

# International Linguistic Association

## *Monthly Lecture Series*

**Saturday, December 2, 2023. 11 AM - 12 PM (EST)**

**Dr. Ross Perlin**

*Co-Director of the Endangered Language Alliance (ELA)*

### **Mapping Linguistic Diversity and Documenting Endangered Languages in New York**

**Abstract:**

For over a decade, the Endangered Language Alliance (ELA), a linguist-led nonprofit with a mission to document and support linguistic diversity, has been working with speakers and communities to map and document the lesser-known, minority, endangered, and Indigenous languages of the New York area. One major product of this effort is the Languages of New York map ([languagemap.nyc](http://languagemap.nyc)), which shows a city of unprecedented and intricately patterned linguistic diversity, with over 700 language varieties used at over 1,200 significant sites across the metropolitan area. ELA Co-Director Ross Perlin will discuss both the mapping work—which raises difficult questions of representation, both technological and conceptual, about how to map linguistic geography—and the scope of ELA’s work as a linguistic organization more broadly.

**Date & Time: December 2, 2023 at 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

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**Ross Perlin** is a linguist, writer, and translator focused on exploring and supporting linguistic diversity. Since 2013 he has been co-director of the Endangered Language Alliance (ELA), managing research projects on language mapping, documentation, policy, and public programming for urban linguistic diversity. He also teaches linguistics at Columbia and his book on endangered languages in New York City is coming out next year with Grove Atlantic.

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