

**Jim Bauman****Linguistic Service Award 2015**

Jim Bauman has had a distinguished career as a linguist at the University of California Berkeley, the University of California San Diego, and the Center for Applied Linguistics. Recently he has offered his expertise to the LSA, working with staff and committees to move the LSA agenda ahead. He is active in initiatives focused on language revitalization and has been a partner in the Breath of Life Institute.

*For exemplary volunteer service to the LSA Secretariat in enhancing the Society's collaborative partnerships, communications, technical infrastructure, and advocacy on behalf of the field of linguistics.*

**Lev Michael****Early Career Award 2015**

Lev Michael, Associate Professor at UC Berkeley, is an accomplished scholar whose work has the breadth, distinction, and impact of someone far more senior. Lev Michael was trained as an anthropologist and an anthropological linguist, working with speakers of indigenous languages of the Peruvian Amazon. His research contributes to language documentation and description, linguistic typology, and areal and comparative-historical linguistics, with outstanding contributions that are theoretically and typologically sophisticated. He has brought teams of students to Peru, working with them and with community members to develop orthographies, produce community-oriented descriptions of the languages, and write dictionary entries, among other things.

*For exceptional contributions to language documentation and description, linguistic typology, areal and comparative-historical linguistics focused on languages of the Peruvian Amazon, combined with outstanding community contributions.*

**Anvita Abbi****Kenneth L. Hale Award**

Professor Anvita Abbi of Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi has devoted decades of work to documenting the minority languages of India, evaluating their status, and training students in fieldwork and language documentation. She is perhaps best known for her recent outstanding work on the Great Andamanese language, a language on the verge of extinction. She has compiled a rich record of the language, including a dictionary, a grammar, and book on ethno-ornithology. This work brought with it great challenges, with few speakers and difficult living conditions. Her nominator speaks of her Herculean achievement in carrying out documentation of a previously barely documented language to this level of sophistication and comprehensiveness, commenting on how it rings of Ken Hale's values.

*For outstanding lifetime contributions to the documentation and description of languages of India, with particular note of her extraordinary contributions to the documentation of the Great Andamanese language, a moribund language that is a key isolate in understanding the peopling of Asia and Oceania.*