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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 Emeritus/a members does the LSA have?

A. 55 B. 65 C. 75 D. 85

(See answer below, immediately above "Other LSA Resources.")

### Language Content Delivered Directly to Your Inbox



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)).

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### LSA Award Recipients Announced



The LSA is delighted to announce the first recipients of its 2015 Awards. Pictured clockwise from left are: Anvita Abbi, Jawaharlal University (Kenneth L. Hale Award); Jim Bauman, Center for Applied Linguistics (Linguistic Service Award); and Lev Michael, University of California, Berkeley (Early Career Award). [Read more ...](#)

### LSA 2015 Class of Fellows Announced



The LSA is delighted to announce the 2015 class of Fellows: John Baugh, Washington University in St. Louis; Lyle Campbell, University of Hawai'i; Andries Coetzee, University of Michigan; C.-T. James Huang,



Harvard University; Patricia Keating, University of California, Los Angeles; Donna Jo Napoli, Swarthmore College; Robin Queen, University of Michigan; Bernard Spolsky, Bar-Ilan University, Emeritus; Donca Steriade, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Thomas Wasow, Stanford University.

[LSA Fellows](#) are elected by the at-large members of the Executive Committee for their distinguished contributions to the field, and will be inducted during a ceremony at the LSA Business meeting on Friday, January 9 in Portland, Oregon.

### **Perspectives Makes its Debut**



"[Perspectives](#)", a new section of *Language* which provides commentary and responses to featured linguistic articles, is now available to *Language* subscribers on Project MUSE. The inaugural edition features "[Child language acquisition: Why universal grammar doesn't help](#)", by Ben Ambridge, Julian M. Pine, and Elena V. M. Lieven, with six written responses. Comments on the responses to Ambridge et al. are welcome until September 30. These comments should be suitably short (4 page maximum), and may address more than one of the responses, in which case they might be slightly longer. Comments are also welcome on "[Economic growth and linguistic theory](#)," by Geoffrey Sampson. Submit comments to "Perspectives" tab at the [online submission portal](#).

### **August Member Spotlight: Brian Joseph**



This month's Member Spotlight shines on Brian Joseph (The Ohio State University), a 38-year member of the Society who has held numerous positions of distinction both within and outside of the LSA. He is a former editor of *Language* and currently serves as the Society's official [Archivist](#). [Read more ...](#)

### **LSA Launches News Stories Initiative**

A new project intended to increase the quality of linguistics coverage by the popular news media, the [LSA News Stories Initiative](#) is supported by generous contributions from linguistics departments and programs. We welcome suggestions from LSA members and the broader linguistics community about potential news stories for promotion/ dissemination.

### **LSA Thanks President Obama for Acknowledging Importance of Native American Languages**



The LSA and its Committee on Endangered Languages and their Preservation have send a letter to the White House thanking President Obama for his remarks supporting the revitalization of Native American languages and cultures. [Read more ...](#)

### **Language New Online Submission Portal**



The new online submission portal for *Language* is up and running as of August 15. Click [here](#) to submit an article or for more information.

### **2015 Annual Meeting News**




The [2015 Annual Meeting](#) will take place from January 8-11 at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower in Portland, Oregon. Abstract submission for the Meeting ended July 31. Click on the link above for more information on plenary speakers, meeting registration rates, hotel reservations, and more.

- Abstract acceptance notifications will be sent during the week of September 15.
- Meeting registration will take place from October 1 through December 19. LSA members will receive discounts of up to forty percent over nonmember rates.
- Hotel reservations will be accepted from September 1 through December 6. The rate will be

\$119/night single/double/triple/quad.

- Watch this space for information on new activities at the Meeting, including two film screenings, interesting collaborative activities, and more.
- The meeting will feature special content for first-time attendees, student attendees, and linguists outside of academia.
- Student members will have the opportunity to volunteer eight hours of work at the Meeting in exchange for complimentary registration.

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 Through the AmazonSmile program, you can designate the Linguistic Society of America to receive (as a donation) 0.5% of the price of all Amazon purchases you make. Your purchase costs remain the same, and there's no need to bookmark any long URLs or remember any codes--just click [this link](#) or follow the instructions at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to sign up.

### Answer to This Update's Multiple-Choice Question

A: The LSA has 55 active Emeritus/a members. Any individual who has been an LSA member for 20 years and has retired from active exercise of the profession is eligible for Emeritus membership status. Contact [David Robinson](#), Director of Membership and Meetings, for more details.

-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](#).

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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](#)
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- [Grants, fellowships, and awards](#).

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