

LING 662: Topics in Experimental Sociolinguistics Fall 2014

COURSE TIME Wed. 10:00 am - 12 pm
LOCATION Linguistics Lab (3810 Walnut)
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OVERVIEW

In this seminar we will ask how the techniques of experimental psycholinguistics might be applied to questions about socially-meaningful language variation. Very broadly, we will begin with a consideration of experimental approaches to social meaning in language, then move towards the use of experimental techniques to investigate the properties of variation in grammatical structure. The primary goal of the seminar is to put students in a strong position to move forward with innovative experimental research of their own design.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All students, including those who are sitting in, should keep up with the readings and participate fully in discussions and the experimental design workshop. If you are taking the course for credit, you will design an experiment as a term project. We will discuss and critique the experimental designs at a conceptual level on Oct. 1st. The submitted write-up at the end of the semester should include a literature review and methodology description such as you would find in a journal paper, as well as a detailed set of stimuli etc. You should consult with me individually, as early in the semester as possible, to discuss the parameters of the project in light of your own interests.

EVALUATION

10% Presentation for workshop
50% Experimental design write-up
40% Participation (reading, discussions and workshop critique)

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READINGS**Aug. 27 Overview and experimental design**

Schwarz 2013 | Clifton 2007 | Campbell-Kibler forthcoming

Sept. 3 Inferring social meanings

Bender 2004 | Campbell-Kibler 2011

Sept. 10 The influence of social information on perception

Staum Casasanto 2008 | Hay & Drager 2010

Sept. 17 Phonetic convergence

Shockley et al. 2004 | Abrego-Collier et al. 2011 | Babel 2012

Sept. 24 Production and perception of variants

Connine 2004 | Sumner & Samuel 2005 | Sumner 2013 | Sumner et al. 2013

Oct. 1 Experimental design workshop**Oct. 8 Tracking variants in sequence**

Labov et al. 2011 | Levon & Fox 2014

Oct. 15 Planning and memory

Labov & Cohen 1967 | Baddeley 2003 | Wagner 2012

Oct. 22 Structural priming

Pickering & Ferreira 2008 | Hartsuiker et al. 2008

Oct. 29 Morphological priming

Van Wageningen 2005 | Kouider & Dupoux 2009

Nov. 5 Socially-sensitive priming

Some combo of:

Balcetis & Dale 2005 | Squires 2013 |

Ferguson & Bargh 2004 | Bargh 2006

Nov. 12 Linguistic expectation violation

Bernolet & Hartsuiker 2010 | Jaeger & Snider 2013 | Fine & Jaeger 2013

Nov. 19 Social expectations and salience

Van Berkum et al. 2008 | Auer et al. 1998

Dec. 3 Individual differences

Schilling et al 1998 | Yu 2010 | Kamide 2012

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