Proposed Amendments to LSA Constitution and Bylaws

As reported in a prior notice, a series of proposed amendments to the LSA Constitution or Bylaws has been received by the Executive Committee via a write-in campaign by a group of LSA members.

Beginning September 1, 2022, you will be invited to vote on a series of proposed amendments to the LSA Bylaws and Constitution. Some of these amendments are sponsored by the LSA Executive Committee, while others are sponsored by a group of LSA members. Opposing arguments to either set of amendments may be submitted to the LSA Secretariat for publication on the LSA website no later than August 12th.

Polls will be open from September 1, 2022, through November 5, 2022. Only current LSA members are eligible to vote. If you have any questions about the voting process, please contact the Secretariat offices at ls@lsadc.org. Thank you for your participation in determining the direction and leadership of the LSA.
July Member Spotlight: Charles Yang

Our July Member Spotlight is on Dr. Charles Yang, professor of linguistics and the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Cognitive Science at the University of Pennsylvania, and 2018 winner of the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award for *The Price of Linguistic Productivity: How Children Learn to Break the Rules of Language*. Dr Yang notes, “I hope that as we understand the nature of language better—how it is learned, how it is used, how it helps us relate to the world and each other—linguistics will continue to occupy a central place in modern intellectual life.”

➤ Read the complete spotlight online

Thursday: Meet the Authors Webinar with Tory Sampson and Rachel I. Mayberry

Join us this Thursday, July 21, at noon Eastern, for our next “Meet the Authors” webinar entitled “An Emerging SELF: the copula cycle in American Sign Language.” 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.

➤ Register for the webinar online

New Episode of *Subtitle*: Learning to Love Apostrophes
Ellen Jovin belongs to that rare breed of human with a passion for grammar. You will too if you spend a few minutes with her, your grammar anxiety melting away in minutes. That's what happens when apostrophe-challenged Patrick meets Ellen at her Grammar Table in New York's Central Park. There, Ellen fields questions from passers-by about commas, semicolons, ellipses and weird-sounding neologisms. Ellen tells Patrick about her word-obsessed childhood, her love of hyphens, and why a Jehovah's Witness who approached the Grammar Table, “was not fully there for the apostrophes.”

Ellen Jovin's new book about her Grammar Table adventures in 47 states is Rebel with a Clause.

➤ 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.

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**News from *Phonological Data & Analysis***

**New Articles Published**

The LSA's open-access journal *Phonological Data and Analysis* has recently added 4 articles to its 2022 volume:

- Christopher R. Green & Nicola Lampitelli, [Conditions on complex exponence: A case study of the Somali subject marker](#)
- Martine Bruil & Jesse Stewart, [Phonetics and phonology of nasality in Ecuadorian Siona](#)
- Noa Handelsman & Outi Bat-El, [Phonological effects on word order: AB constructions in Hebrew](#)
- Florian Lionnet, [Tone and downstep in Paić (Oceanic, New Caledonia)](#)

**LaTeX Templates for LSA Journals Revised and Improved**

Under the guidance of LSA Publications Advisor Patrick Farrell, Daniil M. Ozernyi, an undergraduate student at Northwestern University and a member of the LSA, has recently substantially revised and improved the LaTeX templates for both *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, to which he himself has contributed articles, and the journal *Phonological Data and Analysis*. He has also created an [LSA guide (for researchers and educators) to LaTeX](#) and the Overleaf platform that houses the templates for these two publications as well as the LSA proceedings publication for the conference Experiments in Linguistic Meaning

➤ Read Daniil's LSA LaTeX Guide online
**Take our Website Survey**

We are excited to announce that we have officially launched our project to undertake a total overhaul of the LSA's website. We have engaged the services of a new web developer to implement this project, with input from all key stakeholders of the LSA, including a Website Advisory Group appointed by the Executive Committee, committee chairs and special interest group leaders, editorial personnel, and interested members like you.

For this purpose, we have developed a brief survey seeking your feedback and input on priorities for the new website. At the end of the survey, there will be an opportunity for interested members to sign up for a more in-depth focus group on the questions raised by the survey.

➤ **Take the survey** and let us know your thoughts!

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**Meetings Staff Transitions**

We are sad to announce the departure of Krystal Bushell, our Meetings Manager, who resigned effective this past Friday to pursue a better opportunity that was made available to her. But we are delighted to announce that Gregory Zaralides has been retained as a consultant to take over our current meetings management responsibilities. Gregory is an experienced event director with a background in developing, executing, and managing events, symposia, conferences, programs, and special events. Welcome, Gregory, to the LSA!

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**In Case You Missed It ...**

**2023 Linguistics Institute Call for Courses**

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.

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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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