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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.

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## 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](#).

### May Member Spotlight: Virginia Valian



May's Member Spotlight features Virginia Valian, a Distinguished Professor at the City University of New York. Valian conducts research on young children's acquisition of syntax with the aim of developing a model of acquisition that specifies what is innate, how input is used by the child, and how the child's syntactic knowledge interacts with knowledge in other linguistic and extra-linguistic domains. A second area in language is the relation between bilingualism and executive function in adults. Valian also works on gender to understand why so few women are in positions of power and prestige. [Read](#)

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### New Funds Established in Memory of Charles Fillmore



A generous \$200,000 donation by Lilly Wong Fillmore in memory of her late husband (and our colleague and former president) Charles Fillmore, has enabled the establishment of an endowed Charles Fillmore Professorship at the LSA's Linguistic Institutes. The LSA has also established the Charles Fillmore Student Fellowship Fund in Dr. Fillmore's memory. Sustained by individual donations made in his honor, the fund will support a Charles Fillmore Student Fellowship to the Institutes. The fundraising goal for this new Fellowship is \$50,000. The LSA invites colleagues, students, friends and extended family to make [donations](#) to this new Fillmore Student Fellowship Fund in his honor. [Read more ...](#)

### LSA Hires New Director of Communications



The LSA welcomes [Brice Russ](#) as its new Director of Communications. Russ' portfolio will include 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. Russ holds a B.A. in Linguistics from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and an M.A. in Linguistics from the Ohio State University, and has extensive experience conducting media relations on behalf of scientific enterprises.

### CoLang 2014 News



**Scholarship Winners.** Thanks to generous funding from the LSA, CoLang was able to provide [ten students](#) with partial or full registration scholarships.

**New Section of Orthography Workshop.** We are also excited to announce that Mike Cahill and Keren Rice will be offering a section of their "Orthography" workshop, in period 4 of week 2. Instructions for changing the course enrollments previously selected can be found [here](#).

**Registration Promotion.** The 100th person to register for and to attend CoLang 2014 will receive a free pair of Texas Rangers tickets. The Rangers are one of two professional sports franchises who play in Arlington. They made the World Series playoffs in 2010 and 2011, and their current lineup

includes starting pitcher Yu Darvish, a phenom who played in Japan for their national team prior to joining the Rangers.

In tandem with this promotion, CoLang registration rates will stay at the early bird rates until May 8, at \$750 for the two weeks session and \$2250 for the entire six weeks. Food, housing and travel are not included in registration. Registration is available [here](#).

**Payment Deadline** May 8 is also the upcoming payment deadline. Balances must be paid in full to maintain seats in registered courses. Unpaid balances will drop participants from all the courses in their schedule.

### 2015 Linguistic Institute List of Courses, Named Professorships



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.

The full complement of Named Professors has been finalized. They will be Johanna Nichols (University of California, Berkeley) Collitz Professor; Anthony Woodbury University of Texas at Austin) Hale Professor; Paul Smolensky (Johns Hopkins University) Sapir Professor; Joseph Salmons (University of Wisconsin-Madison) ADS Professor.

### Request for Proposal, 2017 Linguistic Institute

The LSA is seeking proposals from interested academic institutions to host the 2017 Linguistic Institute. Please consider this opportunity to host this unparalleled gathering of hundreds of linguistics students and professionals, and to put your department's stamp on the field.

Preliminary expressions of interest are requested for consideration by the LSA Executive Committee. Full proposals are welcome at any time, but should be submitted no later than December 31, 2014, in order to allow sufficient time for advance planning. The full RFP may be downloaded [here](#). Please contact LSA Executive Director [Alyson Reed](#) if you have additional questions or for more information.

### Call for Satellite Workshop Proposals, 2016 Annual Meeting

The LSA will entertain proposals for satellite workshops to be held immediately before or after the LSA's **2016** Annual Meeting, which will be take place in Washington, DC from January 7-10. Workshops may be on any topic of interest to participants in the Annual Meeting, and typically take place during the one or two days immediately preceding or following the main meeting, sometimes with overlap on the first or last day.

Preliminary workshop proposals, not to exceed three pages, should be submitted to the LSA Secretariat with sufficient lead time to allow for approved proposals to seek any necessary external funding, but in all cases no later than May 15 of the year preceding the meeting. [Read more ...](#)

### LSA Represented at Science & Engineering Festival



Over the weekend of April 25-27, the LSA presented a booth, "Do You Have An Accent?" at the USA Science and Engineering Festival in Washington, D.C., which was attended by over 325,000 people from all over the country. The booth included a "How well do you hear accents?" activity where listeners were invited to identify tokens representative of the Northern Cities and Southern vowel shifts, and "See your accent" where participants could measure their own vowels. [Read more ...](#)

## LSA Advocates on Behalf of Detained Uyghur Linguist



LSA Executive Director Alyson Reed has sent a letter to Chinese President Xi Jinping asking him to investigate the situation surrounding the arrest of Uyghur linguist and educator Abduweli Ayup, who has been detained in Xinjiang, China since August 20, 2013. [Read more ...](#)

## Laurels to Linguists: LSA Members Awarded ACLS Fellowships



LSA Members Ivano Caponigro (University of California, San Diego) and Patience Epps (University of Texas, Austin) have been awarded Fellowships by the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). [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:

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