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LSA Update

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LSA Annual Meeting

The LSA Secretariat will be closed from Wednesday, January 6 through Sunday, January 10 while staff are onsite at the [2016 Annual Meeting](#).

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Best Paper in *Language* Award Announced

The Best Paper in *Language* (2015) Award will be presented to "[Ancestry-constrained phylogenetic analysis supports the Indo-European steppe hypothesis](#)," by Will Chang, Chundra Cathcart, David Hall, and Andrew Garrett ([Language Volume 91, Number 1](#) (March 2015)). Established in 2012, this award is presented to the best paper appearing in the journal during a given calendar year.



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December Member Spotlight: Kristen Syrett

Catch up with [Kristen Syrett](#), former Bloch Fellow and the incoming chair of the Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics, now a faculty member at Rutgers University.

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Please contact [David Robinson](#) for details and pricing.

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LSA Endorses Guidelines on Language Rights of Criminal Suspects

As a longtime participant in the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition, the LSA is proud to endorse the "Guidelines for communicating rights to non-native speakers of English in Australia, England, Wales, and the USA" prepared by the Communication of Rights group. [Read more ...](#)

LSA Annual Meeting Updates

- Preregistration for the Annual Meeting has closed. Onsite registration will begin on Thursday, January 7.
 - Visit the [Annual Meeting web page](#) for more information about local transportation, dining, nightlife, and more.
 - Space is still available in two of the [Annual Meeting minicourses](#) taking place Thursday before concurrent sessions begin: Experimental Syntax and Thriving as an Early Career Faculty Member.
 - A [Satellite Workshop on Preparing Your Corpus for Archival Storage](#) is also taking place on Thursday morning. There is no charge for the workshop, but registration is required.
 - A .pdf of the complete [Annual Meeting Handbook](#) is now available.
 - Read a [media advisory about the Annual Meeting](#) prepared by LSA Executive Director Alyson Reed (.pdf).
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LSA Debuts Guide on Linguistics and the News Media

The LSA has prepared a [guide to working with the news media](#). The guide was prepared in consultation with linguists who are themselves practicing members of the news media as well as linguists who have had extensive experience in responding to media queries. It will be of interest to anyone seeking to gain a wider audience for their research.

Linguistics In The News

Some of the most popular recent news articles on linguistic topics:

- "[This year marks a new shift in how English speakers use pronouns](#)" (*Quartz*)
 - "[How Immigration Changes Language](#)" (*The Atlantic*)
 - "[Contenders for 2015's Word of the Year](#)" (*NPR*)
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Other LSA Resources

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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- [LSA Jobs Center](#)

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