

Dear Colleagues,

As part of our program of periodic reminders and updates for LSA members, please see the announcements -- grouped by category -- below:

MEETINGS AND INSTITUTES

2012 Annual Meeting

The LSA's 86th Annual Meeting will take place from January 5-8 at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower in Portland, Oregon. Members may register for the meeting by logging in to the LSA website and clicking on the "Register Now" link under "Meeting Registration."

You may reserve a hotel room at the LSA-negotiated rate of \$99/night single/double online at the Portland Hilton's dedicated meeting website -- http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/P/PDXPHHH-LSA-20120104/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG -- or by calling 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) and mentioning the Linguistic Society of America meeting.

More information about the 2012 Annual Meeting is available at <http://www.lsadc.org/info/meet-annual.cfm>.

Plenary speakers are:

Patrice Speeter Beddor, University of Michigan The Dynamics of Speech Perception: Constancy, Variation, and Change

Dan Jurafsky, Stanford University
Computing Meaning: Learning and Extracting Meaning from Text

Ted Supalla, University of Rochester
Rethinking the Emergence of Grammatical Structure in Signed Languages: New Evidence from Variation and Historical Change in American Sign Language

In addition, the Meeting will feature the usual range of organized, paper and poster sessions, professional development activities, social events, networking, job interviews, and more. Please note the following important dates:

- week of September 19: Notifications are sent to those who submitted abstracts for the Meeting
- October 2: Short abstracts are due from submitters of abstracts accepted for the Meeting
- mid October: Preliminary Program available online

Additional information will be posted about the Meeting and about Portland later this year.

We are looking forward to a great meeting in January! Interest is running high; a record-breaking number of abstracts -- over 600 -- was submitted earlier this year for consideration.

Linguistic Institute

The LSA Congratulates Dr. Martha Palmer, Director; Dr. J. Andrew Cowell and Dr. Laura Michaelis, Assistant Directors; Dr. Beth Levin, External Director; and the Faculty and Staff of our 2011 Linguistic Institute at the University of Colorado at Boulder for a superb job in planning, organizing, and executing a most successful event. Hundreds of students, faculty and affiliates came together for an education and entertaining program of courses, workshops, lectures, excursions, and other special events. Planning has already begun for the 2013 Institute, which will take place at the University of Michigan from June 24-July 20.

ELECTIONS FOR LSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

LSA Members may vote between September 1 and November 6, 2011 on the Slate of Candidates for LSA Officers and Executive Committee members. To vote, log in to the LSA website by entering your email address and password in the boxes at the upper right of the home page: <http://www.lsadc.org>, then scroll down the page until you see the link to cast your ballot electronically under the "Ballots and Surveys" heading. Links to candidates' websites, bios, and personal statements are available. Please make sure to vote for the candidate(s) of your choice.

PUBLICATIONS

Language

The September 2011 issue of *Language* (Volume 87, No. 3) should have reached your mailbox by now and is available for online viewing at <https://lsadc.org/info/pubs-lang-online.cfm>. To see a news release about this issue, see <https://lsadc.org/info/documents/2011/press-releases/2011-09-language.pdf>.

eLanguage

Did you know that eLanguage, the LSA's open-access publishing arm, contains not only several co-journals publishing from throughout the field, but also book reviews, important archives, and extended abstracts from recent LSA Annual Meetings? Find out more at <http://www.elanguage.net/>.

Classic Monographs of the LSA

Classic Monographs of the LSA are available from us for a fraction of their cost elsewhere. Read more at <http://www.lsadc.org/info/pubs-monographs.cfm>.

HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH GUIDELINE CHANGES

The U.S. government is considering significant changes to the current guidelines for human subjects research, which, of course, is central to the work of many linguists. The Office for Human Research Protections website (OHRP) has provided an overview of the proposed changes here: <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/anprm2011page.html>.

The OHRP is presently soliciting comments on the proposed changes from the general public. Information on how to submit comments can be found here: <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/submitanprmcomment.html>.

The posted deadline for comments is October 26, 2011.

The LSA is considering submitting official comments on the proposed changes, but it also encourages its members to submit comments as individuals to ensure that the voice of the linguistics community is represented as fully as possible. More information is available on the LSA's "Take Action" page at <http://lsadc.org/info/action-center.cfm>.

COMMITTEE SERVICE

Are you interested in working on behalf of linguists everywhere through committee membership? The LSA's committees connect members with a variety of research interests (e.g., endangered languages, technology), professional interests (women, student, and minority linguists) and philosophical interests (social and political policies, ethics). Many of these are open committees, requiring nothing more of prospective members than an expressed desire to join the committee. More information is available at <https://lsadc.org/info/lsa-comm.cfm>.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Please consider suggesting yourself or another LSA member for the LSA Member Spotlight. More information is available at <http://lsadc.org/info/member-spotlights/>.

-Other LSA Resources-

Several LSA members have recently received such honors as election to American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Humbolt Research Fellowship, and Canada's prestigious Killam Prize. Read more in the "Laurels to Linguists" section at www.lsadc.org. If you would like to have your own or someone else's achievement mentioned, please e-mail lsa@lsadc.org.

The LSA Ethics Discussion Blog provides an opportunity for you to contribute to the ongoing discussion on this important topic. Check out this blog and the LSA's other interactive resources at <http://www.lsadc.org/info/res-interactive.cfm>.

The LSA accepts job advertisements online, in print, and at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in advertising a job position, please e-mail Rita Lewis at rlewis@lsadc.org.

The LSA maintains listings of conference announcements, grant opportunities, in memoriam notices, and other news items of interest. To submit a listing, e-mail lsa@lsadc.org.

The LSA maintains an online depository of syllabi, exercises, handouts, and other pedagogical documents at <http://lsadc.org/e-learning/admin/index.cfm> (Login to LSA website required).

The LSA administers an online Book Exchange for individuals wishing to donate or request linguistic books or other materials. More information is available at <http://www.lsadc.org/book-exchange/>.

Be sure to visit the LSA website for the most current information on:

Other meetings and calls for papers (<http://www.lsadc.org/info/meet-other.cfm>);

Jobs (<http://www.lsadc.org/info/jobs-index.cfm>)

Guide to grants, fellowships, and awards (<http://www.lsadc.org/info/pubs-dirs-grants.cfm>)

"In Memoriam" listings for recently deceased LSA members (<http://www.lsadc.org/info/res-news.cfm>).

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