Statement on the Scholarly Merit of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

By a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, the LSA approved a Statement on the Scholarly Merit of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL).

The statement notes that the combination of two traditionally distinct academic disciplines—teaching and research—“provides both for new pedagogical insights and for enhanced disciplinary inquiry.” The statement recognizes the peer-reviewed, evidence-based nature of SoTL work and declares that “SoTL also provides evidence-based solutions which enable linguistics teaching to advance social justice across diverse environments.” Further, “diversifying content and pedagogy to address the needs of students from historically marginalized backgrounds counters the effects of systemic racial and gender inequalities in the discipline and attracts new students.”

The statement concludes, “With this statement, the Linguistic Society of America supports the recognition of peer-reviewed
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning as scholarly contributions in decisions on hiring, tenure, retention, and promotion of faculty.”

➤ Read the full statement online

August Member Spotlight: Kate Kinnaird

Our August member spotlight is on Kate Kinnaird, a recent graduate of the Department of Linguistics at the Ohio State University. They are a sociocultural linguist who specializes broadly in the relationship between language and stigma, particularly as this applies to people in the sex trade. This summer, they are a Special Projects Consultant for the LSA, where their responsibilities include social media management, grant writing, preparing for the 2023 Annual Meeting, and working with the Centennial Planning Committee. Kate notes, “As linguists, we must push to increase public understanding of issues related to linguistic prejudice. Learning and teaching others about linguistic bias and linguistic racism is a critical step to ensure justice for all.”

➤ Read the complete profile

Executive Director Alyson Reed to Leave at the End of September

As reported in an email announcement earlier this month, Alyson Reed informed the Executive Committee of her intention to resign from her position as Executive Director of the Society, a position that she has held for more than fourteen years. Alyson's tenure with the LSA was marked by a series of major accomplishments to improve the Society's work advancing the scientific study of language.
In that same note, Alyson shared her thoughts about her time with the LSA and with the many people she's had the opportunity to work with:

“None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the amazing support and engagement of the current and past staff, elected and appointed leaders of the LSA, and the many dedicated members of the Society. I will miss working with all of you very much and will always cherish the memories of my time at the LSA.”

Alyson's last day as Executive Director will be August 31, 2022, after which she will transition into serving in an advisory capacity to the LSA through the end of September 2022. Notes of thanks or appreciation may be sent to Alyson at areed@lsadc.org.

➤ Read the full announcement online

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**Katha Kissman Appointed Interim Executive Director**

Katha Kissman has been appointed to serve as interim Executive Director and will begin in that role on September 1, 2022. Katha previously served the LSA in this identical assignment approximately fifteen years ago, overseeing the process that led to hiring Alyson Reed. She is a longtime friend to the LSA and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that are ideally suited to this moment of transition.

➤ Read Katha's BoardSource profile
➤ Send Katha a note of welcome

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**2023 Class of LSA Fellows Announced**

The LSA is delighted to announce that eight of the field's leading linguists have been elected *Fellows of the LSA*. They will be inducted in a ceremony at the LSA Annual Meeting on Friday, January 6, 2023. The Fellows are selected by the at-large members of the Executive Committee from among the nominations submitted by LSA members for their distinguished contributions to the discipline. The 2023 Class of Fellows includes:

- **Michel DeGraff**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Ashwini Deo**, The University of Texas, Austin and The Ohio State University
- **Lenore Grenoble**, University of Chicago
- **Ceil Lucas**, Gallaudet University
- **William O'Grady**, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
In Memoriam: David L. Olmsted

David L. Olmsted, linguist, anthropologist, and Life Member of the LSA, died on June 3, 2022, of pneumonia. Professor Olmsted led a life of distinguished service to the Society, including a fourteen-year tenure on the Committee on the Publication of the Journal (i.e., Language, the flagship journal of the Society). He was also a speaker at the 1963 Linguistic Institute at the University of Washington. He has made seminal contributions to the fields of Slavic linguistics, Hokan linguistics, and language acquisition and development. He is survived by his daughter Elaine, his son Frederick, and by his wife, Anne.

At right: a 1977 photo from the announcement of his appointment as editor of American Anthropology

➤ Read the complete obituary

Financial Statements Available Online

Considering a charitable contribution to the LSA? The LSA's audited financial statements and federal 990 tax returns are available for your review. We just added the 990 for FY21 to the website earlier this month.

➤ View the FY21 990 online

Proceedings of the AMP Available

The Proceedings of the Annual Meetings on Phonology are now available online. Over forty proceedings and supplemental proceedings are available for download on the AMP site.

➤ Read the AMP Proceedings
In Case You Missed It ...

Linguistics Journalism Award Deadline Extended

The nomination period for the LSA Journalism Award has been extended. The revised deadline for nominations for the Journalism Award covering the period of June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022, is now September 15, 2022.

➤ Submit a nomination

Linguistics in the Public Sphere

LSA Submits Joint Amicus Curiae Brief to US Supreme Court in Support of Race-conscious Admissions

This autumn, the Supreme Court of the United States will hear arguments in Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President & Fellows of Harvard College and Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. University of North Carolina, et al. The LSA has joined the American Educational Research Association (AERA), the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Political Science Association, the American Sociological Association, and the Association for the Study of Higher Education in the submission of an amicus brief to the Court in support of narrowly tailored race-conscious admissions policies at Harvard and UNC.

➤ Read the full article

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:
  ○ 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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