LSA Advocacy

The LSA advocates throughout the year on behalf of linguistics and linguists everywhere. See a list of our resolutions, statements, guides, and endorsements. Or sign up for our policy news list to receive timely updates and advocacy alerts.

NACLO Registration Deadline: January 14

The student registration deadline for NACLO, the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad, is January 14. The LSA is proud to sponsor the Olympiad, which is a contest in which high-school students solve linguistic puzzles. In solving these puzzles, students learn about the diversity and consistency of language, while exercising logic skills. Professionals in linguistics, computational linguistics and language technologies use dozens of languages to create engaging problems that represent cutting edge issues in their fields. The competition has attracted top students to study and work in those same fields.

Please encourage any high school students with whom you are in touch to register! More information is available here.
CoLang Application Deadline: January 15

The application deadline for CoLang 15, the Institute on Collaborative Language Research, is Friday, January 15. The application is free and does not commit you to attending. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to work with other linguists and community language activists in this unique setting! Read more...

LSA 2016 Annual Meeting

Nearly 1200 linguistics professionals and students attended the 90th Annual Meeting of the LSA from January 7-10 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Among the highlights of the Meeting were:

- a student panel on presenting your research in various contexts;
- invited plenary addresses by Marianne Mithun (University of California, Santa Barbara; Raffaella Zanuttini (Yale University), Patricia Keating (University of California, Los Angeles) and an invited plenary panel on language contact and language acquisition featuring Elissa Newport (Georgetown University), Don Winford (The Ohio State University), Charles Yang (University of Pennsylvania) and Jeff Lidz (University of Maryland) (Discussant);
- a presidential address by John R. Rickford (Stanford University) on "Language and Linguistics on Trial: Hearing Vernacular Speakers in the Courtroom and Beyond." See a recording of the address here.

Look for more content from the 2016 Annual Meeting here, and check back for further updates over the next few weeks.

Linguistics In The News

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

- How Iggy Azalea Mastered her "Blaccent" (Washington Post)
- "What Does the Fox Say, and Why Is It Different in Every Language?" (Huffington Post)
- "Singular They is Word of the Year" (Washington Post)

Other LSA Resources

The LSA maintains listings of jobs, conference announcements, grant opportunities, in memoriam notices, and other news items of interest. Submit a listing.

LSA members can cause a portion of any purchase they make on Amazon.com to be donated to the LSA.
Visit the LSA website for information on other LSA resources, including:

- Taking Linguistics to the Public: An Outreach Guide
- Women in Linguistics Mentoring Alliance (WILMA)
- Linguistic Academic Depository
- LSA Jobs Center

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