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Schedule of Events

Session 1 |

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Room	Theme	Presentations
Room A	Phonetics & Phonological Systems	* Acoustics of Geminates in Baangi (Ajayi Akinloluwa, Ogunremi Ifeoluwa) * /s/ Debuccalization in Spanish (Alexandria S. B. Johnson) * Korean Three-Way Laryngeal Stop System (Ruihan Ren)
Room B	Language Learning & Processing	* Mandarin Accented Speech Learning (Yutong Wang) * Cross-Situational Word Learning (Xiaoyi Zeng) * Bilingual Lexical Decision Delays (Nguyen, Dafalla, & Santiago)
Room C	Media, News, & Discourse	* News Discourses on "iel" (Cecil Wakefield) * COVID-19 Response in Immigrant Communities (Alexcia Boothe) * Non-Binary Identities in French Press (Hailoc Nguyen)
Room D	Syntax & Morphosyntax	* Syntax of Lonely Transitives (Linda Do & Ella Moran) * Mandarin Purposive Lai-Clauses (Xiaoou Liu) * Bulgarian Clitic Phenomena (Dya Acharjee)
Room E	Pragmatics & Social Meaning	* Socio-Semantic Analysis of Dog Whistles (Kaley Frye) * Pragmatics of Digital Guilt (Yeh-Hsin Chen) * Rhetoric in North Korea's Juche Ideology (Kaleigh Mueller)

Session 2 |

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Room	Theme	Presentations
Room A	Sociophonetics & Dialect Perception	* Southern or Stupid: Dialect Labeling (Will Carraway) * Southern Vowel Shift in City Council Meetings (Audrey Fullerton) * Postvocalic /r/ in Jimmy Carter's Speech (Lauryn Wang)
Room B	Tone, Prosody, & Asian Languages	* Mandarin Third-Tone Sandhi in Taiwan (Kaiyen Chen) * A Formal Language Account on Tianjin Tone Sandhi (Zitong Yang) * Mandarin-Taiwanese Code-switching (Eric Chao-Te Yee)
Room C	Language, Identity, & Attitudes	* Linguistic Hybridity in Nanjiang (Senlin Wang) * Vocalic Sound Change and Identity in Twin Cities, MN. (Maeve Lichtenberg) * Attitudes Towards Valley Girl Speech (Alex Martinez)
Room D	Clinical & Cognitive Linguistics	* Pronoun Use in Psychosis Risk (Amer & Obalapuram) * Dialect Acquisition & Autism (Deanna Sharpe) * Temporal Orientation in Natural Language (Jinghao Zhang)
Room E	Embodiment, Variation and Language Use	* Gestural/Spatial Grammar in Korean (Alisa Funke) * He Go EveryTHING (Calvin Clark Jr.) * Acoustics of Gemimates in Baangi (Ajayi Akinloluwa, Ogunremi Ifeoluwa)

Invited Talk |

11:00 AM – 11:40 AM

Topic: The Pragmatics of Linguistic Framing

Speaker: Dr. Kevin Holmes *Associate Professor of Psychology, Reed College*

Abstract: Subtle linguistic cues can shape the way people think about complex issues. For example, people are more likely to endorse gender stereotypes about math ability after reading "Girls are just as good as boys at math" than a statement with the same subject-complement structure but with the genders reversed. Traditional accounts of linguistic framing characterize such effects as an irrational consequence of biased reasoning processes. In this talk, by contrast, I describe a recent line of work that highlights the often-overlooked role of pragmatic inference. Across several experiments, we find that the framing effects of subject-complement statements are driven by people who are better at picking up on the pragmatic implications of the statements. These effects are substantially reduced, however, for people who explicitly cite the statements as influencing their reasoning, suggesting that they recognized the implicit message and pushed back against it. These results show that pragmatic inference is a crucial mechanism in subject-complement framing but that people do not inevitably accede to what they infer. Our findings add to a growing body of evidence that many framing effects—far from being irrational—are a natural product of human communication.

Session 4 |

11:40 AM – 12:40 PM

Room	Theme	Presentations
Room A	Applied Language & Communication	* Taiwan's Disaster Cell Messages (S. Chen & J. Huang) * Politeness in Yorùbá Healthcare (A. Alex & J. Elizabeth) * Power Relations in Construction Sites (Jui-Ying Chien)
Room B	Media, Public Discourse, & Representation	* Modal Words in True vs. Fake News (P. Hsu & Y. Lu) * US Immigration Attitudes in CNN & FOX (Fanqin Meng) * Stereotypes in The Great British Bake-Off (Evelyn LeDesma)
Room C	Word Formation, Meaning, & Style	* Mandarin Chinese Photocard Naming (H. Ting-Chen & H. Yun-Yuan) * The Secret of “Love” (Yan Xun) * Stratified Similes (Malhaar Nair)
Room D	Cognition, Representation, & Computation	* Data-Driven Phonestheme Candidates (Savannah Brown) * Natural Language Inference in LLMs (Kyle Andrew Urban, Zachary K. Stine) * Hangeul as a Computational Medium (Sungjun Kim)
Room E	Typology, Contact, & History	* Numeral Formation in Austronesian Languages (Nai-Wei Lu) * Tracing Sources of /k /dz/ (Noah Steinbrecher) * Russified Pronunciation in Kazakh (Joshua Dale Roberts)

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