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LSA News

Staff Changes at Secretariat

The LSA welcomes David Robinson to the newly-created position of Director of Membership and Meetings. David joins Katha Kissman, Interim Executive Director, and Rita Lewis, Executive Assistant at the Secretariat.

David comes to us after nearly twenty years at Georgetown University, where he worked initially as the administrator of Georgetown's large linguistics department. More recently, he was a full-time assistant to University Professor Deborah Tannen. He is also well acquainted with the field itself, with both undergraduate (B.A. Indiana University) and graduate (M.A. Indiana University, ABD Georgetown) study to his credit. A longtime Washington, DC resident, David enjoys bicycling, cooking, and choral singing. The position of Director of Membership and Meetings will support regular, student and institutional memberships as well as the LSA's Annual Meetings, Summer Meetings and Linguistic Institutes.

The Committee on Committees and Delegate Appointments is now in the process of accepting nominations for LSA committee service. For a list of LSA Committees, please visit the following webpage:

www.lsadc.org/info/lsa-comm.cfm

Anyone selected to serve on an LSA Committee must be a member in good standing. Nominations may be self or other. To be considered, all nominations must include the nominee's name, complete contact information, the committee for which he/she is being nominated, and a brief statement regarding why the nominee would make a good candidate for that committee. If the nomination is other rather than self, it is highly advisable to consult with the nominee to ascertain the willingness to serve prior to putting his/her credentials forward and indicate that this has been done in the nomination.

The deadline for committee nominees is **Tuesday, April 15, 2008**.

Please note that nomination does not constitute appointment. The Committee on Committees and Delegate Appointments will review and recommend to the Executive Committee candidates for the available slots on each committee. Committee members normally serve for three-year terms beginning January 2009; for select committees, the term is shorter. Most committees conduct the bulk of their work via email and telephone with an in-person meeting at the Annual Meeting. Also note that it is the Executive Committee's expectation that members who accept committee appointments and who end up neither contributing nor participating in committee activities will be asked to resign.

Please forward committee nominations by email to David Robinson, Director of Membership and Meetings, at LSA. His email address is [drobinson@lsadc.org](mailto:d robinson@lsadc.org).

Member submissions. The Secretariat welcomes member submissions. Submissions may include but are not limited to: upcoming conferences; grant, fellowship and award opportunities; news items of interest to linguists; news items about LSA members; and death notices. Submission of an item does not guarantee its publication in the *Bulletin*. Submissions should be addressed to David Robinson, editor of the *Bulletin*, at [drobinson@lsadc.org](mailto:d robinson@lsadc.org).

Highlights of the January 2008 Executive Committee Meeting

The Officers and Executive Committee met on Thursday, January 3rd, at the Hilton Chicago at 8:00 a.m. and continued until 6:00 p.m. Those attending were Executive Committee members Steve Anderson (President), Jennifer Cole, Michael Frank (Bloch Fellow), Diane Lillo-Martin, Monica Macaulay, Sally McConnell-Ginet (Past President), Johanna Nichols, Dennis Preston, Gregory Ward (Secretary-Treasurer), and Thomas Wasow. Also present were LSA Executive Director Felix Oliver and invited guests Paul Chapin (Incoming Secretary-Treasurer), Donna Christian (Center for Applied Linguistics and member of the Audit Committee), Brian Joseph (Editor, *Language*), Cornelius Puschmann (Representative, *eLanguage*), Katha Kissman (Previous Interim Executive Director & Consultant), and Cathy O'Connor and Chris Kennedy (Co-Chairs, Program Committee). Dieter Stein, (Editor-in-Chief, *eLanguage*) arrived late but was present for part of the meeting.

A. Motions of Approval

The minutes of the May 2007 Executive Committee meeting and the proposed agenda were approved as presented with a note to correct the spelling of Keren Rice's name.

B. President's Business

The Executive Committee approved a motion to extend deep thanks to Stanford University, Peter Sells and his committee for the outstanding 2007 Institute.

The Executive Committee extended its congratulations to the 2008 LSA Fellows: Judith Aissen, Paul Chapin, John Goldsmith, Richard Kayne, Jay Jasanoff, Howard Lasnik, Sally McConnell-Ginet, Marianne Mithun, Geoffrey Pullum, Jerrold M. Sadock and Ivan A. Sag. The Fellows will be recognized at the 2008 Business Meeting on January 4, 2008.

C. Secretary-Treasurer's Business

The Committee verified the ballots taken by mail since the May 2007 meeting. A graph was provided that showed the membership data trends from 1994 to present. Memberships declined by 20% from 4,619 in 1994 to 3,709 in 2004. In 2004, this membership decline began to reverse back up to a current membership of 4,433 at the end of 2007. It was noted that this trend reversal corresponds to the time when LSA instituted the organizational website and other technology aspects in order to better serve the members. This also likely contributed to the fact that students (both U.S. and non-U.S.) memberships are at an all-time high (1,797 total). Regular memberships, however, continue to trend down (total 2,109).

The election returns for terms beginning in 2008 were Sarah Thomason as Vice President/President-Elect, Paul Chapin as Secretary-Treasurer, Brian Joseph as Editor of *Language*, and Alice Harris and Catherine Ringen to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee reviewed the Finance Committee's recommendation not to reappointment an investment advisor at this time noting that instead the incoming Secretary-Treasurer will review the situation and will make a recommendation at the Spring Executive Committee meeting as to whether such a position is necessary and, if so, who might fill it. It was noted that Terence ("Terry") Langendoen's term expires as of this meeting and he should be thanked for his service.

The Committee approved an increase in the charge for Linguistic Institute transcripts, recommended by the Finance Committee, from \$7.00 to \$8.00.

The Committee approved the conferral of the Linguistic Service Award to Cathy O'Connor, due to the exceptional service she provided to the Linguistic Society of America as Program Co-Chair, and especially in light of the staffing and transition challenges at the Secretariat.

D. Meetings

Peter Sells' report from the Stanford 2007 Linguistic Institute was received with thanks. Preparations are under way for the 2009 Institute in at the University of California at Berkeley. Sites are under development for the 2011 and 2013 Institutes.

The Annual Meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon in 2009 and Baltimore, Maryland in 2010. Hotel bids will be solicited early in 2008 for the 2011 Annual Meeting, and sites for the 2012 meeting will be discussed at the May 2009 Executive Committee meeting.

Beth Hume provided a written report on the 2008 Summer Meeting at The Ohio State University for Executive Committee review prior to the meeting. No sites are currently under development for the 2010 Summer Meeting.

E. Committee and Delegate Reports

The nominations by the Committee on Honorary Members of Professor Alexandra Yurievna Aikhenvald and Paul Jen-kuei Li were accepted with thanks, and their honorary membership was approved. Reports from the chairs of the Ad Hoc Committee on Advertising Issues, the Audit Committee, the Committee on Membership Services and Information Technology, the Technology Advisory Committee, and the Program Committee were accepted with thanks.

F. Publications

Language Editor Brian Joseph provided a written report, which was accepted with thanks. *eLanguage* Editor-in-Chief Dieter Stein provided a written report in advance of the meeting for the review of the Executive Committee. During the meeting, Cornelius Puschmann provided a PowerPoint overview of the work done to date and future plans for eLanguage.

G. Reports from sister organizations and collaborative projects

None were received.

Highlights of the January 2008 Business Meeting

The 2008 Business Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America was called to order by President Steve Anderson at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 4 at the Hilton Chicago. Highlights of the meeting included:

- A brief address by President Steve Anderson acknowledging the special contributions from staff and membership during the past year of transition;
- Proposed changes to the LSA by-laws, specifically those governing the appointment and review of the Executive Director; the right of individual LSA members to attend all committee meetings of the Society (although without the right to speak or vote); the process for removing inactive members from LSA committees; and the right of the Editor of *Language* to participate (without vote) in Executive Committee meetings;
- The reading of a list of members whose passing was noted in 2007;
- A report from the Program Committee detailing the submission and review procedures for abstracts for the 2008 Annual Meeting;
- Reports from the editors of *Language* and *eLanguage*;
- The recognition of Honorary Members (Professors Alexandra Aikhenvald and Paul Jen-kuei Li), with citations from the Committee on Honorary Members read by the President;
- Presentation of the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award, the Linguistic Service Award, and the 2008 LSA Fellows;
- Reports on NSF activities; on the Endangered Language Fund; and on the 2008 Summer Meeting;
- Reading of a resolution honoring staff and membership during the past year, in particular those instrumental in the organization of the 2007 Linguistic Institute and the 2008 Annual Meeting;
- Announcement of 2008 Election results and recognition of new and retiring officers, including a special citation for outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Gregory Ward prepared by his colleagues on the Executive Committee.

For more information on the January 4, 2008 Business Meeting, including details not given above, please go to www.lsadc.org/info/currentbull/08AMBUSINESSMEETING.pdf.

Highlights of the Program Committee Report

The December 11, 2007 report of the Program Committee was presented at the January 3, 2008 Executive Committee meeting. It was reported that:

- A total of 542 abstracts were submitted for the Annual Meeting, the largest number on record. These included 284 “20-minute” submissions, 242 “20-minute or poster” submissions, and 16 “poster” submissions;
- A total of 300 abstracts were accepted for the meeting, for an overall acceptance rate of 55.3%, the lowest in four years. These included 222 abstracts selected as papers and 78 selected as posters;
- Abstracts were evaluated by members of the Program Committee and by a panel of 58 outside experts from various subfields;
- Six preliminary proposals for organized sessions were submitted in April of 2008. The Program Committee recommended revisions for 5 and rejected 1. Seven final proposals were submitted by the August 1 deadline (5 resubmissions and 2 new submissions) and all 7 were accepted;
- The 2008 Annual Meeting was the first for which the abstract submission deadline was moved from September 1 to August 1. The earlier deadline does not appear to have caused significant problems for authors;
- The Program Committee would continue working to optimize the online submission and review of abstracts, would continue to increase its list of potential external abstract reviewers, and would work to clarify the LSA’s official position on the submission of short abstracts and automatic paper withdrawals.

For the full Program Committee report, including a chart showing poster and paper submission and acceptance figures from 2001-2008, please go to www.lsadc.org/info/currentbull/08AMPCreport.pdf.

Report on the 2007 Linguistic Institute

The 2007 Linguistic Institute, which took place from July 1-27, was hosted by the Department of Linguistics, Stanford University. Its theme was "Empirical Foundations for Theories of Language", reflecting a focus on emergent directions for linguistic research. Courses and activities were chosen to inspire the broadening and clarification of the empirical basis of linguistic study, alongside the development or refinement of theoretical models. The Institute had around 440 students, 80 affiliates, and 100 faculty (many courses had 2 or more instructors). The named professors were: Collitz, Asko Parpola (University of Helsinki); Hale, Marianne Mithun (University of California, Santa Barbara); and Sapir, Joan Bresnan (Stanford University). The director was Peter Sells (Stanford University; now SOAS); the associate directors were Juliette Blevins (MPI-EVA) and Eve V. Clark, Dan Jurafsky, Beth Levin and Ivan A. Sag (Stanford University).

The Institute featured two curricular innovations. First, in addition to 74 regular session courses, each meeting seven times in the period July 5-27, there were 18 "presession" courses, meeting three times July 1-3. The presession courses were designed either to provide specific skills required for regular Institute classes or to provide gentle introductions intended to widen horizons. Second, a large part of the slate of regular session courses were chosen following a call for proposals, which then went through a review and revision process, with the remainder taught by invited or on-site instructors. Both these facets of the Institute were very positively received.

The Institute hosted three Institute lectures given by the named professors, and three Forum lectures. The Forum lecturers were: William Labov (University of Pennsylvania); Elissa Newport (University of Rochester); Harald Baayen (MPI-Nijmegen). In addition, there were about fifteen workshops and conferences running during the Institute, mainly on weekends and during non-class Wednesdays. Finally, there were several well-attended social events, including an Institute-wide barbecue on the Fourth of July and two weekend parties.

Overall, the Institute seems to have been very successful, with a high level of satisfaction from students, affiliates and faculty.

List of Instructors:

Farrell Ackerman (UCSD); Artemis Alexiadou (University of Stuttgart); Arto Anttila (Stanford University); Jennifer E. Arnold (UNC, Chapel Hill); Nicholas Asher (UT Austin); Ash Asudeh (Carleton University); Philip Baldi (Penn State University); Marlyse Baptista (University of Georgia); David Beaver (UT Austin); Emily M. Bender (University of Washington); Albert Bickford (SIL); Steven Bird (University of Melbourne); Betty J. Birner (Northern Illinois University); Patrick Blackburn (INRIA); Jim Blevins (Cambridge University); Juliette Blevins (MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig); María Blume (UT El Paso); Jürgen Bohnemeyer (University at Buffalo); Lera Boroditsky (Stanford University); Johan Bos (University of Rome); Claire Bowerman (Rice University); Joan Bresnan (Stanford University); Mary Bucholtz (UCSB); Kathryn Campbell-Kibler; Daniel Casasanto (Stanford University); Anne Charity (College of William and Mary); Yuchin Chien (Cal State, San Bernardino); Alexander Clark (Royal Holloway University of London); Eve V. Clark (Stanford University); Herbert H. Clark (Stanford University); Charles Clifton (UMass - Amherst); Cleo Condoravdi (PARC/Stanford University); Mary Dalrymple (University of Oxford); Rory A. DePaolis (James Madison University); Hubert Devonish (University of West Indies at Mona); Kenneth Drozd (University of Aarhus); Cristina Dye (Cornell University); Penelope Eckert (Stanford University); Robert Englebretson (Rice University); Evelina Fedorenko (MIT); Hana Filip (University of Florida); Charles Fillmore (UC Berkeley); Ed Finegan (USC); Dan Flickinger (CSLI); Suzanne Flynn (MIT); Claire Foley (Boston College); James A. Fox (Stanford University); Susanne Gahl (University of Chicago); Richard Gerrig (SUNY Stony Brook); Edward Gibson (MIT); Adele Goldberg (Princeton University); Shelome Gooden (University of Pittsburgh); Stefan Gries (UC-Santa Barbara); Jeanette K. Gundel (University of Minnesota); Gregory Guy (NYU); Kira Hall (University of Colorado); Kristin Hanson (UC Berkeley); Alice Harris (SUNY Stony Brook); David Harrison (Swarthmore College); Julia Hirschberg (Columbia University); Miyako Inoue (Stanford University); Keith Johnson (UC Berkeley); Dan Jurafsky (Stanford University); Elsi Kaiser (USC); Paul Kay (UC Berkeley); Paul Kiparsky (Stanford University); Dan Klein (UC Berkeley); Ewan Klein (University of Edinburgh); Robert Kluender (UCSD); Kevin Knight (USC's Information Sciences Institute); Philipp Koehn (University of

Edinburgh); William Labov (University of Pennsylvania); Shalom Lappin (Kings' College, London); Beth Levin (Stanford University); Roger Levy (UCSD); Edward Loper (University of Pennsylvania); Barbara Lust (Cornell University); Christopher Manning (Stanford University); James McCloskey (UCSC); Gail McKoon (Ohio State University); John McWhorter (Manhattan Institute); Norma Mendoza-Denton (University of Arizona); Marianne Mithun (UCSB); Fermín Moscoso del Prado Martín (CNRS's Laboratoire de Psychologie Cognitive in Marseilles & Université de Provence); Stefan Müller (University of Bremen); Catherine O'Connor (Boston University); Stephan Oepen (NTNU, Trondheim/University of Oslo/CSLI); John Ohala (UC Berkeley); Martha Palmer (University of Colorado); Asko Parpola (University of Helsinki); Joe Pater (UMass - Amherst); Betty S. Phillips (Indiana State University); Maria Polinsky (UCSD); Christopher Potts (UMass - Amherst); Marianne Pouplier (University of Edinburgh); James Pustejovsky (Brandeis University); Philip Resnik (University of Maryland, College Park); John R. Rickford (Stanford University); Sarah Roberts; Ian E. Robertson; Doug Roland (University at Buffalo); Suzanne Romaine (University of Oxford); Maribel Romero (University of Pennsylvania); Jeffrey T. Runner (University of Rochester); Ivan A. Sag (Stanford University); Gillian Sankoff (University of Pennsylvania); Rebecca Scarborough (Stanford University/University of Colorado, Boulder); Chilin Shih (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign); Jeff Siegel (University of New England); Hazel Simmons-McDonald (University of West Indies at Cave Hill); William Snyder (University of Connecticut); Andrew Spencer (University of Essex); Richard Sproat (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign); Donca Steriade (MIT); Peter Svenonius (CASTL, Trømsø, Norway); Michael Tanenhaus (University of Rochester); Nick Thieberger (University of Melbourne); Ida Toivonen (Carleton University); Michael Tomasello (MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig); John Trueswell (University of Pennsylvania); Robert van Rooij (University of Amsterdam); Jennifer Venditti (Columbia University); Marilyn Vihman (University of York); Gregory Ward (Northwestern University); Thomas Wasow (Stanford University); Alicia Wassink (University of Washington); Andy Wedel (University of Arizona); Colin Wilson (UCLA); Phillip Wolff (Emory University); Walt Wolfram (North Carolina State University); Annie Zaenen (PARC/Stanford University); Kie Zuraw (UCLA); Arnold Zwicky (Stanford University).

List of Concurrent Conferences and Workshops

LSA Survival Skills Workshop (Thursday evenings)
Workshop on Industry Careers for Linguists (Wednesday evenings)
Variation, Gradience and Frequency in Phonology (July 6-8)
Scripts, Non-scripts and (Pseudo)-decipherment (July 11)
Conversational Games and Strategic Inference (July 11)
Grammar Engineering Across Frameworks (July 13-15)
Toward the Interoperability of Language Resources (July 13-15)
Ethnographic Methods in Sociocultural Linguistics (July 14)
Applying Cyber-Infrastructure to the Language Sciences: A Case Study for Language Acquisition (July 14)
New Techniques in Sound Pattern Research (July 14-15)
Creoles, Acts of Identity, and Education: Celebrating Robert Le Page's Contribution to Sociolinguistics (July 15)
Alternative Approaches to Language Classification (July 17-19)
14th International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar (July 20-22)
2nd Workshop on Computational Approaches to Arabic Script-based Languages (July 21-22)
Empirical Approaches to Morphological Case (July 25)
12th International Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference (July 28-30)

LSA Meetings and Institutes

The **LSA 2008 Summer Meeting** for Graduate and Undergraduate Students will take place at The Ohio State University from July 10-13, 2008.

The deadline for **abstract submission** for the Summer Meeting has already passed.

Registration for the LSA 2008 Summer Meeting will be available on the website starting April 1, 2008. The deadline for advance registration will be June 30, 2008.

Pre-registration Fees (credit card or check):

- Regular member: \$50
- Student member: \$25
- Regular nonmember: \$100
- Student nonmember: \$25

Onsite Registration Fees: (checks, cash or money orders only):

- Regular member: \$75
- Student member: \$35
- Regular nonmember: \$125
- Student nonmember: \$35

Please visit the LSA Summer Meeting page (<http://www.lsadc.org/info/meet-summer08.cfm>) and the Ohio State meeting homepage (<http://linguistics.osu.edu/newsEvents/conferences/yr2008/lsa08/default.cfm>) for a preliminary schedule, contact information, and details about the OSU Mini-Institute taking place from July 14-18 (registration deadline April 1).

The **LSA 2009 Annual Meeting** will take place at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower hotel in Portland, Oregon from January 8-11, 2009. Preliminary information on this meeting is available on the LSA web site (<https://lsadc.org/info/meet-annual.cfm>), and will be updated as it becomes available.

Organized Session Proposals for the 2009 Annual meeting may be submitted in preliminary form by **April 15, 2008**. For more information, including submission instructions, please visit the LSA web page at: https://lsadc.org/info/meet-annual08-org_session.cfm.

Other Meetings and Institutes

For a current list of meetings, please visit www.lsadc.org/info/meet-other.cfm.

April, 2008

25-27. The **North America Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL)** returns to Columbus, Ohio, for its 20th anniversary. NACCL-20 will be held on 25-27 April 2008 at The Ohio State University. For further information, see the NACCL-20 website is at: chinalinks.osu.edu/naccl-20/

May, 2008

23-25. **Fifth Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL5)**. SOAS, University of London; all areas of theoretical Altaic linguistics. Abstract deadline: 30 December, 2007. Contact: waf15@soas.ac.uk; www.soas.ac.uk/wafl (website operational in late October).

28-30. **Représentations du sens linguistique (RSL 4)**. Helsinki, Finland. Abstract deadline: 28 September 2007. (Contact: eva.havu@helsinki.fi.)

July, 2008

14-16. **Language, Culture, & Mind, 3rd (LCM 3)**. Odense, Denmark. Theme: Social Life & Meaning Construction. (Contact: hougaard@language.sdu.dk; www.lcm.sdu.dk.)

14-16. **The Past Meets the Present: A Dialogue Between Historical Linguistics and Theoretical Linguistics**. Taipei, Taiwan. Submission deadline: 31 March 2008.

21-26. **CIL18 (18th International Congress of Linguists)**. Korea University, Seoul, Korea. Theme: Unity and Diversity of Languages. Abstract deadline: August 31, 2008. (Contact: www.cil18.org; cil18@cil18.org.) E-mail cil18@cil18.org

August, 2008

24-29. **International Association for Applied Linguistics, 15th (AILA 2008)**. Essen, Germany. Theme: Multilingualism: Challenges & Opportunities. (Contact: bernd.rueschoff@uni-essen.de; www.aila2008.org.)

28 August - 2 September. **History of Language Sciences, 11th (ICHoLS XI)**. Potsdam, Germany. (Contact: Gerda Hassler, ICHoLS XI, U Potsdam, PF 60 15 53, 14415 Potsdam, Germany; info@ichols-xi.de; www.ichols-xi.de.)

September, 2008

26-28. **Fifth International Conference on Construction Grammar (ICCG-5)**
Conference Dates: September 26-28, 2008
Conference Location: University of Texas at Austin
Conference Website: gmc.utexas.edu/iccg5/

Contact: iccg5organization@gmail.com
Abstract Submission deadline: March 15, 2008

November, 2008

7-9. **First International Conference on Language Documentation and Tradition**, with a special interest in the Kalasha of the Hindu Kush valleys, Himalayas.

Conference Location: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of English, Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
Thessaloniki, GREECE

Call for Papers Information: www.enl.auth.gr/icldt-Ka

Contact: ema@enl.auth.gr

Abstract Submission deadline: 30 April 2008

20-23. **American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 37th (AAASS)**. Philadelphia, PA. (Contact: Wendy Walker, Conv Coord, AAASS, 8 Story St, Cambridge, MA 02138; 617-495-0678; fax: 617-495-0680; walker@fas.harvard.edu; www.aaas.org.)

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

Note: for a list of current grants, including granting agency addresses, please visit www.lsadc.org/info/pubs-dirs-grants.cfm.

Grants Calendar

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Granting Agency</u>	<u>URL</u>
July 15, 2008	National Science Foundation: Linguistics	www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5408&org=BCS
July 15, 2008	National Science Foundation: SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants	www.nsf.gov/sbe/bcs/ling/suppdiss.jsp
September 15, 2008	National Science Foundation: DEL (Documenting Endangered Languages)	www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12816

Awards

The Leonard Bloomfield Book Award

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF MANUSCRIPTS: June 1, 2008

First presented in 1992, this award was established to recognize the volume that makes the most outstanding contribution to the development of our understanding of language and linguistics.

Nominations must be accompanied by four copies of the book prior to the deadline.

Eligibility

- All authors of nominated books must be current members of the LSA.
- Book must be published after 28 February 2006 and before 1 March 2008.

Criteria

- Novelty (says something that is not part of the published literature)
- Empirical Import (claims made are empirically falsifiable)
- Conceptual Significance (enriches overall understanding of the nature of human language)
- Clarity (points are clearly formulated; text is reader-friendly)

Established in 1990, the award is presented at the Annual Meeting. Last year, the Executive Committee of the LSA voted to present this award annually. The Committee evaluates all books submitted and recommends one title to the

Executive Committee who must formally approve the recommendation. The recommendation and a citation are sent to the Secretariat by 1 December. The Committee also prepares a 50-word citation which is read at the award ceremony during the Business Meeting and later published in the *LSA Bulletin*. The prize is not to be split, and there are no honorable mentions. Books entered for this prize need not be returned.

Committee members

TBD

Current holder

2008 William Labov, Sharon Ash, and Charles Boberg. *The Atlas of North American English* (Mouton de Gruyter)

Previous winners

2006 R. M. W. Dixon, *The Jarawara Language of Southern Amazonia* (Oxford University Press)

2004 Rodney Huddleston and Geoffrey K. Pullum et al., *The Cambridge Grammar of the English Language* (Cambridge University Press)

2002 Marianne Mithun, *The Languages of Native North America* (Cambridge University Press)

2000 Lyle Campbell, *American Indian Languages: The Historical Linguistics of Native America* (Oxford University Press)

1998 Alice C. Harris and Lyle Campbell, *Historical Syntax in Cross-Linguistic Perspective* (Cambridge University Press)

1996 William Labov, *Principles of Linguistic Change: Internal Factors* (Blackwell Publishers)

1994 Johanna Nichols, *Linguistic Diversity in Space and Time* (University of Chicago Press)

1992 Keren Rice, *A Grammar of Slave* (Mouton de Gruyter)

The Mary R. Haas Book Award

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF MANUSCRIPTS: May 1, 2008

The Mary R. Haas Book Award is presented to a junior scholar for an unpublished manuscript that makes a significant substantive contribution to our knowledge of Native American languages. Although the award carries no financial stipend, the winning manuscript is eligible for publication under the Society's auspices in the University of Nebraska Press series Studies in the Indigenous Languages of the Americas.

For more information on Mary Haas and the Haas Award, go to www.ssila.org.

To submit a manuscript for the Haas Award, send it in PDF format by email or on a CD by post to Ivy Doak, SSILA Executive Secretary, so as to arrive no later than May 1st.

Email: ivy@ivydoak.com

Mail: Haas Award
SSILA
PO Box 1295
Denton, TX 76202-1295

The Ken Hale Prize

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS: May 1, 2008

The Ken Hale Prize is presented in recognition of outstanding community language work and a deep commitment to the documentation, maintenance, promotion, and revitalization of indigenous languages in the Americas. The prize, which usually carries a \$500 stipend, honors those who strive to link the academic and community spheres in the spirit of Ken Hale. Recipients can range from native speakers and community-based linguists to academic specialists, and may include groups or organizations. No academic affiliation is necessary.

Nominations for the prize may be made by anyone, and should include a letter of nomination stating the current position and affiliation, if appropriate, of the nominee or nominated group (tribal, organizational, or academic), and a summary of the nominee's background and contributions to specific language communities. The nominator should also submit a brief portfolio of supporting materials, such as the nominee's curriculum vitae, a description of completed or on-going activities of the nominee, letters from those who are most familiar with the work of the nominee (e.g. language program staff, community people, academic associates), and any other material that would support the nomination. Submission of manuscript-length work is discouraged. The deadline for receipt of nominations is May 1st.

The award is presented at the annual winter meeting. Nominations will be kept active for two subsequent years for prize consideration and nominators are invited to update their nomination packets if so desired.

For more information on Ken Hale and the Hale Prize, go to www.ssila.org.

Please send inquiries and nominations to Ivy Doak, SSILA Executive Secretary.

Email: ivy@ivydoak.com

Mail: Hale Prize
SSILA
PO Box 1295
Denton, TX 76202-1295

Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF MANUSCRIPTS: June 1, 2008

First presented in 1997, this award was established to recognize individuals engaged in on-going efforts to educate the public about linguistics and language.

Frequency: Biennial in odd-numbered years

Next Nomination Deadline: 1 June 2008

Nominations must be accompanied by four copies of the work prior to the deadline.

Eligibility

- All authors of nominated works must be current members of the LSA.
- Works in any medium are eligible, e.g. books, documentary films, articles in popular magazines, software, or lecture series.
- Works must have been published, presented, or aired between December 2003 and December 2007. Note: Because a work is eligible for four years and the award is biennial, a work could be considered in two award cycles.

Criteria

- Works must have had a demonstrable impact on public awareness of language and/or linguistics.

Current Holder

2007 Earl Rick Rickerson, producer of the radio series, "Talkin' about Talk, Year of Languages in the U.S".

Previous Winners

2005 Deborah Tannen, who through her writing and public speaking has promoted the visibility of language and linguistics as part of the national culture for over 20 years.

2003 John Rickford, co-author of *Spoken Soul* (John Wiley, 2000) and author of substantive contributions to discussions surrounding Ebonics and AAVE.

2001 Geoffrey Nunberg, commentator on the NPR program *Fresh Air*.

1999 Eugene Searchinger, producer of *The Human Language*, a public television series of three films distributed in 1995.

1997 Steven Pinker, author of *The Language Instinct* (William Morrow, 1994).

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All job announcements are handled through the LSA Secretariat. To request a posting, [contact the Advertising Manager](#) or fax: (202) 835-1717. Please include contact name, billing address, and the job announcement itself in your request.

The nonprofit website LINGUISTIC ENTERPRISES (www.lsadc.org/info/lingent/index.htm) is available to help academically trained linguists find private sector employment. It offers down-to-earth advice, how-to information, and an opportunity to discuss prospects and problems with others who have found work or are seeking it. The site is maintained by the Linguistics Department at the University of California-Berkeley, in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America.

Note: As far as the Linguistic Society can determine, the US Department of Labor (DoL) does not recognize job announcements that appear only on a website meeting the following the standard set by DoL in 20 CFR 656.21(a)(1)(iii)(B) which has the following requirement: "A copy of at least one advertisement for the job opportunity placed in a national professional journal, giving the name and the date(s) of publication; and which states the job title, duties, and requirements." Running a job announcement online does not take the place of running a job announcement in a hard-copy print publication. As a result, individuals who apply for US permanent residency based on employment obtained through a job announcement that appeared only online might not be able to apply for a labor certification under "special handling rules."

University of British Columbia, Department of Linguistics Phonetics/Speech Sciences 12-Month Limited Term

Position: The Department of Linguistics at the University of British Columbia invites applications for a limited term (12 month) full-time faculty position in phonetics or speech science. We expect this position to be at either the assistant or associate professor level, depending on rank and experience. The successful candidate will teach one graduate course (LING 508: Phonetic Theory and Analysis) and two upper-level undergraduate courses (LING 316: introduction to Phonetics and Speech Science, and 317: Instrumental Phonetics) during the academic year (September to April inclusive). In addition, the position entails some graduate supervision, as well as the opportunity to conduct research and participate actively in the intellectual life of the department.

Qualifications: Applicants should have a primary specialization in phonetics or speech science. A secondary research interest in Linguistic Fieldwork or Cognitive Science would be an asset. Candidates should hold a Ph.D. in phonetics or speech science by the start date of the appointment and have demonstrated teaching ability. The appointment runs for 12 months, starting at a date to be negotiated between July 1st and September 1st 2008. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. This position is subject to final budgetary approval.

Application Details: Please send a hard copy of the following materials to the address below: (i) application letter; (ii) curriculum vitae; (iii) teaching evaluations (if available), or other evidence of teaching effectiveness; (iv) a sample of published or unpublished work. In addition, applicants should arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to: Henry Davis, Acting Head, Department of Linguistics, E270-1866 Main Mall, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6T 1Z1. Email: henryd@interchange.ubc.ca.

Any applicant whose materials are received by February 15, 2008 will be guaranteed consideration. UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply. However, Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

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University of British Columbia, Department of Linguistics
Position in Syntax
12 Month Limited Term

Position: The Department of Linguistics at the University of British Columbia invites applications for a limited term (12 month) full-time faculty position in syntax. We expect this position to be at either the assistant or associate professor level, depending on rank and experience. The successful candidate will teach one graduate and two undergraduate courses during the academic year (September to April inclusive). In addition, the position entails some graduate supervision, as well as the opportunity to conduct research and participate actively in the intellectual life of the department.

Qualifications: Applicants should have a primary specialization in syntactic theory; an additional research interest in First Nations languages, syntactic acquisition, and/or morphological theory would be an asset. Candidates should hold a Ph.D. in linguistics by the start date of the appointment and have demonstrated teaching ability. The appointment runs for 12 months, starting at a date to be negotiated between July 1st and September 1st 2008. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. This position is subject to final budgetary approval.

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New York University, Department of Linguistics
Assistant Professor of Linguistics
Arts and Science

Position: The Department of Linguistics at New York University seeks an assistant professor to fill a tenure-track position in Prosodic Phonology, beginning September 1, 2008, pending administrative and budgetary approval.

Qualifications: Applicants should have a strong background in both theoretical linguistics and in the relevant laboratory techniques. Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses. We seek candidates with expertise in prosodic phonology or intonation and in their interface with syntax, semantics, morphology and/or sociolinguistics. For information about the Linguistics department, please visit www.nyu.edu/gsas/dept/lingu/.

Application Details: Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and a sample of work to Prosodic Search Committee, Department of Linguistics, New York University, 726 Broadway, 7th floor, New York, NY 10003. *Review of applications will begin on February 22, 2008, and continue until position is filled.* New York University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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**National Science Foundation (NSF)
Program Director
Linguistics and Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL)**

Position: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is seeking to hire a Program Director for Linguistics and, ideally, Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL). The new Program Director will work with Joan Maling to direct these programs, and to participate in a range of other NSF activities and competitions. The position will be filled in Summer 2008 and will extend for one or two years.

Qualifications: Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent experience directly related to Language Sciences, plus six or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the program.

Application Details: The job description and instructions for applying for this position can be found at jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobId=68866573&AVSDM=2008%2D02%2D22+00%3A03%3A02.

Applications may be transmitted electronically to rotator@nsf.gov. Individuals may also submit a resume to the National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Attn; E20080056-Rotator.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2008; however applicants are encouraged to submit their applications sooner if at all possible.

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**University of Western Sydney
School of Humanities and Languages
Professor of Language Acquisition and Neurolinguistics
(Ref no: 80033)**

Position: Applications are invited for the position of Professor of Language Acquisition and Neurolinguistics in the School of Humanities and Languages at the University of Western Sydney. The School's research and teaching intersect with the research areas of the MARCS Auditory Laboratories, which are also within the College of Arts. The position requires expertise in language acquisition, neurolinguistics, cognitive neuroscience and neuroimaging.

Qualifications: A Level E academic is required to have a doctoral qualification and to have attained international recognition as an eminent authority with an outstanding track record of high quality publications and funded research projects. The successful applicant will be expected to provide leadership in teaching and research for academic staff across relevant disciplines within the School, and to develop teams and international links for externally funded, collaborative research projects. The successful applicant will make a significant contribution to the recruitment and supervision of Honours and postgraduate research students.

Application Details: For further information please contact Professor Nancy E. Wright at 61-2-9772-6199 or nancy.wright@uws.edu.au. For full details on this position please visit the UWS website: www.uws.edu.au/vacancies

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**University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign (UIUC)
Department of Linguistic
Visiting Lecturer in Persian**

Position: The Department of Linguistics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) invites applications for a three-year visiting Lecturer in Persian beginning August 16, 2008. The position is renewable beyond three years contingent on funding and periodic satisfactory performance reviews. We seek a candidate who is able to teach Persian language courses at all levels and willing to participate in a full range of Persian language program activities.

Qualifications: Required is a Ph.D. degree (or ABD) in Persian language pedagogy, second language acquisition, linguistics, or a related field, experience teaching Persian at the university level, and high proficiency in both Persian and English. Experience with Persian language teaching materials development, especially those involving computer-based instructional technologies, is preferred.

Application Details: The salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications. To ensure full consideration, please send curriculum vitae (including e-mail address), a concise statement of curriculum development and teaching experience, and three letters of reference by April 4, 2008. Applicants may be interviewed before the closing date; however, no hiring decision will be made until after that date. Please send applications to: Department of Linguistics, c/o Marita Romine, 707 S. Mathews Ave., Suite 4080 FLB, MC 168, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Urbana, IL 61801 USA. Questions about this position should be addressed by e-mail to mromine@uiuc.edu. UIUC is an AA/EOE

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**The FrameWorks Institute, Washington DC
Research Director
Senior Researcher
(2) Positions**

Position: The FrameWorks Institute -- a nonprofit think tank that designs, conducts, interprets and explains communications research to advance the resolution of social problems -- seeks a Research Director, and Senior Researcher to contribute to its iterative, multi-method research process, and to participate in its intellectual life. M.A. (Senior Researcher), or Ph. D. (Research Director) in the social or cognitive sciences required; excellent analytic,

writing and organizational skills; and experience with applied research, especially its use by scientists and nonprofit policy leaders.

Qualifications:

Research Director will oversee all research design, management and interpretation, and:

- Conduct or design experimental surveys and other empirical tests of communications strategies
- Conduct or manage original focus groups and/or interviews
- Oversee and manage multiple iterative research projects
- Translate findings from one methodological inquiry to other stages of the research process
- Integrate research findings into reports and applications materials
- Must be SPSS proficient

Senior Researcher will support the work of the Research Director and:

- Conduct, manage, analyze and interpret original focus groups and/or cognitive interviews on specific projects
- Work with FrameWorks management to secure input into qualitative methods
- Provide input and interpretation into other methods based on qualitative findings
- Write interpretive reports and contribute to applications materials, as needed

Application Details: Salary and benefits commensurate with experience. Submit resume with employment history and education background plus relevant publications to FrameWorks c/o 1776 Eye Street, NW 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20006. Or e-mail to info@frameworksinstitute.org

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**Georgetown University
Department of Linguistics
Assistant Professor
Phonology**

Position: The Department of Linguistics at Georgetown University seeks to hire a Visiting Assistant Professor with a specialization in Phonology for the 2008-2009 academic year. Salary and benefits are competitive.

Qualifications: All requirements for the Ph.D. must be completed by August 2008.

Application Details: Interested applicants should send a letter of application, CV, one representative publication and the names of three references to Elizabeth Zsiga, Department of Linguistics, Box 571051, Georgetown University, Washington DC 20057-1051. Applications may be sent by email (pdf versions only) to zsigae@georgetown.edu. For full consideration, applications should be received by March 10. Georgetown University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer.

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University of Oregon
Department of Linguistics
Visiting Assistant or Associate Professor

Position: The Department of Linguistics at the University of Oregon is searching for a visiting assistant or associate professor, with an open specialization, for the academic year 2008-09. The initial contract will be for one year, beginning September 16, 2008 and ending June 15, 2009. The position is non-tenure track and possibly renewable for a second year.

Qualifications: Candidates should carefully describe how their research specialization and theoretical orientation will fit into the mission of our distinctive department with particular emphasis on our graduate program. A Ph.D. awarded by September 16, 2008 is required.

Application Details: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications. To apply, send a CV, a cover letter that discusses your research and teaching interests and experience, and the names and contact information for three references, to Visiting Professor Search, Department of Linguistics, 1290 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1290. We will begin reviewing applications March 18, 2008 and will continue accepting applications until the position is filled. The University of Oregon is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution committed to cultural diversity and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Candidates who promote and enhance diversity are strongly desired. Contact: Professor Eric Pederson, epederso@uoregon.edu

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Steven Gross March 8, 2008

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