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# Grants

## CEDL Travel Funds for Minority Students

The LSA Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics has established a travel fund for minority students who are giving a paper at the LSA Annual Meeting or at any of the concurrent sessions. Students may apply for travel funds (up to \$500) from CEDL by submitting an application to the Chair of CEDL. An application consists of: (1) a letter from the student designating the minority group to which the student belongs and estimating the travel costs; (2) a copy of the abstract; and (3) a brief letter of support from the student's advisor or department chair. The letter from the advisor or chair must indicate that the student is in good standing in his or her program of studies and how much travel money the student's home institution will be contributing to support the student. (We encourage institutions to support students with conference travel money when possible.) This letter must be sealed in an envelope with the advisor's or chair's signature over the flap. Please submit applications to: Marianna Di Paolo, Chair of CEDL, U UT, Dept Ling, 255 S Central Campus Dr Rm 2328, Salt Lake City, UT 84112-0492; (801) 581-8047; (801) 585-7351 (fax); [m.dipaolo@m.cc.utah.edu](mailto:m.dipaolo@m.cc.utah.edu) (Questions/comments only, please. Put 'CEDL Scholarship Q' in the subject line.)

Eligible students will be funded based on the ranking their abstract receives from the relevant program committee. Before CEDL releases funds to a student who has been awarded a CEDL travel scholarship, the Chair of CEDL must be provided with evidence that the student is a member of the LSA and has registered for the annual meeting in question. Students may be asked to provide travel receipts. For the January 2004 annual meeting, CEDL will award travel money to two students. Depending on the available funds, CEDL hopes to increase the number of awards to three for the 2005 annual meeting. The scholarship program is funded by donations made to CEDL.

Students who wish to attend the LSA Annual Meeting in January 2004 should apply by no later than 15 November 2003 in order for their application to be given proper consideration before the meeting. The Committee cannot be responsible for considering applications arriving after that date.

## NYU International Center for Advanced Studies

ICAS at New York University brings together a community of scholars to pursue research, writing, and intellectual exchange around a common theme. The community is international in membership, interdisciplinary and comparative in intellectual strategy, and global in scope. ICAS offers fellowships to scholars in any field of the social sciences and humanities whose work addresses the center's theme. For the years 2004-2007, ICAS is organizing a project on 'The Authority of Knowledge in a Global Age'. In 2004-2005, the topic will be 'The Rule of Markets'. Fellows are awarded a \$35,000 stipend for nine months and are eligible for low cost NYU housing. Applications from outside the US are encouraged. Details are available at the center's website (<http://www.nyu.edu/gsas/dept/icas>) or contact [icas@nyu.edu](mailto:icas@nyu.edu); (212) 995-4546 (fax). Application deadline: 8 January 2004.

## U UT Humanities Research Fellowships

The Obert C. and Grace A. Tanner Humanities Center at the University of Utah is accepting applications for its 2004-2005 fellowship program. Tenured and untenured faculty and independent scholars are eligible to apply. Applicants must have a PhD in hand by August 2002; applications for projects leading to completion of an advanced degree are not eligible. Visiting fellows receive stipends of \$32,500 plus up to \$1,000 reimbursement for eligible moving expenses, office space with use of computer equipment, and library privileges. Postmark deadline: 1 December 2003. Contact: Tanner Humanities Center, U UT, 380 South 1400 East, Rm 201, Salt Lake City, UT 84112-0312; (801) 581-7989; (801) 585-3510 (fax); <http://www.hum.utah>

# Linguistics, Language and the Public Award

Established in 1997, the Linguistics, Language and the Public Award recognizes efforts to foster awareness and understanding of linguistics and languages beyond the usual disciplinary confines. Works in any medium are eligible, e.g. books, documentary films, articles in popular magazines, software, or lecture series.

## Previous Award Winners

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

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

2001 Geoffrey Nunberg, commentator on the NPR program "Fresh "Air"

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

Works considered for the 2004 award must have been published, presented, or aired between December 1999 and December 2003 and must be received no later than 1 March 2004. Note that, because a work is eligible for four years and the award is biennial, a work could be considered in two award cycles. Submissions or nominations must include the work and evidence of its impact. Four copies of all materials are required and should be sent to: Linguistics, Language and the Public Award Cte, LSA Secretariat, 1325 18th St, NW, Suite 211, Washington, DC 20036-6501. Presentation of the award will take place at the 2005 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

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# Bulletin Board

## Congratulations

**Susan Steele** has accepted a position as provost of the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA.

**G. Richard Tucker** (Carnegie Mellon U) has been awarded the Paul Mellon Distinguished Chair of Applied Linguistics.

American Council of Learned Societies 2002-2003 Fellowship Competition: **Judy B. Bernstein** (William Paterson U), **David W. Kaiser** (U Chicago), and **Thomas Klingler** (Tulane U).

The **U TX-Arlington Program in Linguistics** will become the Department of Linguistics and TESOL 1 January 2004.

## Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics

CEDL is sponsoring a competition for travel grants to help offset the cost of presenting papers at the 2004 LSA Annual Meeting in January. Minority students who are presenting papers at the LSA meeting or one of the concurrent meetings in Boston are eligible to apply. See [Grants](#) for details.

## Distance Education Report

A report entitled 'Distance Education at Degree-Granting Postsecondary Institutions: 2000-2001' was issued in July by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES). NCES used the Postsecondary Education Quick Information System (PEQIS) to provide current national estimates on distance education at two-year and four-year Title IV-eligible, degree-granting institutions. Data were collected on a variety of topics related to distance education, including the number and proportion of institutions offering distance education courses during the 2000-2001 12-month academic year, distance education enrollments and course offerings, and distance education degree and certificate programs. To download, view, and print the report as a pdf file, go to: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2003017>.

## LSA at NCTE

Two years ago, the NCTE's Assembly for the Teaching of English Grammar invited the LSA to participate in the development of a document eventually entitled 'Some Questions and Answers about Grammar' which was enthusiastically discussed and endorsed by the LSA's Language in the School Curriculum Committee. NCTE has invited LSA to expand upon this collaboration by presenting a session at NCTE's 2003 convention in November. Ray Jackendoff (Brandeis U) has organized a panel to discuss projects in which research in linguistics has been brought to bear on methods of classroom instruction. The projects involve teaching reading (Carolyn Adger, CAL), teaching grammar (Anne Lobeck, W WA U), and codeswitching (Rebecca Wheeler, Christopher Newport U). These projects are offered as jumping-off points for collaboration between linguists and educators in developing teaching materials suitable for broad distribution both in school systems and in schools of education.

## Project Muse Search Engine Enhancements

Project Muse has introduced a number of enhancements that individuals using Language on-line may find helpful. Users now have more options for working with their results including saving, e-

mailing, exporting to RefWorks and EndNote, and downloading and printing in text-only format. Users can also view their search history and follow links provided to modify the searches or retrieve all of the results of the searches. The display of the results page has a new look: Information about one's current search is at the top, including options to change the order and display, followed by options to modify or narrow results, an option to move between results pages, then list of results. Links on the right-hand side continue to take users to other search features and the search help. Users can also view page numbers for all results as well as the subject headings Muse assigns to all articles.

## **In Memoriam**

J. Marvin Brown (West Valley City, UT)  
Kathleen Ferrara (Texas A&M U)  
Henry Hoenigswald (U Penn)  
Mary Lu Joynes (Waco, TX)  
Lloyd A. Kasten (U WI-Madison)  
Mary Ritchie Key (UC-Irvine)  
James Sledd (U TX-Austin)  
Eugenius M. Uhlenbeck (Voorhout, The Netherlands)  
Ralph L. Ward (North Branford, CT)  
Kenneth G. Wilson (Storrs, CT)

# Executive Committee Report

The Officers and Executive Committee met on Sunday, 4 May 2003, in the Conservatory Room of the Washington Hilton at 9:00 AM and continued until 4:30 PM. The Committee reconvened in the same room on Monday morning, 5 May 2003, from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM. Those attending were: Ray Jackendoff, President; Joan Bybee, Vice-President/President-Elect; Frederick J. Newmeyer, Past President; Sally McConnell-Ginet, Secretary-Treasurer; Gregory Ward, Secretary-Treasurer designate; Kristen Syrett, Bloch Fellow; Stephen Anderson; Eve Clark; Larry M. Hyman; Sarah G. Thomason; and Gillian Sankoff. Michael Krauss was unable to attend due to family illness. Mary M. Niebuhr and Margaret W. Reynolds represented the LSA Secretariat.

## A. Motions of Approval

The minutes of the January 2003 meeting in Atlanta were approved as were the preliminary agenda and the proposed schedule for these meetings.

## B. President's Business

The members of the Executive Committee broke into small groups to review the major activities of the Society: publications, annual meeting, linguistic institutes, and liaison and outreach activities. Their immediate task was to examine these programs and the priorities each reflects; to consider new activities that could help the LSA serve its members better; to recommend funding priorities for LSA activities, including increased support for some and decreased support or termination of others; and to emphasize programs that LSA is uniquely able to provide. It was agreed that it would be useful to continue discussions of this kind at the 2003 Linguistic Institute with active members and prominent linguists who are not members of the LSA.

The President reported on his efforts to organize a session at the November 2003 meeting of the National Council of the Teachers of English in San Francisco.

The Committee received with thanks the revisions to the access policy at the Society's archives housed at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection and the report of the Ad Hoc Constitution Review Committee; nominated John Rickford, Bill Labov, and Ed Battistella to be invited to participate in the June meeting on the National Science Foundation's educational reform and human resource development project; and approved a resolution of thanks to Peter Tiersma for his work on preparing the amicus brief in the Alaska English Only case.

## C. Linguistic Institutes

The report on plans for the upcoming 2003 Linguistic Institute at Michigan State University, prepared by Director Dennis Preston, was received with great thanks. The Committee also received a report from the Committee on Linguistic Institutes and Fellowships, accepted with thanks the progress report submitted by Sabine Iatridou of MIT on the 2005 Linguistic Institute, and learned that UCO has begun planning for the 2007 Institute and that UC-Berkeley is interested in hosting an Institute.

## D. State of the Discipline

The Committee discussed the FAQs and identified additional topics (and authors).

## E. Committee, Delegate and Secretariat Reports

The Committee received with thanks the report from Joseph Aoun, chair of the Nominating Committee, and reports from the Committees on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics, Advisory to Programs, Language in the School Curriculum, Endangered Languages and Their Preservation, and Computing. The reports received from LSA delegates to Sections Z, J, and V of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages were accepted with great gratitude. The report from the Committee on Committee and Delegate Appointments was accepted with thanks. All of the nominations made by the Committee

on Committee and Delegate Appointments were approved by the Executive Committee.

#### **F. Publications**

The report from the Editor of Language, Brian Joseph, was received with thanks. The Committee approved the guidelines suggested by the Editor for the appointment of Associate Editors of Language: The Committee voted a special motion of appreciation to Mark Aronoff and Megan Sumner for their work on the Index to Language 1925-2000. The Secretariat presented a report on the status of the redesign of the LSA website. The Committee received brief reports on the Society's participation in Project Muse and JSTOR.

#### **G. Reports from Sister Organizations and Collaborative Projects**

The Secretariat highlighted the reports received from the following: Consortium of Social Science Associations, National Humanities Alliance, Center for Applied Linguistics, Joint National Committee on Languages/National Council for Languages and International Studies, the National Museum of Language, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Coalition on the Academic Workforce, the National Research Council, and the Modern Language Association. The Committee received with thanks a brief report from Doug Whalen on the status of The Journal on Endangered Languages, a project of the Volkswagen Foundation.

#### **H. Secretary-Treasurer's Business**

Sally McConnell-Ginet reported that the number of members continues to fall. This year the bankruptcy of Rowcom/Divine has cost the LSA nearly 100 library and institutional renewals. The Committee unanimously approved awarding the Victoria A. Fromkin Prize to Eugene Nida in 2004.

#### **I. Annual Meeting**

The Secretariat reported that at the first meeting of the officers of co-sponsoring societies in Atlanta it was pointed out that the LSA guidelines on joint and concurrent meetings were out of date. The Committee then approved a revised version of the guidelines. The Committee received an update on the plans for the Boston meeting. The Committee voted to amend its policy regarding the location of the Annual Meeting. From now on, the LSA will limit the host cities for its Annual Meeting to those located in states without sodomy laws. In light of this change, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to move the site of the 2006 meeting from Houston, TX, to Albuquerque, NM.

#### **J. Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met from 3:00–4:30 PM, Saturday, 3 May, in the Conservatory Room of the Washington Hilton. Those attending were Joan Bybee, Ray Jackendoff, Sally McConnell-Ginet, Frederick J. Newmeyer, and Gregory Ward. Margaret Reynolds represented the Secretariat. The Finance Committee took the following actions:

1. Approved the minutes of the January 2003 meeting;
2. Received a report on the status of the LSA investment portfolio;
3. Discussed the possibility of retaining additional financial advisors;
4. Tabled a discussion of the draw-down of the Endowment Funds until after the Executive Committee discussion;
5. Suggested that committees and departments/programs be invited to nominate targeted projects for possible support;
6. Agreed to offer those participating in the National Council of Teachers of English panel in November in San Francisco \$500.00 each in support;
7. Encouraged the Secretariat to continue discussions with the Modern Language Association and the Center for Applied Linguistics about a Language Summit, focusing on public awareness of language;
8. Approved the proposed budget with the suggested increases in advertising fees;
9. Agreed in principle to pay from the Membership Assistance Fund the institutional dues of university libraries victimized by the bankruptcy of Rowcon/Divine; and



10. Received proposals from the Oxford University Press and Blackwell Publishers to provide special benefits to LSA members.

The Executive Committee amended and then voted to approve the proposed budget for FY 2003-04 and approved the proposal from McMaster & Associates to perform the annual audit. The Secretariat was asked to investigate other firms to act as financial managers for the Society's portfolio. The Committee determined that a draw-down of the endowment, originally discussed in January, should be used to support LSA's participation in the NCTE meeting and in the Language Summit planned with CAL and MLA. The funds could also be used to enhance the LSA website.

#### **K. Executive Session**

Margaret W. Reynolds was reappointed Executive Director for a term beginning 1 October 2003 and continuing to 30 September 2004.

#### **L. New Business**

At the request of Larry Hyman, the Committee discussed the importance of endangered languages to the LSA agenda.

## Nota Bene

**2004 Ballots.** A ballot to elect a Vice-President/President-Elect for 2004, two Executive Committee members, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Editor of Language and a ballot concerning proposed changes to the LSA Constitution were mailed 1 August along with the dues notices for 2004. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the Secretariat; the deadline for returning both ballots is 1 December 2003.

**Long Range Planning.** The Society wishes to thank those who took part in the sessions devoted to long-range planning for the LSA last summer during the Linguistic Institute: Anthony Aristar (Wayne SU), Betty Birner (N IL U), Mary Bucholtz (UC-Santa Barbara), Jeanette Gundel (U MN-Twin Cities), Mike Hammond (U AZ), Beth Hume (OH SU), Ray Jackendoff (Brandeis U), Polly Jacobson (Brown U), Bill Ladusaw (UC-Santa Cruz), Terry Langendoen (U AZ), Alec Marantz (MIT), Sally McConnell-Ginet (Cornell U), Dennis Preston (MI SU), Ivan Sag (Stanford U), Donca Seriade (MIT), Elaine Tarone (U MN-Twin Cities), and Gregory Ward (Northwestern U).

**Thanks.** The Society thanks Geoffrey Pullum (UC-Santa Cruz) and Bruce Fraser (Boston U) for preparing "Guidelines for Giving an LSA Paper" which was sent to all 2004 Annual Meeting presenters.

**Student Welcome Packets.** The Secretariat would like to provide "welcome" packets for new and returning graduate students in linguistics and related fields. The packets contain a welcome letter and information about LSA membership. Departments and programs are urged to request them by emailing the Secretariat ([Isa@lsadc.org](mailto:Isa@lsadc.org)). New members in our field are the future of the Society, and we want to welcome them as Society members as soon as possible.

**New Website.** The third generation of the LSA website is now up. Thanks to those who made many suggestions for this new version.

**Results of Balloting on Resolutions.** Balloting by members of the Linguistic Society on the two resolutions approved by those attending the 2003 Annual Meeting in Atlanta has been completed. The first resolution expressed opposition to the US military's policy of dismissing linguists, translators, interpreters, or other members of the armed forces on the basis of their sexual orientation. The second stated the society's opposition to all discrimination and political sanctions against scholars in any aspect of professional life, where such discrimination is based not on the conduct of the scholars themselves but solely on the scholars' religion, ethnicity, citizenship, or policies and actions of the countries in which they work and live. Both resolutions were overwhelmingly approved by the members of the Society who cast ballots by the 1 July 2003 deadline.

**NSF Vacancy.** NSF is searching for a new Assistant Director for the Directorate of Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) to be appointed 1 March 2004. It is a 2-3 year rotating position. The Director controls significant funds and has opportunity to create initiatives, set agendas, and channel the progress of research in the areas covered by SBE. The job involves a lot of legislative and other government contact as well as keeping a finger on the pulse of the various fields. Information about the position can be found on the left side of the following web page:

<http://www.nsf.gov.od/>.