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This Space Available

The LSA Update is e-mailed to over 3,500 individual LSA members and linguistics administrators. This space is available for a sponsored message. Please contact David Robinson for details and pricing.

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 food cart pods (permanent groupings of food carts) are within easy walking distance of the Hilton Portland?

- A. None
- B. One
- C. Three
- D. Four

(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 3 (September 2014)).

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

2015 Annual Meeting News



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

- [Meeting registration](#) is available through December 19. LSA members receive discounts of up to forty percent over nonmember rates.
- [Hotel reservations](#) are available through December 6. The rate is \$119/night single/double

/triple/quad.

- To view the preliminary program for the meeting, click on the "Schedule" tab on the [Annual Meeting page](#). LSA members who are logged in to the website can create a customized schedule by clicking on the "Personal Schedule" tab.

Annual Meeting Minicourses Open For Registration



Annual Meeting minicourses on Praat, Python, and early career success are now open for registration. All three courses will be offered on Thursday, January 8 before the beginning of the concurrent sessions. For more information on the topics, prerequisites, and costs, click [here](#), and to register for a minicourse, click [here](#).

Annual Meeting Deadlines: Sign Language Interpretation and Child Care



Annual Meeting attendees who will need ASL interpretation must register for the Meeting and provide the LSA with a list of events they will be attending by **November 14** in order to ensure that appropriate arrangements can be made. E-mail [David Robinson](#) with a complete list of events you plan to attend. The meeting schedule is available [here](#).

Attendees who plan on bringing children to the Meeting may so notify [David Robinson](#) by December 1. The LSA will facilitate mutual child care and provide recommendations from the Hilton. Presenters at the Meeting are eligible to receive up to \$100 in reimbursement for child care expenses.

Linguistics Journalism Award Announced



The Linguistic Society of America has named Ben Zimmer as the first recipient of our Linguistics Journalism Award. Zimmer is well-known for his linguistic contributions to mainstream media, most notably as the language columnist for the *Wall Street Journal*. The award will be presented during a ceremony on January 10, 2015 at the [LSA Annual Meeting](#) in Portland, Oregon. [Read more ...](#)

LSA Announces Best Paper in *Language* Award



"Asymmetries in the prosodic phrasing of function words: Another look at the suffixing preference", by Nikolaus P. Himmelmann of the Universität zu Köln, has been named the Best Paper in *Language* for 2014. Himmelmann's article is in Volume 90, No. 4 of *Language*, which will be published in December 2014. The award will be presented during a ceremony on January 10, 2015 at the [LSA Annual Meeting](#) in Portland, Oregon. [Read more ...](#)

Member Spotlight: Michel DeGraff



The current LSA Member Spotlight shines on Michel DeGraff, a Professor of Linguistics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His research focuses on creoles and creole formation, syntax and morphology. He is also the co-founder of the MIT-Haiti Initiative. Prof. DeGraff has been a Life Member of the LSA since 1999. [Read more ...](#)

Call for 2016 Annual Meeting Satellite Workshops

The Program Committee is accepting proposals for Satellite Workshops to be offered in conjunction with the 2016 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. 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. [Read more](#)

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Extended Abstracts from LSA 2014 Annual Meeting Available Online

Extended abstracts from the Linguistic Society of America's 2014 Annual Meeting are available online. Extended Abstracts are representations of Annual Meeting presentations, each approximately four pages in length, written by the presenters and published by the LSA after the Annual Meeting's conclusion. Extended Abstracts, which have been published by the LSA annually since 2010, are posted in PDF form and can be accessed by anyone with an interest in linguistics. [Read more ...](#)

Answer to This Update's Multiple-Choice Question

C: Three: The Alder Street Food Cart Pod, one of Portland's largest, at SW 10th Ave. and Alder St.; the Fifth Avenue Food Cart Pod on SW 5th Ave. between Oak and Stark Streets; and the Third Avenue Food Cart Pod on SW 3rd Ave. between Washington and Stark Streets. There is also a collection of food carts at Pioneer Courthouse Square, just two blocks from the hotel. To read more about Portland's legendary food-cart scene, click [here](#).

-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.

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