A Message From The Section Chair

Geoffrey Raymond - UC Santa Barbara

The 2011 ASA meetings in Las Vegas were a great success from the point of view of the EMCA Section. Attendance was good at all of the sessions, especially compared with the overall attendance at the meeting this year. The 2011 Section Awards were presented at the Business Meeting, and celebrated again at the reception at the Caramel Lounge in the Bellagio after the meeting. It was exciting to see many new faces joining our established members at this year’s meeting. At this year’s meeting Professor Wes Sharrock was given the Lifetime Achievement award. Although Professor Sharrock could not attend the meetings, Jeff Coulter provided a generous and thoughtful appreciation of his work and read a letter accepting the award on his behalf. Michael Lynch, Simon A. Cole, Ruth McNally and Kathleen Jordan won the publication award for their book, Truth machine: The contentious history of DNA fingerprinting, and Edward Reynolds won the Graduate Student paper competition for his paper “Epistemics in Conflict: Enticing a Challengeable in Protest Arguments”. This year’s section meeting also included the inaugural bestowal of the Pollner Award, which honors the intellectual spirit and memory of Melvin Pollner. Darin Weinberg, the first winner of the Pollner Award, was recognized for his book, Of Others Inside: Insanity, Addiction and Belonging in America.

In Las Vegas the section celebrated the life, work, and intellectual legacy of Harold Garfinkel with a special event in his honor. Doug Maynard and John Heritage organized the event and contributed remembrances and appreciations along with Jeff Coulter, David Goode, Rich Hilbert, Mike Lynch, Douglas Macbeth, Anne Rawls, and William Sharrock. Thank you to all who attended or otherwise contributed to this year’s meeting. The call for next year’s meeting is due out in the next month, so you may want to begin preparing your submission now.

Finally, I am very, very pleased to introduce our new editor for the newsletter, Kohei Yamazato. Kohei has also volunteered to serve as the webmaster/designer for the section website. We are very fortunate that he has so generously contributed his creativity and know-how to our section. You can read more about Kohei, and his research interests below.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Raymond
Building membership in the EMCA Section

A core concern for our section remains the continuing need to increase membership. Membership is important for several reasons. Officially, we are supposed to have at least 300 members to secure our status as a section, although the ASA also considers our section activity (awards, attendance at sections, newsletters, and other activities) as justifying our continued existence. However, the funding provided to the section by ASA depends on the number of members we have, which is important for funding the activities of the section. And, most importantly, the number of sessions we are allotted for the annual meetings is directly proportional to the number of members in our section. We would like to encourage each member to contact one or two colleagues (who may be interested in the section) and ask whether they might consider joining it.

Upcoming Conferences

NCA 97th Annual Convention
"Voice"
Sheraton New Orleans/Marriott New Orleans
Thursday, November 17 - Sunday, November 20, 2011
http://www.natcom.org/convention/

5th Conversation Analysis Day Meeting
Monday, December 19th, 2011, Loughborough University, UK.
Asymmetries in Interaction
http://www-staff.lboro.ac.uk/~ssca1/CADay2011/CADay2011.html

PIN - C 2012 Participatory Innovation Conference
Melbourne, Australia: including a track on: Making Design and Analyzing Interaction.
January 12-14, 2012

Discourse <> Communication <> Conversation
An anniversary conference to celebrate
25 years of the Discourse and Rhetoric Group (DARG)
& 10 years of the Culture and Media Analysis Research Group (CAMARG)
March 21st - 23rd, 2012, Loughborough University, U.K.
http://www-staff.lboro.ac.uk/~ssca1/DCconf2012/DC2012home.html

Liz Stokoe will be giving her Inaugural Lecture on Wednesday 21st March 2012.
Upcoming Conferences

16th Arbeitstagung zur Gesprächsforschung
March 21 to March 23, 2012 Mannheim, Germany

CALPIU’12:
Higher education across borders: Transcultural interaction and linguistic diversity
April 1-4, 2012, Roskilde University, Denmark
http://calpiu12.ruc.dk/calpiu12/index

CLIC GSA Conference
Center for Language, Interaction, and Culture
May 10-12, 2012
University of California, Los Angeles
www.sscnet.ucla.edu/clic

NEW PUBLICATIONS


Melvin Pollner Award
Darin Weinberg for his book, Of Others Inside: Insanity, Addiction And Belonging in America

"Weinberg's Of Others Inside is a treasure trove of groundbreaking research and theoretical insights for anyone interested in deviance and social problems." —Contemporary Sociology
The Department of Linguistics at Georgetown University is pleased to announce one of two tenure-track positions in Sociolinguistics at the Assistant Professor level. We seek candidates who have a strong record of research and teaching, and ability to teach courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels, in any combination of subfields including but not limited to: analysis of videotaped interaction; computer mediated communication; language and gender, space, politics, religion or identity; intercultural communication; classroom interaction; or macrosociolinguistics (including language policy and planning, bi- and multilingualism, and language endangerment). The appointment will start on August 1, 2012. Applicants must have completed all requirements for the PhD degree by the time of the appointment.

Georgetown University is a global university with ambition to continue to build a world-class faculty that is diverse and inclusive in all material ways. We look to welcome to our faculty new colleagues who bring strengths we do not now have or ones that need reinforcement and extension. Georgetown University is interested in applicants with experience and interest in 1) communities of color, 2) cultures other than their own, 3) culturally diverse groups and 4) developing and implementing curricula that address multicultural issues. Applications must be sent both by surface mail and by email (in pdf format), and should be received by November 15, 2011 for full consideration. Dossiers should include a letter of application, curriculum vitae, at least one representative publication, and names (with contact information) of three references.

Applications should be addressed to:

Deborah Tannen, Chair
Sociolinguistics Search Committee
Linguistics Department
Georgetown University

Deadline for Nominations: March 1, 2012

**EMCA Distinguished Publication Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding publication contributing to ethnomethodology and/or conversation analysis. The 2012 award will be given to an article. Eligible articles for the 2012 award must be published between 2010 and 2012, inclusively. Authors can submit their own publications, or nominations can be made on their behalf. To submit a nomination, please email full publication.

Please submit nominations to the section chair:
Geoffrey Raymond graymond@soc.ucsb.edu

**EMCA Graduate Student Paper Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding paper written by a graduate student. Submitted papers should address ethnomethodological and/or conversation analytic topics and literature and should read well as stand-alone papers. Maximum length is 10,000 words. Published papers or those that have been accepted for publication are not eligible. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all authors are students. All identifying references to the author(s) should be removed from submissions. A total of $300 is available to offset convention travel expenses for winning student(s).

Please submit nominations to Tanya Stivers
Stivers@soc.ucla.edu

**KEY DATES**


DEADLINE: December 31, 2011 Last Day to Renew ASA (EMCA) Membership

DEADLINE: December 31, 2011 Mel Pollner Prize Nominations


DEADLINE: March 1, 2012 ASA 2012 Section Awards/Nomination

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Distinguished Publication Award
Michael Lynch, Simon A. Cole, Ruth McNally and Kathleen Jordan for their book:
Truth machine: The contentious history of DNA fingerprinting

"At the heart of Truth Machine lies the fundamental debate about the evaluation of probabilistic risk. The book examines the use of DNA tests in legal proceedings and the development of DNA-profiling methods in the United Kingdom and the United States....Truth Machine is an interesting read — it illustrates that the controversy of DNA profiling is rooted not in the science, but mainly in the restrictions of the adversarial system." —Peter Gill, Nature

ASA 107TH ANNUAL MEETING, REAL UTOPIAS
August 17-20, 2012 Denver Colorado

Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
Session Organizers, Tim Berard, Kent State University, Steven Clayman, UCLA

Graduate Student Paper Award
Edward Reynolds

Epistemics in Conflict: Enticing a Challengeable in Protest Arguments

Chair of the selection committee, Angela Garcia and Edward Reynolds
EMCA Lifetime Achievement Award
Professor William “Wes” Sharrock
University of Manchester

Wes Sharrock and I have been friends, colleagues and collaborators for nearly 40 years. Throughout that time I have continually been amazed by the breadth of his scholarship, the insightfulness, rigour and subtlety of his thinking, and his deep commitment to both the discipline of Sociology and his students. Without doubt, Wes is an academic and sociologist par excellence.

-- Professor R. J. Anderson

“Wes has always been a truly amazing scholar and teacher. His breadth and depth are just unfathomable to us mere mortals! From his early papers in ethno. and CA to his books on Kuhn and cognitive science, he is perhaps the finest intellectual of his generation in our fields of interest. All of us (and there are so many!) who have worked with him, as co-authors or as co-workers on so many diverse projects, can attest to one simple fact - when you have Wes on board, the work gets so much better, and is so much deeper.”

-- Jeff Coulter, Professor of Sociology & Associate Faculty Member in Philosophy at Boston University

ASA 2011, Las Vegas

Memorial Gathering in Honor of Harold Garfinkel

UCLA Commemorates the Life and Achievements of Harold Garfinkel
Held Friday October 14th and Saturday October 15th

The Department of Sociology at UCLA hosted an event to commemorate the life and achievements of Harold Garfinkel on Friday October 14th and Saturday October 15th. The event began with an informal gathering of family, friends and colleagues who shared personal memories and reminiscences of Harold, and included contributions by Stacy Burns, Michael Lynch, Douglas Maynard, Anne Rawls, Melvin Seeman, and Ralph Turner. On Saturday 15th, there was an all-day conference ranging over Garfinkel’s achievements and influence in a large variety of sociological fields. With contributions from:

Randall Collins - The Dorothy Swaine Thomas Professor in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania; President, American Sociological Association, 2010-2011

Michael Lynch - Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Science and Technology Studies, Cornell University

Douglas Maynard - Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin,

Lorenza Mondada - Professor of Linguistics at the Department for Language Studies, University of Lyon, and at the ICAR Lab (CNRS), France

Anne Rawls - Professor, Department of Sociology, Bentley University; Editor of Garfinkel nachlass

Lucy Suchman - Professor of Anthropology of Science and Technology in the Department of Sociology, Lancaster University, UK; Formerly Principal Scientist and manager of the Practice and Technology area at Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center

Iddo Tavory - Assistant Professor of Sociology, The New School for Social Research

Candace West - Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

“At the time, most sociologists believed that if you could specify the rules people lived by, you could predict their behavior. He (Harold Garfinkel) dropped a bomb on that idea, by saying rules need to be specified and interpreted in the light of real world situations.” - John Heritage (May 3rd, 2011 on The New York Times Online).

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2012 Section Membership Form

For ASA membership information and to join -or- renew online
http://www.asanet.org/members/join.cfm

2012 ASA Membership Dues:

_____ Regular: $27 - $196
   (sliding scale, based on income)
_____ Associate: $47
_____ Student: $20
_____ Emeritus: $47
_____ International: $47

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_____ I am an ASA member and want to join the Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Section. Enclosed is a check for $10.00 for 2012 section dues ($5.00 for students). Make checks payable to American Sociological Association (Please put “EMCA Section Dues” on the memo line of your check).

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