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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 courses will be taught at the 2015 Linguistic Institute at the University of Chicago?

- A. 60
- B. 80
- C. 100
- D. 120

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

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2015 Annual Meeting News



The 2015 Annual Meeting was attended by over 1100 linguistics students and professionals from academia, government, and industry. In addition to the plenary, paper and poster sessions, highlights included a Wikipedia Edit-a-thon and a suite of activities focused on jobs in linguistics outside academia. [View photos from the Meeting](#). Social media was thriving: the #LSA2015 hashtag received 7.3 million views!

Editors from top linguistics journals hosted a Special Session on the Publishing Process at the Annual Meeting; slides from the session [are now available](#).

Two awardees were not able to be present in Portland, so their awards were presented afterwards. See photos from the presentation of the [Linguistic Service Award](#) and the [Excellence in Community Linguistics Award](#).

Three new Honorary Members were elected at the Business Meeting: Geert Booij (Leiden University, Emeritus), Janet Holmes (Victoria University of Wellington), and Theo Vennemann genannt Nierfeld (Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Emeritus).

Also at the Business Meeting, a resolution opposing the use of Native American-themed mascots and symbols by sports teams was presented, and was approved by a majority of voting members at the Meeting. A ballot on the resolution will be available to LSA members early next week.

[View profiles](#) of the four students who were able to attend the meeting thanks to travel grants through the Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Annual Meeting, the LSA's 90th, which will be held at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC from January 7-10, 2016.

January Member Spotlight: Lauren Squires



The LSA's January Member Spotlight features [Lauren Squires](#), an Assistant Professor in the Department of English at The Ohio State University and a researcher in English language variation in processing and perception.

If you are interested in being featured in an LSA Member Spotlight or would like to suggest a colleague for inclusion, please contact [Brice Russ](#), the LSA's Director of Communications.

Linguistic Highlights of Upcoming AAAS Annual Meeting

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) will hold its [annual meeting](#) from February 12 to 15, in San Jose, California. There will be a number of events of interest to linguists. These include an invited talk by Geoffrey Nunberg, the business meeting of Section Z (Linguistics and Language Sciences), and the following symposia, among many of possible interest to LSA members:

- Imaging the Past: Using New Information Technologies To Nurture Historical Analysis
- Watching the Brain Think: Naturalistic Approaches To Studying Human Brain Function
- Social, Emotional, and Cognitive Bases of Communication: New Analytic Approaches
- Visualizing Verbal Culture: Seeing Language Diversity
- The Linguistics of Status, Influence, and Innovation: A Computational Perspective

The LSA will be participating in [Family Science Days](#), a weekend-long community showcase of science exhibits and demos, at the AAAS annual meeting. [Registration](#) to attend Family Science Days is free, and we encourage our members to let friends and family in the Bay Area know about this exciting event.

LSA members are also welcome to join AAAS, attend the annual meeting, and come to the Section Z business meeting. AAAS is a valuable vehicle for informing the broader public about recent

advances in our understanding of how language works, and the LSA is a longtime affiliate of the AAAS.

Next year's AAAS meeting will be in Washington, DC, with the theme of "Global Science Engagement". Linguists should have much to offer on this topic. Symposium proposals for the 2016 meetings must be submitted by April 24. Anyone with ideas about topics and/or organizers of potential symposia should contact Tom Wasow, Section Z Secretary, at wasow@stanford.edu.

Proposals Solicited for 2017 Linguistic Institute

The deadline for proposals from potential hosts for the 2017 Linguistic Institute has been extended through April. Please contact Executive Director [Alyson Reed](#) if your institution would like to explore the possibility of hosting an Institute, and review the basic requirements [here](#).

What Has the LSA Done for You Lately?

The LSA is far more than just a meeting. For a partial list of the LSA's numerous accomplishments during the past year, notably including efforts to ensure the preservation and revitalization of Native American languages, see [here](#).

Linguistics in the News

Some of the most popular linguistics stories recently appearing in major media:

["Linguists are like, 'Get used to it!'" \(Boston Globe\)](#)

- Summarizing linguistic research on the rise of 'quotative like'

["O Canada! in New Orleans" \(Chronicle of Higher Education\)](#)

- Is 'Canadian raising' appearing in the Big Easy?

["13 Words of the Year from Other Countries" \(Mental Floss\)](#)

- From 'Attefallshus' (Sweden) to 'zei' (Japan)

Answer to This Update's Multiple-Choice Question

D. 120. The Institute will offer a full range of courses at all levels, covering 20 subfields of linguistics. [Read more about the Linguistic Institute.](#)

-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 [Linguistic Academic Depository](#) provides convenient access to curricular materials of all types shared by LSA members.

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- [Other meetings and calls for papers](#);
- [Linguistics resources](#)
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