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Royal Society Publishing has recently published a special issue of *Philosophical Transactions B* entitled *Reconstructing prehistoric languages* compiled and edited by Antonio Benítez-Burraco and Ljiljana Progovac and the articles can be accessed directly [here](https://royalsocietypublishing.org/doi/10.1098/rstb.2020.0232).

A print version is also available at the special price of £35.00 per issue by contacting the Society via [this email address](mailto:inquiries@royalsociety.org).
The LSA Program Committee is now accepting abstracts for posters and 20-minute papers for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Read the call for abstracts here. Abstracts are submitted through the LSA member portal.

Read the call for Organized Session proposals, which are due May 17.

LSA Issues Statement in Support of DOXA.

At its recent meeting, the LSA Executive Committee approved the following statement: "The LSA recognizes the connection between language, human rights, and justice. We advocate for freedom of expression by journalists and members of the media. We support the student editors of DOXA as proponents of peaceful assembly and youth activism, and as members of our global language and linguistics community."

For more information about the intersection between language and human rights, and the LSA's work in these areas, please visit this page of our website. Read more about LSA's many resolutions, statements, endorsements, and guides.

Check Out the Latest from the LSA's Subtitle Podcast

Japan is an ethnically homogenous nation where everyone speaks Japanese, right? Not exactly. Other groups including the Ainu also have called Japan home, perhaps for longer than the Japanese themselves. Today, the Ainu language is spoken by only a handful of people. One of them, Russian-born linguist Anna Bugaeva, takes Patrick Cox to meet Ainu speakers (and non-speakers) on the island of Hokkaido. Along the way, we learn about the mysteries of Ainu, a "language isolate" unrelated to any other language in the world. Bugaeva says Japanese children aren’t taught about the Ainu because their presence—and language—contradict standard Japanese history. Access this episode. Read more about Subtitle, check out earlier episodes here, and donate to support production costs here.

LSA Adopts Statement on Open Scholarship

The LSA Executive Committee adopted a Statement on the Scholarly Merit and Evaluation of Open Scholarship in Linguistics at its Spring meeting held earlier this month. The statement was prepared by the LSA's Committee on Scholarly Communication in Linguistics (CoSciL) and reflects a year-long effort to gather input from LSA members and the linguistics community. As noted by CoSciL Chair Lauren Collister (University of Pittsburgh), the statement "affirms what many of us know, which is that the discipline of linguistics thrives with the use and sharing of research and teaching resources." Read more.

Laurels for Linguists: National Academy, American Academy and Mellon/ACLS

The LSA congratulates its members and colleagues on their recent election to two of the most prestigious academies in the United States: The National Academy of Sciences (NAS), and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAA&S). LSA members John Rickford and Luigi Rizzi were elected to NAS, while John Baugh and Deborah Tannen were elected to AAA&S. Read more.
"Find your niche and dig in!" Meet Shane Taylor, our May Member Spotlight

Shane Taylor (they/them) is an M.A. Candidate in Linguistics at San Diego State University where they also completed their B.A.s in Linguistics and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies. Their research examines how gender and sexuality intersect with other aspects of identity and how this interacts with their speech, how that speech is perceived, and how these elements are employed to create/maintain identity.

Outside of academia, Shane is also very involved in the Queer community as a member of several non-profit charities. Read more about their advice for students, and thoughts on the LSA and the profession.

Bloch Fellow's Term of Service on Executive Committee Extended

The LSA is pleased to report that Wunetu Tarrant (Arizona State University), the current student member of the Executive Committee (EC), has agreed to extend her term of service by up to one year, which the EC ratified at its recent meeting. The need for an extended term was caused by the decision to postpone the Linguistic Institute at UMass from 2021 to 2023, which means that there will be no new Bloch Fellow named until that Spring. We are grateful for Wunetu's willingness to continue serving in this critical role.

LSA Receives Bequest from Nunberg Estate

The LSA is honored to be the recipient of a major bequest from the estate of the late LSA member Geoff Nunberg (1945-2020). The bequest was made to the LSA's General Fund, and will be used to support the basic mission of the Society: to advance the scientific study of language and its applications. We thank him for his generosity in remembering the LSA in his estate planning.

Geoff first joined the LSA in 1970, eventually becoming a Life Member. He was the recipient of the LSA's Linguistics, Language and the Public Award in 2001, and an annual contributor to the LSA's Leadership Circle donor program. Learn more about the LSA's planned giving program here and read the In Memoriam notice published by the LSA last year.

In Memoriam: Victor Golla

The LSA regrets to announce the death of emeritus Professor Victor Golla, a talented and well-known historical linguist who contributed to several fields of linguistics, including decades of work toward the scholarship of Native American languages. A member of the LSA since 1960, Victor died on April 27, 2021, from a long battle with Parkinson's disease and a stroke. He was a Life Member of the LSA and the 2013 Leonard
Andrew Nevins Appointed Co-Editor of Phonological Data and Analysis (PDA)

The LSA welcomes the newest member of the PDA editorial team, Andrew Nevins (University College London), who will serve a three-year term as Co-Editor of our platinum open access journal. Andrew joins co-Editors Matt Gordon (UCSB) and Laura McPherson (Dartmouth) and succeeds Megan Crowhurst, who concluded her term a few weeks ago. Thank you to all of the current and former editors for their important contributions to the LSA's Open Access Publishing program.

LSA Welcomes Sonya Trawick as Summer Intern

Sonya Trawick, a doctoral candidate in Hispanic Linguistics and Language Science at Penn State University will be joining the Secretariat staff in Washington, DC later this month. She (pictured at right) will be working closely with our former Spring Intern, Angela Schrader, who just completed her PhD in Linguistics at Arizona State earlier this month, and Anna Taylor, who just completed her undergraduate degree in linguistics at Ohio State University (OSU). Anna will be serving as a Special Project Consultant with external support from OSU. Angela will be serving as a Membership Associate while the Secretariat explores alternative staffing models. A big thank you and congratulations to Angela for all her hard work this past semester!

In Case You Missed It ...

Learn about the launch of Language Revitalization and Documentation, a new section of the LSA's flagship journal, Language. View our webinar from earlier this year featuring Colleen Fitzgerald (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi), the Section Editor talking about the goals and guidelines for articles to appear in future issues.

Linguistics In The News

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

- How Did a Self-Taught Linguist Come to Own an Indigenous Language?
- A Linguistic Guide to Assassin's Creed: Valhalla

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.

Complete your member profile to be entered in a prize drawing.

Subscribe to RSS Feeds for the latest issue and the Table of Contents of Language.

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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