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The *LSA Update* is a periodic electronic newsletter for LSA members, featuring news and information about current activities, programs, publications, resources, and other items of interest to the membership.

Did You Know?

Almost half of LSA student members are in what years of their graduate programs?

A) 1 and 2; B) 3 and 4; C) 5 or 6+; D) None of the above, because almost half are undergrads.

Answer: A) Almost half of LSA student members are in the first or second years of their graduate program. But if you answered D, you're aware of a trend: the third largest group (almost 20%) is made up of undergrads!

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.)

CEDL Student Travel Grants Available for 2014 Annual Meeting

The LSA Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL) is awarding four student travel grants to increase the participation of ethnoracial minorities in the LSA. Each grant in the amount of \$500 assists students in traveling to the 2014 LSA Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. University students with and without accepted abstracts may apply for one of two types of travel grants:

1. for graduate students who have not yet completed their linguistics degree program; and
2. for undergraduates who want to pursue a linguistics graduate degree.

For more information about the grants and how to apply for one, click [here](#).

LSA Publications News: Appointment of New *Language* Book Review Editor



The LSA is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Helen Goodluck (York University) to replace Natsuko Tsujimura as Book Review Editor for *Language*, for a term of three years beginning in January 2014. Dr. Goodluck, who holds an appointment as Anniversary Professor of Linguistics in the Department of Language and Linguistic Science, is a psycholinguist with interests in first and second language acquisition, language in special populations, and adult sentence processing. In addition to her present appointment, she has held positions at the University of Ulster, the University of Ottawa, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Language Book Reviews, published online since 2007, have been an important part of the LSA's publishing program since the very beginnings of the Society. The first books received for review were listed in the [inaugural \(1925\) volume](#) of *Language*, and the [first book reviews](#) appeared the following year.

Excellence In Community Linguistics Award Announced

The LSA is delighted to announce the recipient of its first Excellence in Community Linguistics Award. Mary Ann Metallic (Listuguj Education Directorate -- Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government) has done exemplary work to revitalize the Mi'gmaq language in her home community of Listuguj, Quebec. Her infectious passion for Mi'gmaq has led to the development of a successful teaching program, and her work with linguists has resulted in significant contributions to language documentation and linguistic theory. For a list of all LSA Honors and Awards for 2014, click [here](#). Stay tuned for the announcement of the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award and the Best Paper in Language (2013) Award.

LSA YouTube Channel

Be sure to check out the LSA's [YouTube Channel](#). The latest uploads include lectures and other events from the 2013 Linguistic Institute.

LSA Annual Meeting Registration Now Open

Registration is open through December 15, and hotel room reservations through December 11, for the LSA's [2014 Annual Meeting](#). 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.

Annual Meeting Preliminary Program Online: Clickable Abstracts and Personalized Schedule

The Preliminary Program for the 2014 Annual Meeting is available online [here](#). Click on the title of an abstract to see its author(s), affiliation(s), and short and long versions of the abstract. LSA members can construct a personalized schedule by first logging in to the LSA website and then selecting the check box next to each session they want to attend. The personalized schedule will then be visible at the "Personal Schedule" tab on the Annual Meeting page.

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, is open through November 2. View the [Slate of Candidates](#) and the [proposed amendment](#). LSA members may access the ballot through either of these links.

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.

New Fund Created in Memory of Ivan Sag



The LSA has established a new contribution fund in memory of our late colleague Ivan Sag, who died September 10, 2013 following a long battle with cancer. The Ivan Sag Linguistic Institute Fund will support the continuing efforts of the LSA to sponsor and organize the biennial Linguistic Institute, including the un-named student fellowships and the Sapir Professorship. [Read more ...](#)

LSA to Co-sponsor CoLang 2014



The LSA is an official co-sponsor of CoLang 2014, the Institute on Collaborative Language Research (formerly InField), which will take place in June and July 2014, hosted by [The University of Texas at Arlington](#), with [Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald](#) as Director. CoLang 2014 is funded by a National Science Foundation grant, [BCS#263939](#) and by various units at UT Arlington. The theme of CoLang 2014 is Native American languages, but participants and instructors from countries all over the world are expected to attend. [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](#).

WILMA, the Women In Linguistics Mentoring Alliance, provides women in linguistics with mentors to help them with professional development skills and advice at all stages of their careers: from undergraduates to women in senior positions. [Read more ...](#)

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](#).

Be sure to visit the LSA website for the most current information on:

- [Other meetings and calls for papers](#);
- [Linguistics resources](#)
- [Jobs](#);
- [Grants, fellowships, and awards](#).

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