

Dear Colleagues,

As part of our program of periodic reminders and updates for LSA members, please see the announcements -- grouped by category -- below. Nominations for the Secretary-Treasurer position and ballots for the 2012 Slate of Candidates, in particular, are time-sensitive.

LSA SECRETARY-TREASURER CANDIDATES

The LSA is seeking candidates for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Society, for a five-year term to begin in January 2013. Nominations, including self-nominations, are encouraged. The nomination deadline is Saturday, October 15th, 2011. More information about the position is available at <http://lsadc.org/info/lsa-secretary-treasurer-2012.cfm>.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR LSA OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Slate of Candidates for LSA Officers and Executive Committee members may be viewed at <http://lsadc.org/info/lsa-candidates-2012.cfm>. Please cast your vote by November 6, 2011. To vote, log in to the LSA website (or, if you are already logged in, click on the "My Homepage" link at the upper right of your screen) and scroll down until you reach the "Ballots and Surveys" section, where you will see a link to cast your vote.

LSA FELLOWS CLASS OF 2012

The LSA is delighted to announce that the following individuals have been elected Fellows of the Linguistic Society of America. They will be inducted in a ceremony which will take place during the LSA's annual Business Meeting on Friday, January 6 at 5:30 PM in the Pavillon East room at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower in Portland, Oregon.

Penelope Eckert, Stanford University

Louis Goldstein, Haskins Laboratories/University of Southern California
Jorge Hankamer, University of California, Santa Cruz
Irene Heim, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Alice Harris, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Angelika Kratzer, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
John McCarthy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Richard P. Meier, University of Texas at Austin
Janet Pierrehumbert, Northwestern University
Elizabeth O. Selkirk, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

The Fellows are elected in secret ballot by the at-large members of the Executive Committee from nominations sent by the LSA membership. Fellows are elected in recognition of their distinguished contributions to the discipline. For more on LSA Fellows, see <http://lsadc.org/info/lsa-fellows.cfm>

LSA AWARDS

The LSA is delighted to announce the winners of the Student Abstract Awards, given for the highest-rated abstracts submitted for the LSA Annual Meeting that are authored solely by students. Awardees will receive a certificate and an honorarium, which will be presented at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, January 7 at 5:30 PM in Grand Ballroom I at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower in Portland, Oregon.

First place: Jennifer Wilson, University at Buffalo (“Evidence for Infixation after the First Syllable: Data from a Papuan Language”) Second place: M. Ryan Bochnak, University of Chicago (“Cross-linguistic variation in degree semantics: The case of Washo”) Third Place: Matthew Tucker, University of California, Santa Cruz (“An Ergative Analysis of Acehnese Tripartite Voice”)

The following awards will also be presented at the Awards Ceremony:

The Early Career Award, which is given to a new scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of linguistics, to Seth Cable (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

The Kenneth L. Hale Award, which recognizes outstanding linguistic scholarship undertaken by a junior or senior scholar that documents a particular endangered or no longer spoken language or language family, to Nancy Dorian (Bryn Mawr College, Emerita) for her work on East Sutherland Gaelic.

The Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award, for a body of work that has had a demonstrable impact on the public awareness of language and/or linguistics, to Leanne Hinton (University of California, Berkeley, Emerita).

In addition, two other awards -- the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award and, new for 2012, the Best Paper in Language (2011) – will be announced in November, and will be presented at the Awards Ceremony.

2012 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

The LSA’s 86th Annual Meeting will take place from 5-8 January, 2012 at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower in Portland, Oregon.

The Preliminary Program for the 2012 Annual Meeting will be posted shortly, in Word and .pdf formats, on the Annual Meeting page: <http://www.lsadc.org/info/meet-annual.cfm>. Please use it to help plan your time in Portland. The Annual Meeting page also contains links and instructions for annual meeting registration (through December 23), hotel room reservations at the Hilton (through December 15) and more. Over the next several weeks, look for more information about local transportation, dining, and attractions.

Plenary Speakers for the meeting 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

The meeting will also feature a screening of the award-winning documentary, *We Still Live Here – Âs Nutayuneân* (a story of cultural and linguistic revival by the Wampanoag of Massachusetts) and a Presidential Address on Bridging Methodologies: Experimental Syntax in the Pacific.

In addition, the Meeting will feature a full range of organized, paper and poster sessions, professional development activities, social events, networking, job interviews, and more.

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 will submit 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.

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 Humboldt 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 lisa@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 lisa@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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