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### Secretary-Treasurer Search

The Society is seeking candidates to stand for election for a five-year term as LSA Secretary-Treasurer, beginning in January of 2018. Read more about what the Secretary-Treasurer does and about how to nominate yourself or another member [here](#).



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### Annual Meeting Abstracts Received



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Over 600 abstracts were received for presentation as posters or 20-minute papers at the LSA's [2017 Annual Meeting](#). Abstract notifications will be emailed during the week of September 12.

In addition, 85 abstracts were submitted for [The Five-minute Linguist](#), a special plenary event debuting at the January Meeting, emceed by LSA member [John McWhorter](#), featured in our spotlight for July 2016.

regularly to over 3,500 members of the LSA. This space is available for a sponsored message.

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

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## August Member Spotlight: Helen Koulidobrova

The August LSA Member spotlight features [Helen Koulidobrova](#) (Central Connecticut State University). Be sure to check it out to read more about Dr. Koulidobrova's research and her involvement with advocacy on behalf of students who have ASL as a native language.

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## LSA Fall Internship Application Deadline Extended through August 8

The LSA is seeking applications for the position of Student Intern at its national office in Washington, DC for the Fall 2016 semester (September - December). This is a great opportunity to learn more about the field of linguistics, the professional needs of LSA members, and the LSA's broader agenda to advance the scientific study of language. This internship also provides exposure to the workings of a small non-profit organization based in the nation's capital. [Read more ...](#)

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## Two University of Chicago Linguists Honored with Endowed Chairs

Two LSA members at the University of Chicago -- Christopher Kennedy and Jason Merchant -- have been appointed to special named professorships. Read more about Kennedy and Merchant, their accomplishments, and the professorships [here](#).

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## MIT and Buffalo Linguistics Departments Make New Donations to LSA's Campaign for Expanded Media Coverage of Linguistics

The LSA is continuing Phase II of its [News Stories Initiative](#), designed to enhance the coverage of linguistics by the popular news media. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to support a staff position at the LSA Secretariat. [Read more](#) about how you can get involved and make a donation to support this effort.

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### Linguistics In The News

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

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- ["Alien Language: How Grammar may Stop Us Communicating with Extraterrestrials"](#) iNews
  - ["Body Talk: A New Crowdshaping Technology Uses Words to Create Accurate 3-D Body Models"](#) *Phys.org*

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### Other LSA Resources

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](#)
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