New Committee to Explore the Future of the Annual Meeting

The Executive Committee established an Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of the Annual Meeting (FOAM).

The mission of the FOAM Committee is to develop a strategic plan for the long-range future of the LSA Annual Meeting. The Responsibilities of the Committee include identifying goals and objectives for future meetings of the LSA.

These goals and objectives will be wide-ranging and address all aspects of the meeting. Goals will address meeting content (presentation of high-quality research), participation and engagement, access, revenue, environmental impact, community building, venues, and formats, among others.

The committee comprises the Program Committee Co-Chairs; the current Student Member of the Program Committee; up to three past Program Committee Co-Chairs; the LSA Meetings Manager, ex-officio; up to three LSA members-at-large with expertise in conference planning; and one representative of an LSA sister society.

To express interest in receiving an invitation to serve on this committee, please contact the Secretariat staff.

➤ Read the full announcement online
September Member Spotlight: Jeff Good

Jeff Good is Professor of Linguistics at the University at Buffalo. He received his PhD in 2003 from the University of California, Berkeley, and was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Linguistics at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology before arriving at Buffalo. His research interests focus on morphosyntactic typology, the comparative linguistics of Benue-Congo languages, and language documentation. Of the LSA, Jeff notes, “Within the US, the LSA is the only scholarly association that can help achieve such general goals. Even when looked at from an international perspective, there is no other organization like it.”

➤ Read the complete profile

Ahead-of-Print Language Articles Available

Two articles from the forthcoming September 2022 issue of Language are available online ahead of print. Visit the ProjectMUSE site to read:

- Margaret Cychosz, “Language exposure predicts children’s phonetic patterning: Evidence from language shift”
- Andrew Garrett, Alice C. Harris, “Assessing scholarship in documentary linguistics”

The latter article by Drs. Garrett and Harris will also be the subject of a webinar on September 28 entitled, “Tenure, promotion, and academic review in documentary linguistics.” (More details on the webinar to follow)

➤ Read Language online via ProjectMUSE
➤ Register for the September webinar

Full-time Membership Director Sought
The Linguistic Society of America (LSA) is seeking its next full-time Membership Director. Under the direction of the Executive Director of the LSA, the Membership Director will provide leadership and professional expertise as the primary membership liaison, charged with retaining and increasing LSA's membership and ensuring the delivery of membership benefits and services.

The position will be based in Washington, DC, with the option of remote work, subject to approval. The work environment is representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. To see the full position description, see the link below. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three work references with full contact information to Katha Kissman, Interim Executive Director, kkissman@lsadc.org. The deadline for applications is September 19, 2022.

➤ Read the complete announcement online
➤ Download the PDF of this Announcement
➤ Download the PDF of the Job Description

Organized Sessions for 2023 Annual Meeting Announced

The Program Committee has announced the accepted Organized Session proposals for the 2023 Annual Meeting. The 2023 Organized Sessions are:

- Discourse Analysis and Public Policy
- Linguists’ reflections on responses to the “racial reckoning” of 2020 in U.S. higher education: A collective conversation on lessons learned and next steps
- Microparametric approach to prosodic variation: case studies from Algonquian
- Organizing and Influencing Ideology: Social Semiotic Syntax as an Approach to Human Ideological and Moral Frameworks
- Symposium on the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032
- Invitational Presidential Sunlight Symposium: LSA Challenges and Opportunities
- Emerging Perspectives on Historical Change in Signed Languages
- Stress at the phonetics-phonology interface: the special case of default-to-opposite patterns

Special Movie Event
In addition to the above-listed Organized Sessions, there will be a special movie event entitled: "Talking Black in America: Performance"

More information about the Organized Sessions will follow as the Annual Meeting approaches.

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**2023 Candidates Slate**

The ballot for LSA elections and Constitutional amendments will open this Thursday, September 1. In preparation for voting, be sure to read up on the candidates for various LSA positions.

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of members to stand for election in September-November 2022:

**Vice President/President-Elect:**
- [Marlyse Baptista](#) (University of Michigan)

**Executive Committee (two at-large seats):**
- [Melissa Baese-Berk](#) (University of Oregon)
- [Michel DeGraff](#) (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- [Sali A. Tagliamonte](#) (University of Toronto)
- [Michal Temkin Martinez](#) (Boise State University)

**Language Co-Editor**

The LSA Executive Committee, acting on the advice of an ad-hoc search committee, has nominated the following for a three-year term as Co-Editor of *Language*, followed by a three-year term as Editor of the journal:

- [Shelome Gooden](#) (University of Pittsburgh)

► [Read the complete write-up](#), including candidate statements and biographical information

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**In Memoriam: Bernard Spolsky**

We are saddened to report on the death of Bernard Spolsky, Professor Emeritus in the Department of English Literature and Linguistics at Bar-Ilan University and Life Member of the Linguistic Society of America. Born in New Zealand, he received his Ph.D. in linguistics from the Université de Montréal. Prior to his appointment at Bar-Ilan, he taught at McGill, Indiana University, and the University of New Mexico. He was a renowned sociolinguist with expertise in language policy, educational linguistics, language assessment, Jewish languages, and linguistic landscapes. Our thoughts are with his loved ones and colleagues at
Update Your Mentoring Information

The Linguistic Mentoring Alliance is always looking to match mentees with mentors who can give them guidance and support as they move through their academic or professional careers. In recent months, we have added new categories to provide more areas for mentorship relationships. Many of these categories were added to respond to member requests to list these areas of study. Some of our more recent additions include: **Cognitive Linguistics, Multi-modal Communication, Queer Linguistics, Raciolinguistics, Second Language Acquisition**, and **Sign Language**. If you are interested in mentoring or being mentored in one of these areas—or in any of the nearly 50 mentorship areas—please visit your profile and update your mentoring profile today!

➤ **Edit your member profile**

Nominate an Honorary Member

Please help us choose distinguished foreign colleagues for recognition as **Honorary Members of the LSA**. The deadline for nominations is October 1. Nominations of women and underrepresented ethnic minorities are particularly encouraged.

According to Article II, § 5 of the LSA Constitution, any foreign scholar of distinction in linguistic studies not resident in the United States may be elected an honorary member by the Society on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Nominations of potential honorees are welcome at any time, but if you wish your
nominee to be considered for our current round of recommendations to the LSA Executive Committee, we must have your e-mail with the person's name, contact information, URLs, and CV (if possible), and justification paragraph(s) by October 1, 2022.

➤ Read the complete call for nominations
➤ Nominate Someone for an Honorary Membership

In Case You Missed It ...

Award Nominations Due September 15

This is a reminder that nominations for many LSA honors and awards are now open. The deadline for nominations is September 15, 2022. Please follow the links for more details about specific awards.

- Arnold Zwicky Award
- Early Career Award
- Elizabeth Dayton Award
- Excellence in Community Linguistics Award
- Kenneth L. Hale Award
- Linguistic Service Award
- Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award
- Mentoring Award
- Morris Halle Memorial Award for Faculty Excellence in Phonology
- Victoria A. Fromkin Lifetime Service Award
- Victoria A. Fromkin Prize for Student Excellence in Phonology

If the nominator seeks assistance in preparing a successful nomination, they may contact the chair of the Awards Committee, Marianne Mithun, at mithun@ucsb.edu.

➤ Visit the Honors and Awards page for more information

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](#)