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## LSA Update

News from the  
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### LSA Soliciting Departmental News

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

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### LSA Issues Statements on Immigration and Travel Ban

The LSA joined with the American Association for the Advancement of Science and 150 other scientific organizations in [stating its opposition](#) to the Trump administration's recent Executive Order banning immigration and travel from selected countries. The LSA's Executive Committee also issued [its own statement](#) on the ban.

Read testimonials from individual linguists affected by the travel and immigration bans [here](#).



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## LSA Members Vote in Favor of Resolution on Dakota Access Pipeline

Members of the LSA recently voted to approve a Resolution on the Dakota Access Pipeline and the Sioux Nations at Standing Rock. The Resolution was drafted by members of the LSA's Committee on Endangered Languages and their Preservation (CELP) as a follow-up to a statement previously approved by the LSA Executive Committee. [Read more ...](#)

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## February Member Spotlight: Lise Dobrin

Check out this month's LSA Member Spotlight: [Lise Dobrin](#) (University of Virginia), whose work places her at the intersection of Linguistics and Anthropology. She conducts linguistic, ethnographic, and historical research on Arapesh languages and cultures in Papua New Guinea. She has a special interest in the cultural aspects of language preservation, including how and why communities shift their allegiance from their local vernaculars to languages of wider communication; the technical and ethical dimensions of language documentation, description, and archiving; and the epistemologies and politics of linguistic research.

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## Financial Statements Available

Considering a [charitable donation](#) to the LSA? You can review our latest [Financial Reports](#) for FY 2016 online to see how your contributions are spent.

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## Departmental News

### Georgetown University:

Georgetown University announces its 68th successive Round Table in Languages and Linguistics (GURT 2017), aiming to consider *all* kinds of variable properties in language and to seek something of a unified approach to them.

The program is now on the website at <https://gurt.georgetown.edu/program>. Attendees are required to register through our Eventbrite site, [gurt2017.eventbrite.com](http://gurt2017.eventbrite.com), so that we have a good idea of how many people we need to cater for. Early Bird registration is available until 10 February.

Stay up to date on conference announcements by following us on Twitter @GURT2017 and on Facebook at [facebook.com/GURT2017](https://www.facebook.com/GURT2017).

### Yale University:

The Yale Linguistics Department recently hosted middle and high school students from throughout Connecticut for the open round of the [North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad](#). The LSA is a sponsor of the Olympiad, a linguistic problem-solving contest held internationally. [Read more ...](#)

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## Select Meeting Content Now Available

See [a recording](#) of Colleen Fitzgerald's plenary address on "The Sounds of Indigenous Language Revitalization."

Content is available from the [Workshop on Building Capacity in Linguistics and Endangered Languages at Tribal Colleges and Universities](#), including a [workshop agenda](#) with speaker slides and an [annotated interactive resource list](#).

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## Linguistics In The News

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

- ["Stockholm Professor Designs New 'Standard Swedish' Accent"](#) *The Local.se*
- ["The Mystery and Occasional Poetry of, uh, Filled Pauses"](#) *Atlas Obscura*
- ["Q&A with Sharese King on Biases against African-American Vernacular in Criminal Justice"](#) *The Stanford Daily*

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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](#).

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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