

# WISSLR 2009

Welcome to the first ever Western Interdisciplinary Student  
Symposium on Language Research!



Friday March 6, 2009

University College Room 224a

Time	Presenter	Topic	Affiliation
10:00 - 10:25	<b>Coffee</b>		
10:25 - 10:30	<b>Welcome: Dr. David Heap, Director, Graduate program in Linguistics</b>		
<b>Session One    Session Chair: Trevor Plug</b>			
10:30 - 10:50	Jeeweon Shin-Flath	Voices from the Margin	University of Western Ontario
10:50 - 11:10	Patricia Bayona	Crosslinguistic Influences in the Acquisition of Spanish L3	University of Western Ontario
11:10 - 11:30	Staci Grigg	First Language Acquisition of Injunctives: A Case Study	Thompson Rivers University
11:30 - 11:50	Kristan Nelson	The Syntax of Fragments and Children's Spontaneous Speech	St. Mary's University
11:50 - 1:30	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>Session Two    Session Chair: Caelan Bowers</b>			
1:30 - 1:50	Margot Stothers	Language Strengths and Weaknesses in Nonverbal Learning Disability: Implications for Reading Comprehension in Typical Adults	University of Western Ontario
1:50 - 2:10	Beth MacLeod	The Effect of Perception on Production of English /w/ by Costa Rican Spanish Speakers	University of Toronto
2:10 - 2:30	Xiuhua Ke	Grammatically Correct vs. Meaningful Chinese: A Study of English-Speaking Students' Learning of CFL	University of Western Ontario
2:30 - 2:50	Mike Stuart	Charity as a Bridge from Use to Meaning	York University
2:50 - 3:20	<b>Coffee</b>		
<b>Session Three    Session Chair: Sheryl Sawyer</b>			
3:20 - 3:40	Aaron Barth	Frege's Context Principle	University of Western Ontario
3:40 - 4:00	Julian Brooke	The Quantification of Sentiment	Simon Fraser
4:00 - 4:20	Khadija Belfarhi	Language Instrumentalism and Philosophy of Language: a Look at the Limits of Linguistics	University of Annaba
4:20 - 4:40	Lorna Huiskamp	An Alternative Scheme for Farradane's Relational Indexing	University of Western Ontario

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Saturday March 7, 2009

Time	Presenter	Topic	Affiliation
8:30 - 9:00	<b>Breakfast</b>		
<b>Session Four Session Chair: Mehrnaz Ahmadi Joobaneh</b>			
9:00 - 9:20	Keffyalew Gebregziabher	Word Order Anomaly in Tigrinya Serial Verb Constructions and Its Implications to Anti-symmetric Syntax	University of Calgary
9:20 - 9:40	Mehrnoush Ahmadi Joobaneh	The location of vowel epenthesis in loan words initial JC clusters in Persian	University of Western Ontario
9:40 - 10:00	Daniel Trinh	Effect of Orthographic Cues in Activating Phonological Syllables During Reading	University of Western Ontario
10:00 - 10:20	Vikar Qureshi	Reading the Students: Reading Instruction in Multilingual Classrooms	University of Western Ontario
10:20 - 10:50	<b>Coffee</b>		
<b>Session Five Session Chair: Jessica Spieker</b>			
10:50 - 11:10	Caelan Bowers	Age and Orthographic Effects on the Lexico-semantic Organization of Japanese-English Bilinguals	University of Western Ontario
11:10 - 11:30	Deanna Friesen	Bilingual Semantic Activation During Sentence Processing	University of Western Ontario
11:30 - 11:50	Kaja Jasinska	Early and Late Bilingualism Effects on the Syntactic Constraints of Code-Switching	University of Western Ontario
11:50 - 12:10	Emanuela Yeung and Pierina Cheung	Mental Abacus as a Tool to Track Exact Quantities in the Absence of Language	University of Toronto
12:10 - 1:30	<b>Lunch</b>		
1:30 - 2:30	<b>Keynote Speaker - Dr. Rob Stainton - Are All Pragmatic Abilities Of A Piece? Evidence from Autism Spectrum Disorder</b>		
2:30 - 2:50	<b>Discussion</b>		
2:50 - 3:20	<b>Coffee</b>		
<b>Session Six Session Chair: Kaja Jasinska</b>			
3:20 - 3:40	Jessica Spieker	Constructions of Local and Non-Local Identity in Canadian Hip Hop Lyrics	University of Western Ontario
3:40 - 4:00	María Eugenia de Luna Villalón	Mexican Temporary Migrants in Canada: a Sociolinguistic Approach	University of Western Ontario
4:00 - 4:20	Sheryl Sawyer	Oppositional Ideology Uses of Linguistic Devices in the Battle for Public Opinion	University of Western Ontario
4:20 - 4:40	Trevor Plug	The Pragmatics of "until"	University of Western Ontario
4:40 - 5:00	Mackenzie Salt	Instant Internet Messaging as a Linguistic Register	York University

The WISSLR organizing committee are:  
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