



Linguistic Society of America

October 24, 2013

Dear Colleague:

The LSA recently established a new charitable contribution fund in memory of Ivan Sag. This fund was established in consultation with Ivan's family, and is to be used to support the LSA's continuing sponsorship of the Linguistic Institute.

As you may know, Ivan was one of the driving forces behind modern Linguistic Institutes, seeing them rightly as a setting where formal academic activity and informal interaction converge happily -- where conversations over food and drink help generate new ideas, and break down disciplinary and status boundaries. He was an active organizer already at the 1974 Amherst Institute, co-directed the 1987 Stanford Institute, and was a formal Associate Director or informal guru at most Institutes in the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s.

The long-term goal for the Ivan Sag Fund is to raise sufficient donations to support an endowed student fellowship at the Institute. An endowment relies on the earnings rather than the principal to generate the financial award. In order to support a biennial fellowship that covers tuition, room and board, plus travel, the LSA will need to raise a minimum of \$50,000. As of today, we have raised \$16,000+. The fundraising drive will continue indefinitely until sufficient funds are raised, but we hope to reach our goal in time to make the first award at the 2015 Institute in Chicago.

As former Directors of the Linguistic Institute (1986 – 2013), we invite you to make a donation to the Ivan Sag Linguistic Institute Fund (if you have not already done so). Donations may be made online at <http://www.linguisticsociety.org/donate>, where you will also find a printable donation form which can be returned with a payment by check or credit card off-line.

Thank you for considering this request.

Best regards,

Robin Queen, Co-Director, Linguistic Institute, 2013

Andries Coetzee, Co-Director, Linguistic Institute, 2013

Martha Palmer, Director, Linguistic Institute, 2011

Andrew Garrett, Director, Linguistic Institute, 2009

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Peter Sells, Director, Linguistic Institute, 2007

Sabine Iatridou, Director, Linguistic Institute, 2005

Dennis Preston, Director, Linguistic Institute, 2003

Charles Li, Director, Linguistic Institute, 2001

Adele Goldberg, Director, Linguistic Institute, 1999

Sally McConnell-Ginet, Director, Linguistic Institute, 1997

Joan Bybee, Director, Linguistic Institute, 1995

Brian Joseph, Director, Linguistic Institute, 1993

Jorge Hankamer, Co-Director, Linguistic Institute, 1991

William Ladusaw, Co-Director, Linguistic Institute, 1991

Susan Steele, Director, Linguistic Institute, 1989

Elizabeth C. Traugott, Co-Director, Linguistic Institute, 1987

D. Terence Langendoen, Director, Linguistic Institute, 1986