Aissen, University of California, Santa Cruz (Hale Professor); Johanna Nichols, University of California, Berkeley (Collitz Professor).

## 2014 Class of LSA Fellows Announced

The following members have been elected Fellows of the LSA on the basis of their distinguished contributions to the discipline, and will be inducted at a ceremony during the annual Business Meeting on Friday, January 3: Hagit Borer (Queen Mary University of London), Wallace Chafe (University of California, Santa Barbara, Emeritus), Gennaro Chierchia (Harvard University), Lyn Frazier (University of Massachusetts Amherst), Adele Goldberg (Princeton University), Beth Levin (Stanford University), Philip Rubin (Haskins Laboratories), Don Winford (The Ohio State University). Read more about LSA Fellows [here](#).

## Ballot for LSA Officers and Executive Committee Members and Constitutional Amendment

Voting for LSA officers (Vice President/President-Elect) and at-large members of the Executive Committee, as well as for a proposed amendment to the LSA Constitution, will begin September 1. View the [Slate of Candidates](#) and the [proposed amendment](#).

## Member Spotlight Debuts on New LSA Website



Originally created in 2011 and now making its debut on the new LSA website, the [LSA Member Spotlight](#) highlights the interests and accomplishments of a different LSA member each month. If you would like to be featured in a Member Spotlight, or would like to recommend someone else to be featured, please [contact David Robinson](#), the LSA's Director of Membership and Meetings. August Spotlight: Will Leben, Stanford University and Lexicon Branding, Inc.

## Semantics and Pragmatics Publishes New Content

Read the latest articles in the LSA's online open-access journal *Semantics and Pragmatics*. Recently published research reports on coordination markers in American Sign Language and on *strategic conversation* -- conversation where the participants' motives do not align, such as courtroom testimony or political debate. [Read more ...](#)

## Historical Syntax joins Language

The *Journal of Historical Linguistics*, formerly a co-journal of the LSA's eLanguage publishing platform, was recently approved by the LSA Executive Committee to become a new section of the journal *Language*. [Read more ...](#)

## Call for Updates: LSA Directory of Departments and Programs

The LSA has upgraded its [directory of linguistics departments and programs](#) in the U.S. and Canada. The data included in this directory will be used to inform a comprehensive LSA annual report on the status of linguistics in higher education. The directory is also a valuable tool for prospective students considering a degree in linguistics.

If you are affiliated with an academic institution in this region, please check its listing for accuracy and report any errors or omissions to the "departmental contact" listed in the directory or to another appropriate administrator. Please encourage them to register online and make any necessary updates directly.

## American Council of Learned Societies Fellowships

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) invites applications for its fellowships, which are available to support linguists at all stages of their careers. Several LSA members have been recent fellowship recipients. [Read more ...](#)

-Other LSA Resources-

The complete contents of the LSA Archives, stored at the University of Missouri at Columbia, is searchable online. More information on these and on archives of LSA publications is available [here](#).

The LSA accepts job advertisements online, in print, and at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in advertising a job position, please visit our [self-service job listing submission form](#), or e-mail [Rita Lewis](#).

The LSA maintains listings of conference announcements, grant opportunities, in memoriam notices, and other news items of interest. [Submit a listing](#).

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- [Other meetings and calls for papers](#);
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