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## LSA Update

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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.

### **Important Annual Meeting Deadlines**

**December 11: Deadline to [reserve a room at the Hilton](#) at the conference rate of \$99/night.**

**December 15: Deadline to [preregister for the Meeting](#) at substantially discounted rates.**

### **Ivan Sag Fund: \$18,000 to Go**



The Ivan Sag Linguistic Institute Fund was established in memory of our late colleague, who died in September following a long battle with cancer. In order to meet its goal of supporting an endowed fellowship covering tuition, room and board, plus travel, the Fund will need to raise a minimum of \$50,000.

If you are not among the many who have already contributed to this fund, please consider doing so today. We have approximately \$18,000 to go to reach our fundraising goal. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. [Read more ...](#)

### **Last Call for 2013 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.

Updates received after December 13th will not be included in the annual Report on the Status of Linguistics in Higher Education, to be produced later this year.

### December Member Spotlight: Michael Erard



December's Member Spotlight features author, journalist, and linguist (and LSA member!) Michael Erard. Be sure to check it out [here](#).

### Sandra Chung Appointed LSA Delegate to ACLS

The LSA is pleased to announce the appointment of Sandra Chung (University of California, Santa Cruz) to a four-year term as Delegate to the [American Council of Learned Societies](#). Dr. Chung succeeds Tom Wasow (Stanford University), whose term concludes at the end of December, 2013. We thank Dr. Wasow for his service to the Society.

The LSA appoints [Delegates, Liaisons and Representatives](#) to a variety of colleague organizations and coalitions with an interest in language, linguistics, science, humanities, and a range of related issues. We welcome nominations from LSA members for candidates to serve in any of these roles, including suggestions for additional organizations with which the LSA might establish a more formal relationship.

### LSA Announces Final Awards

The LSA has announced the final two awards for the current year. The Best Paper in *Language* (2013) Award will be given for "[Toward a taxonomy of projective content](#)," by Judith Tonhauser, David Beaver, Craige Roberts, and Mandy Simons, published in *Language* 89.1 (March, 2013), and the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award for *Universals in Comparative Morphology: Suppletion, Superlatives, and the Structure of Words* (MIT Press, 2012), by Jonathan David Bobaljik (University of Connecticut).

A complete list of the current year's awards is available [here](#). The awards will be presented during a ceremony on Saturday evening, January 4, prior to the Presidential Address at the LSA Annual Meeting.

### CEDL Travel Grant Recipients, 2014

The LSA Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL) has awarded four student travel grants to increase the participation of ethnoracial minorities in the LSA Annual Meeting. To read more about the grant recipients, click [here](#).

### CoLang 2014 Updates



The LSA is a co-sponsor of CoLang 2014, the 2014 Institute on Collaborative Language Research (formerly InField), which will occur in June and July 2014, hosted by [The University of Texas at Arlington](#), with [Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald](#) as director. CoLang offers an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students, practicing linguists, and indigenous community members to develop and refine skills and approaches to language documentation and revitalization.

CoLang 2014 will feature a number of new workshops, including Song Documentation, Advanced ELAN Techniques, an IRB Workshop, and workshops on ethnobiology/ethnobotany and language documentation. Popular returning workshops include Grants (with an added practicum for workshopping a grant draft) and FLEx. The CoLang will offer three to four field methods courses depending on demand. Languages from Oklahoma, Canada, and Mexico will be represented, and in a new innovation for CoLang 2014, we are offering a Spanish-medium field methods course.

To find out more about CoLang 2014, visit the [CoLang website](#), follow CoLang on [Facebook](#), or meet Director Colleen Fitzgerald in person at the Annual Meeting during her office hours on January 3 and 4.

### 2015 Linguistic Institute Updates



The next [Linguistic Institute at the University of Chicago](#) will take place from July 6-31, 2015. Be sure to check out the [call for course proposals](#) and the preliminary [list of courses](#). The LSA has co-sponsored the Linguistic Institutes since their inception in 1928, providing administrative support, funding for named professorships and fellowships, and administering a competition that has provided tuition fellowships for thousands of students over the years.

### First Article Published in New Section of *Language*

Historical Syntax, one of the new sections of *Language* approved as part of the LSA's expanding portfolio, has published its first article. The [article](#), by David Lightfoot, is available on an immediate open access basis via the LSA website, and also appears in advance of the full December [issue](#) of *Language*, published online via Project MUSE.

### LSA Seeks Liaison to 2014 ACTFL Meeting

The LSA is seeking a member to serve as its Liaison to the 2014 Annual Meeting of ACTFL, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, which will take place in San Antonio, Texas from November 21-23. We are unable to reimburse travel expenses, so the Liaison should already be planning to attend the meeting. For more information, contact [lsa@lsadc.org](mailto:lsa@lsadc.org) with the words "Inquiry about ACTFL Liaison" in the subject line. The LSA thanks Karen Lichtman, who served as its Liaison to the 2013 ACTFL meeting last month in Orlando.

### -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](mailto:Rita.Lewis@lsadc.org).

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](#);
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