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## LSA Update

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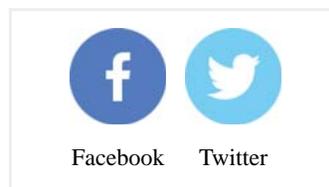
Linguistic Entrepreneurship  
Check out our recent [webinar on linguistic entrepreneurship](#).

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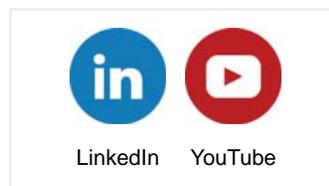
### Special Event at CoLang 2016

The LSA is a proud sponsor of CoLang, the Institute on Collaborative Language Research. [CoLang.2016](#) (June 20 - July 23 at the University of Alaska Fairbanks) will feature a special lecture on June 21 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM on "Including Children in Language Documentation and Revitalization." Speakers will be Lauren Gawne (SOAS, University of London) and Barbara Kelly (University of Melbourne).



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### Call for Abstracts, 2017 Annual Meeting



LSA members may submit abstracts for the [2017](#)

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[Annual Meeting](#) beginning June 1. The full Call for Abstracts is available [here](#). Abstracts may also be submitted for a new plenary event, "The Five-Minute Linguist," described in more detail below.

members of the LSA. This space is available for a sponsored message.

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

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## New Plenary Event to Debut at 2017 Annual Meeting

**The Five-Minute Linguist** is a high-profile contest during which selected speakers will be judged on their ability to present their research in a brief, entertaining and informative way. These five-minute presentations should be lively and engaging, delivered without notes on a stage without a podium, with audiovisual effects of the speaker's choosing. The talks should be directed to a nonspecialist audience, may come from any subfield of the science, and must display qualities that will attract interdisciplinary interest. All LSA members may submit abstracts for consideration for The Five-Minute Linguist, using the same facility and under the same deadlines as abstracts for posters and 20-minute papers. More information will be available in early June along with the Call for Abstracts.

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## LSA Endorses Statement on "Campus Carry" Legislation

The LSA joins our colleagues in 28 other scholarly societies in opposing legislation designed to facilitate the carrying of guns on college campuses. We encourage our members in any state considering such legislation to bring the perspective of linguists and educators to the debate. The joint statement is available [here](#).

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## Updates to Resource Guide

The LSA has recently updated our [Resource Guide](#) on taking linguistics to the public. The guide draws on the diverse experiences of the "Linguistics for Everyone" group of LSA members who have organized public-facing events, programs and resources to communicate the excitement of language science to a broad audience. We invite LSA members to contribute additional information based on their own community-based and digital activities to engage the public.

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## Linguistics In The News

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

- "[Why the words for 'Mom' and 'Dad' sound so similar in so many languages](#)" (*The Atlantic*)
  - "[Why do we delete the initial pronoun from our sentences? Glad you asked.](#)" (*Lexicon Valley*)
  - "[Google to developers: Here's how to stop making dumb chatbots](#)" (*MIT Technology Review*)
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The LSA maintains listings of [jobs](#), [conference announcements](#), [grant opportunities](#), in memoriam notices, and other news items of interest. [Submit a conference listing](#) or [contact the LSA](#) with news or other information.

LSA members can cause a portion of any purchase they make on Amazon.com to be donated to the LSA. [Learn more](#), or [make a tax-deductible donation](#).

Visit the LSA website for information on other LSA resources, including:

- [Linguistics and the News Media: An LSA Guide for Linguists](#)
- [Taking Linguistics to the Public: An Outreach Guide](#)
- [Women in Linguistics Mentoring Alliance \(WILMA\)](#)
- [Linguistic Academic Depository](#)
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