

Dear Colleagues,

As part of our program of periodic reminders and updates for LSA members, please see important updates -- grouped by category -- below. Items in this Update include news about the 2013 Annual Meeting, the LSA Publications Survey, and the LSA's FAQ Brochures.

Call for Organized Session Proposals: 2013 Annual Meeting

The 87th Annual Meeting of the LSA will take place at the Marriott Boston Copley Place from January 3-6, 2013. Proposals for Organized Sessions devoted to both scholarly issues and professional development concerns are being accepted through May 15. Proposals for Satellite Workshops are also being accepted through that date, subject to certain restrictions. See the Annual Meeting page at <http://www.lsadc.org/info/meet-annual.cfm> for more details, and for future notices about regular abstract submission, meeting registration and hotel room reservations, joint activities with the MLA, and more. Individual members, LSA Committees and SIGs, and other entities are encouraged to submit proposals for organized sessions or, time permitting, for Satellite Workshops.

LSA Committee Nominations

Nominations are being accepted through April 2 for service on the LSA's appointed committees, and at any time for service on the LSA's open committees. For more details on committee nominations, please see the LSA website at <https://lsadc.org/info/lsa-comm-nominations.cfm>.

LSA Publications Survey

The Executive Committee of the Linguistic Society of America decided at its last meeting to build on our experience with e-Language and to follow other professional societies into more comprehensive electronic publishing, including the flagship journal *Language*. *Language* is now available electronically but making it into an electronic publication per se entails publishing things not available in print form, such as supplementary data, audio and video files, url links, etc.

This involves many complex issues relating to what the Society publishes and how, best practices of publication in the 21st century, and good business models. As the Society engages with these matters, it seeks the views of linguists (not just members of the LSA) on a number of topics. Please let us know your views through this survey and/or through other forms of communication directed to the Chair of the Publications Committee, David Lightfoot (lightd@georgetown.edu), and feel free to pass the survey on to other linguists who are not members of the Society.

The survey may be accessed at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MT5X6CX>. Responses will be most helpful if received by the end of March.

Why Major in Linguistics? and other Brochures

The LSA's popular "Why Major in Linguistics? (and what does a linguist do)" brochures have recently been revised and redesigned. Thanks are due to the brochures authors, Monica Macaulay and Kristen Syrett, for their speedy work on the revision. Copies have been mailed to linguistics departments and programs throughout the US and Canada. If you would like additional copies for your institution, please e-mail lsa@lsadc.org and let us know how many copies we should send, and to what address.

In addition, we still have a small supply of some of the LSA's other FAQ brochures in hard copy, specifically, "Linguistics and National Security," "What is Sign Language?" and "What is Ebonics?" Please let us know if you would like hard copies of any of these; be sure to specify quantity (up to fifty) and address. They, and the LSA's other brochures, may also be viewed online at <https://lsadc.org/info/ling-faqs.cfm>.

-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). Upload your own materials to enhance the content of this professional resource.

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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