Deadline to Nominate Student Representative Extended

The Committee on Student Issues and Concerns (COSIAC) of the LSA is soliciting nominations for Student Representative to the Executive Committee (EC), including self-nominations. This call is being re-issued pursuant to recent amendments to the LSA Constitution and Bylaws to provide for the direct election of student representatives to the EC. Please send your nominations and supporting statements to the Secretariat by July 15, 2022. Read the complete call online.
Reminder: Abstract Submission Links & Info

The LSA launched the call for abstracts on June 6, 2023, with some new guidelines in place. Members are eligible to submit abstracts for papers and posters to be presented at its 2023 Annual Meeting. If you are a new or renewing member, please allow 24 hours from the time your membership is processed for the Oxford system to integrate and update the current LSA member list.

Abstracts will be accepted through July 15th at 11:59 pm, Eastern time through Oxford Abstracts. Please click here to submit an abstract. The abstract submission form will require you to create an account; please use the same email address associated with your LSA membership profile.

There is also the opportunity to submit an abstract for the Five Minute Linguist event.

Call for Courses: LSA Linguistic Institute

The next LSA Linguistic Institute will be held at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, from June 19 until July 14 2023, with the theme “Linguistics as cognitive science: Universality and Variation.” We are currently accepting proposals for additional courses to be offered during the Institute. We invite course proposals in all areas of linguistics and are particularly interested in contributions (broadly) related to the Institute's theme.

For complete information on course submission requirements, travel arrangements, and other information, read the complete call online. The deadline for the receipt of course proposals is September 1, 2022.

New Episode of Subtitle: Hello, Goodbye

Steve Jobs' last words were: “Oh wow. Oh wow. Oh wow.” Oscar Wilde went with: “Either that wallpaper goes, or I do.” (At least, that’s how the story goes.) But the way most of us part company with language at the end of our lives is more halting and gradual. Even when a dying loved one is unable to speak clearly,
other forms of communication often take over: noises, gestures, touch and eye contact. We have stories in this episode from a hospice nurse, from journalists covering mental health and internet culture, and from language writer Michael Erard who is writing a book about last words and their relationship to first words.

Listen to the latest episode online or on your favorite device. Sign up for the Subtitle mailing list to stay up to date on the podcast.

Laurels for Linguists: Mufwene Elected to American Philosophical Society

LSA Fellow Salikoko S. Mufwene (University of Chicago) was elected to the American Philosophical Society (APS) on May 25, 2022. The APS is the oldest learned society in the United States.

Mufwene is one of the leading names in the world on the emergence of creoles and on globalization and language. His current research centers on evolutionary linguistics, focusing on the phylogenetic emergence of language and how languages have been affected by colonization and worldwide globalization. Of particular focus is the effects of indigenization and speciation of European languages in the colonies.

Read the full announcement online

Coming Soon: July Meet the Authors Webinar with Tory Sampson and Rachel I. Mayberry

Join us later this month, on July 21, at noon Eastern, for our next “Meet the Authors” webinar. Authors Tory Sampson and Rachel I. Mayberry challenge the common assumption that ASL has no overt copula. They present evidence that one of the functions of the sign SELF in present-day ASL is as a copula. The sign evolved into its current function by way of a grammaticalization process called the “copula cycle” (Katz 1996). Join Drs. Sampson and Mayberry as they discuss their findings as published in their recent article in Language. The presentation will be made in ASL with interpretation.
Petition Opportunity: Save Linguistics at the University of Huddersfield

On June 12, 2022, the University of Huddersfield (West Yorkshire, UK) announced the layoff of 37 faculty in the School of Arts and Humanities. Two colleagues in the Department of Linguistics and Modern Language have been laid off. The remaining three have been invited to compete against three colleagues from other disciplines for only three positions. There is a risk that no linguistics faculty will remain after this competition, and no plans are in place to support current doctoral students in such a scenario.

Our colleagues at Huddersfield have made important research contributions in pragmatics, discourse analysis, stylistics, corpus linguistics, and much else besides. As the publisher of the language magazine Babel, Huddersfield also engages in commendable public education work. LSA members can protest these layoffs and show their support for linguists and linguistics at Huddersfield by signing this petition.

Farewell to Nicky—Welcome to Tran and Kate

With the arrival of summer we bid farewell to our Spring Semester intern Nicky Macias, and thank them for all the great work they did for us.

We're excited to welcome two new members to the LSA staff family: Summer Intern Tran Truong and Special Project Consultant Kate Kinnaird. Both Tran and Kate have hit the ground running and we look forward to what they will bring to the LSA during their time with us.

In Case You Missed It ...

Looking for Mentors

The LSA's Linguistics Mentoring Alliance is seeking mentors who specialize in Raciolinguistics, Sociolinguistics, Computational Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, Syntax, Bilingualism, and Applied Linguistics. If you are interested in mentoring in any of these fields—or in any field, we have many mentees looking for a match—please consider joining the LMA. Log in to your profile, click “Edit,” and select “Linguistics Mentoring Alliance” to indicate your willingness to participate in the program. Email LSA Membership Coordinator Mark Schaefer with any questions.
Other LSA Resources

The LSA supports the scientific study of language by creating great venues for linguists from all subfields to congregate and discuss research, innovation, and learning. It is a community of scholars and professionals who have a deep respect for the importance of an interdisciplinary community of peers.

- **LSA Listings**
  - Job Listings
  - 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.

- **Support the LSA**
  - 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.

- **Update Your Member Profile**
  - Complete your member profile to be entered in a prize drawing.

- **Stay Informed about Language**
  - Subscribe to RSS Feeds for the latest issue and the Table of Contents of Language

- **Student Members**
  - LSA Student Members can submit their research to the Student Research Spotlight.

- **Visit the LSA website for information on other LSA resources**, including:
  - Taking Linguistics to the Public: An Outreach Guide
  - Linguistic Academic Depository
  - LSA Jobs Center

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