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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.

Q: How many LSA members live in Oregon or Washington, near the 2015 Annual Meeting in Portland?

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A: B: 95. LSA members can submit abstracts for presentation at the Annual Meeting and receive discounts of up to 40 percent on registration.



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Did you know that you can have the latest content from *Language* sent directly to your Inbox? Click [here](#) to get the four most recent issues, or [here](#) to get the contents of the latest issue (Volume 90, Number 2 (June 2014)).

Note: You will need to install an RSS feeder such as [Feedly](#) or [The Old Reader](#) on your computer or mobile device in order to access this feature.

2015 Annual Meeting Abstract Submission Imminent

Abstracts for the [2015 Annual Meeting](#) (January 8-11, Portland, Oregon) will be accepted from July 1-31 on the LSA website. [View the abstract submission guidelines.](#)

LSA Launches New *Language* Section for Language and Public Policy



Starting with the June 2014 issue, the LSA inaugurates a new section of *Language* devoted to issues of language and public policy. The first article in this new section, written by researchers from UC San Diego, Gallaudet University and other institutions, argues for the necessity of teaching all deaf children a sign language in their early years, even if they receive cochlear implants or other hearing aids. [Read more ...](#)

Call for Nominations: Editor of *Language*



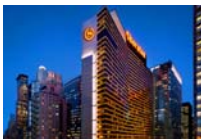
The LSA is seeking candidates for election as Editor of *Language*, for a seven-year term beginning in January, 2016. All LSA members are invited to submit nominations, including self-nominations. The Editor of *Language* is charged with maintaining a high-quality and regularly published journal for the LSA. [Read more ...](#)

June 2014 Issue of *Language* Available



[Volume 90, Number 2](#) (June 2014) of *Language*, the LSA's academic journal, is now available online. Articles from this issue include "Onsets contribute to syllable weight: Statistical evidence from stress and meter" (Kevin M. Ryan) and "The contribution of evidentials to utterance content: Evidence from the Basque reportative particle *omen*" (Kepa Korta and Larraitz Zubeldia). "A statistical comparison of written language and nonlinguistic symbol systems", by Richard Sproat, challenges findings on ancient symbolic systems previously published in *Science*; [see the LSA's news release](#) for more information about this paper.

LSA 2019 Annual Meeting Booked for Sheraton New York Times Square



The LSA has just signed a contract to hold its 2019 Annual Meeting (January 3-5) at the Sheraton New York Times Square, an iconic midtown hotel located just five blocks from Times Square. For a list of dates and locations of upcoming LSA Annual Meetings, click [here](#).

CoLang 2014 News



LSA Executive Director Alyson Reed addressed the opening session of CoLang 2014, the Institute on Collaborative Language Research. The LSA is a proud sponsor of CoLang; we provided scholarship funds for ten students and administered the scholarship competition.

LSA Award Nominations Solicited

Nominations are being solicited for LSA awards with the exception of the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award (which is chosen by a separate committee), the Best Paper in *Language* award (for which all articles published in the journal in 2014 will be eligible) and the Student Abstract Award (for which all 2015 Annual Meeting abstracts authored solely by students will be eligible). Included in the Call for Nominations is the new [Linguistics Journalism Award](#) approved earlier this month by the Executive Committee. [Read more ...](#)

LSA Fellow Nominations Solicited

LSA members who have made distinguished contributions to the discipline may be recognized as [Fellows of the Linguistic Society of America](#). Please consider nominating a colleague for this honor.

Nominations are being accepted through June 30, 2014 and may be made by any LSA member in good standing. If sent by postal mail, the nomination should be accompanied by a letter of nomination no more than two pages in length and the curriculum vitae of the nominee, limited to

four pages; e-mailed nominations should be accompanied by the same information, and may be sent to [David Robinson](#), Director of Membership and Meetings, with the words "2015 LSA Fellow Nomination" in the subject line.

View the Slate of Candidates for Upcoming Elections

The Slate of Candidates for LSA Officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee for 2015 is available [here](#).

If by July 8, 2014-six months before the Annual Meeting-ten or more members have separately and in writing (to the attention of the Nominating Committee at the [LSA Secretariat](#)) nominated any additional individual member for any position, and that member agrees to be presented as a candidate for the position in question, then that name shall be added to the ballot submitted to the members. The final Slate of Candidates will be presented to the membership for online voting beginning in September 2014.

View Proposed Amendments to the LSA Constitution and Bylaws

The Executive Committee has proposed a number of [amendments to the LSA Constitution and Bylaws](#), with the aim of bringing these documents into line with current practice. LSA members will be asked to vote for or against these amendments in bulk during regular LSA elections in September-November 2014.

In addition, any LSA member may propose an amendment to the LSA Constitution by submitting a proposal in writing to the [LSA Secretariat](#) no later than July 1 of any year, along with favoring arguments and the signatures of at least twenty-five members of the Society. Amendments proposed in this way will be submitted to the full membership of the LSA for an electronic vote at the time of the regular election of officers, beginning in September of the same year.

Meet Brent Woo, the LSA's Summer Intern



Brent Woo, a Ph.D. student at the University of Washington, is the LSA's summer intern for 2014. Prior to joining the LSA staff in Washington, Brent served on the LSA's Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL) and he currently serves as the student representative to the LSA's Program Committee. In addition to acclimating to the hot, humid DC summers, Brent's projects for the LSA will include finalizing updates to the new [Directory of Departments and Programs](#).

-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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