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Individuals who have been LSA members for more than 50 years are eligible for a complimentary Life Membership; others may purchase one at any time.

Log in to the LSA website to update your professional profile. A fully completed profile will allow other members who share your interests to connect with you more efficiently.

Call for Organized Session Proposals, 2015 Annual Meeting

The Program Committee of the LSA is accepting proposals for Organized Sessions to be held at the 2015 Annual Meeting. An organized session is an excellent opportunity to present a group of similarly-focused presentations on a wide variety of topics and in a wide variety of formats. In addition to individual LSA members, Committees and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are also encouraged to submit proposals on topics falling under their purview.

The submission deadline is May 15, 2014. For more information about submitting an organized session, click here.

LSA Sends Letter to Congress Opposing Cuts to NSF Linguistics Budget

The LSA joined with scores of national scientific societies in opposing the FIRST Act (HR 4186), which proposes a 42 percent reduction in funding for the Social, Behavioral and Economic (SBE) Sciences Directorate of the National Science Foundation. Read the letter. During a U.S. House subcommittee meeting on March 13, 2014, the bill was amended to increase the level of funding for SBE, but in its current form, still represents a significant cut for that directorate. The bill now goes to the full U.S. House Science Committee for a vote later this month.

LSA Seeks Director of Communications: Application Deadline April 4

The LSA is seeking a talented communications professional to fill a new position at its headquarters in Washington, DC. The successful candidate will focus broadly on the external communications needs of this small, scholarly professional association, including: media relations; outreach to the non-member linguistics community; advocacy on behalf of the LSA’s public policy agenda; efforts to inform the public and build awareness about the field of linguistics; and related content/resource development. Read more ....

LSA Publishes First Volume of Phonology Proceedings

The LSA is pleased to announce the publication of the first volume of the official Proceedings of the Annual Meetings on Phonology. The Proceedings are published by the Society under an agreement with the organizers of this new annual conference on phonology. The first conference was held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in November, 2013. The LSA is also the publisher of the proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) and the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS).

2015 Linguistic Institute List of Courses

The next Linguistic Institute at the University of Chicago will take place from July 6-31, 2015. View the list of courses here. 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.

CoLang Scholarship Applications: Deadline March 27

Applications are available for scholarships to attend CoLang 2014, the Institute on Collaborative Language Research, which will take place in June and July, 2014 at the University of Texas at Arlington under the direction of Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald.

Applications are due by 11:59 PM US Eastern Time on Thursday, March 27; two letters of recommendation - solicited as part of the application process - are due by 11:59 PM US Eastern Time on Monday, March 31. Applicants will be informed of the status of their applications by early April, in time to register by April 15th.

Full details and requirements are available here. Note that applications are submitted via the LSA website. Applicants should log in to the LSA website and click on the green "Submit Fellowship Application" button to begin the process.

The LSA is pleased to be a co-sponsor of CoLang and to help provide this opportunity to our student members.

More CoLang News: Field Methods Course on Alabama

CoLang 2014 is delighted to announce the language of the field methods section taught by Dr. Mary Linn! Dr. Linn’s section will focus on the Alabama language, drawing in a Muskogean language currently spoken in Livingston, TX. We are excited to have a Texas language at CoLang 2014!

In other news, the registration site is currently open, http://tinyurl.com/Register4CoLang. To secure a spot early in the workshops of their choice, we recommend that participants register early. Early registration by credit card will allow a deposit of $150, but registration must be paid in full by April 15 to keep seats in workshops and to keep the early bird registration fee of $750 for the two weeks workshop or $2250 in registration for the six weeks workshops, the latter of which includes the field methods classes. Note that housing, food and travel are not included in registration. As a bonus, the first 10 paid in full registrants will receive a free CoLang water bottle.

March Issue of Language Off Press

The March, 2014 issue of Language is now off press. Individuals and institutional subscribers who receive the journal in hard copy should see it within the next few weeks. As always, the complete contents of the journal will be available to all LSA members immediately once it is posted online on the Project MUSE website. Instructions for accessing the journal online -- one of many LSA member benefits -- are available here. Read a news release highlighting research from this issue.

Exclusive LSA Member Benefit: Discounted Access to JSTOR

Access the most influential research and ideas published in the humanities, social sciences, and other sciences over centuries-anywhere, anytime. JSTOR, the not-for-profit digital library widely used for academic research (and host of the Language back issues, online), now offers an individual JPASS: a monthly or annual pass that provides access to 1,500 journals from JSTOR’s archive collection.
The LSA is pleased to partner with JSTOR to offer our members a 50% discount on the annual JPASS.  Read more ...

-Other LSA Resources-

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.

The LSA's Book Exchange facilitates the transfer of no-longer-wanted publications from LSA members to linguists, often in other parts of the world, who have need of them.

The Linguistic Academic Depository provides convenient access to curricular materials of all types shared by LSA members.

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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