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LSA Update

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LSA Update to Include Departmental News

The LSA Update will include a Departmental News section beginning with Update #99. Please [contact David Robinson](#), Director of Membership and Meetings, with any items you would like included in this section.

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Trump Administration Proposes Elimination of Humanities Funding

The Hill newspaper is [reporting](#) that the Trump Administration's budget blueprint will call for the elimination of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), a significant source of federal support for linguistics and language research. This blueprint will be released early in the Trump administration with a more detailed request to follow in late March or April. The LSA is joining with the [National Humanities Alliance](#) to oppose this proposal.

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While the Trump Administration has the power to frame the agenda, in the end, Congress will decide whether to appropriate funds for the NEH. In recent years, the Republican Congress has rejected similar proposals. Click [here](#) to contact your member of Congress to express your views on this important issue.

2017 Linguistic Institute Fellowship Applications Open through February 1

The Committee on Linguistic Institutes and Fellowships is accepting applications for fellowships for the LSA's upcoming Linguistic Institute at the University of Kentucky. LSA student members may apply for one of scores of tuition fellowships or four special Named Fellowships. The application deadline is February 1, 2017.

The 2017 Institute features over eighty courses at all levels of instruction and from throughout the subfields. A full program of special lectures, workshops, professional development, and social will round out the month in Lexington! [Read more ...](#)

New Student Fellowship Launched in Honor of Yuki Kuroda

The LSA is pleased to announce the establishment of a new student fellowship in honor of the late S.-Y. (Yuki) Kuroda. LSA member Susan Fischer has generously provided the founding contribution of \$50,000 for the fund in memory of her late husband, Dr. Kuroda. We invite LSA members and colleagues of Drs. Fischer and Kuroda to make additional [contributions](#) to help us reach our goal of raising a total of \$85,000 to fully endow the fellowship fund. This new student fellowship will be reserved for linguistics students from Japan to attend the LSA's biennial summer [Linguistic Institute](#). It will cover tuition, travel, lodging, and board. Preference will be given to Japanese who haven't yet started studying in the US. [Read more ...](#)



AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston, February 16-20

We encourage all LSA members to take note of the [upcoming meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science](#)? The meetings will take place in Boston from February 16-20, and there will be many symposia, talks, posters, and other activities of interest to linguists. Notably, former LSA President John Rickford will deliver a topical lecture entitled "Using Linguistics to Fight Dialect Prejudice in Courtrooms and Beyond" on February 19 at noon. In addition, the following symposia are specifically on linguistic topics:

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[Linguistics and the Dispersal of Modern Humans to the Americas](#), Organized by

Dennis O'Rourke & John Hoffecker, Feb 17, 10-11:30 AM

- "Discourse Analysis of Criminal Justice," Organized by Lawrence Solan, Feb 18, 1-2:30 PM
- "Leveraging Linguistics to Broaden Participation in STEM," Organized by Anne Charity Hudley, Feb 19, 8-9:30 AM
- "Language Across the Life Span: Clues Predicting Alzheimer's Disease," organized by Barbara Lust & Suzanne Flynn, Feb 19, 10-11:30 AM

All LSA members planning to attend are encouraged to participate in the business meeting for Section Z (Linguistics and Language Science), which will take place on February 17, 7:30-9:30 PM, and to visit the LSA's booth at the Family Science Days at the Hynes Convention Center on February 18 and 19.

Three Elected to LSA Honorary Membership



At the recent Business Meeting held at the LSA's 2017 Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, the members present voted unanimously to elect the following individuals as [Honorary Members](#) of the Society.

- Willem F. H. Adelaar (University of Leiden)
- Stephen C. Levinson (Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics)
- Roberto Zavala Maldonado (Centro de Investigación y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS))

By LSA tradition, any foreign scholar of distinction in linguistic studies, not resident in the United States, may be elected an honorary member by the Society on recommendation of the Executive Committee. [Read more ...](#)

The History of the *Language* Editor's Whitney Desk

The *Language* Editor's office has played host since the mid 1960's to a historic desk once belonging to 19th-century linguist William Dwight Whitney. To read more about the history of the Whitney Desk and see pictures of its transfer from Greg Carlson at the University of Rochester to Andries Coetzee at the University of Michigan, click [here](#).

Linguistics In The News

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

- "[Celebrating the linguistic significance of Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)" *Language Log*
- "[Zhou Youguang, Who Made Chinese Writing as Simple as ABC, Dies at 111](#)" *New*

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- ["How 'Dumpster Fire' Became 2016's Word of the Year"](#) *Wired*

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](#).

LSA Student Members can submit their research to the [Student Research Spotlight](#).

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](#)
- [Linguistic Academic Depository](#)
- [LSA Jobs Center](#)

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