

EM
CA

Newsletter

*of the American Sociological Association's Section on
Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis*

Section Officers

CO-CHAIRS

Satomi Kuroshima
Tamagawa University

Kevin Whitehead
University of California,
Santa Barbara

PAST CHAIRS

Danielle Pillet-Shore
University of New Hampshire

Jason Turowetz
University of California,
Santa Barbara

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Currently vacant

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gordon C. Chang
Western Illinois University

Waverly Duck
University of California,
Santa Barbara

Kaoru Hayano
Japan Women's University

Philippe Sormani
University of Lausanne

Alexandra Tate
University of Chicago

Sylvaine Tuncer
King's College London

NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Liz Munday
University of California,
Santa Barbara

Marat Zheng
University of California,
Santa Barbara

CONTENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS Satomi Kuroshima & Kevin Whitehead	02
FACULTY SPOTLIGHT Jessica López-Espino	04
WINTER 2025 WEBINAR RECAP Mao Chida & Yayoi Umemura	05
SPRING 2025 WEBINAR Aniek Antvelink, Fiona Hu, & Lieve van Hengel	06
ASA 2025 ANNUAL MEETING Program Information	07
ASA ROSE SERIES IN SOCIOLOGY Call for Book Proposals	11
UPCOMING CONFERENCES	12
CLOSING NOTES	14



Message from the Co-Chairs

Greetings Section on EMCA members!

As summer approaches, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at the ASA Annual Meeting in Chicago! We are delighted that we will have four EMCA paper sessions at this year's conference. Special thanks to Waverly Duck for serving as the EMCA Regular Session organizer and for securing an additional session for us on account of the large number of high-quality submissions we received! We also hope for a strong turnout at our business meeting, where we will celebrate our award winners and discuss important Section-related matters – including the possibility of renaming existing section awards and/or creating new awards in honor of Manny Schegloff, Gail Jefferson, and/or other foundational EMCA scholars (a matter on which we continue to welcome your feedback ahead of the planned discussion during the business meeting). And, as always, we will look forward to having time for social engagement among Section members outside of the conference sessions at our Section reception. Please see further details of the paper sessions, business meeting, and Section reception below.

As you will hopefully have learned via email from the ASA election system (sent out via email from “noreply@alchemer.com”), elections for ASA-wide leadership positions are open through 5pm Eastern time on June 2, 2025. Ballots for leadership positions in our Section are not yet available, but we expect them to be sent out soon so please look out for an email from ASA and be sure to vote when you receive it!

Our 2024-25 webinar series showcasing graduate student research continued with the Winter webinar in March, with another small but highly engaged audience enjoying presentations by Mao Chida and Yayoi Umemura. The final webinar in this year's series is coming up soon and will feature presentations by Aniek Antvelink, Fiona Hu, and Lieve van Hengel – see further details below, and please make a point of attending and supporting our graduate student presenters!

Last but not least, we were saddened to hear of the passing of Jeff Coulter on April 29, 2025 after a sudden and unexpected illness. During his 40-year career at Boston University, Jeff was a pioneering ethnomethodological scholar, known in particular for his work at the intersection of ethnomethodology and cognitive theory, and a winner of our Section's Garfinkel-Sacks Award for Distinguished Scholarship in 2015. His passing is a great loss to our field and our Section, and we extend heartfelt condolences to his family, colleagues, and students.

With warm wishes,
Satomi & Kevin

Faculty Spotlight



Jessica López-Espino

University of California, Santa Barbara

Jessica López-Espino is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her work uses linguistic anthropology and discourse analysis to investigate how speech, entextualization, and listening practices shape social evaluations of personhood. She is currently writing a book on how language intersects with class and racialization in legal determinations of fitness to parent in dependency

proceedings and child welfare interventions. Her ethnographic research with Latinx parents in a California child welfare court and the attorneys, social workers, and judges is the basis of her book-in-progress, *Re-Hearing Child Welfare Ideologies of Latinx Parenthood in a California Dependency Court*. The book will offer a rare view into the perspectives and narratives of Latinx parents participating in child welfare proceedings and the legal and linguistic practices that shape their ability to maintain or regain custody of their children. The book is based on qualitative research funded by the National Science Foundation. Her work has also been supported by the Law and Inequality Fellowship at the American Bar Foundation and a University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Criminology, Law, and Society at University of California, Irvine.

Her research has been published in *American Anthropologist*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*, *Latino Studies*, and the edited volume *Metalinguistic Communities: Case Studies of Agency, Ideology, and Symbolic Uses of Language* (Palgrave Macmillan). She has also conducted trainings for the New Jersey State Court System and the Children's Law Center of California, where attendees earned Continuing Education Credits for participating in identifying forms of linguistic marginalization faced by lay actors in child welfare courts.

Winter 2025

Webinar Recap

Graduate Research Showcase Series

Webinar Recap: Smartphone Use, Silence, and Joint Attention in Japanese Conversation

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the second webinar in our three-part series spotlighting graduate student research at various stages of development. This event featured Mao Chida and Yayoi Umemura from Chiba University, whose presentations offered insight into how participants navigate interaction in technologically and bodily complex environments.

Mao Chida presented preliminary findings on how silence is broken in multi-party conversations involving smartphone use, drawing on data from the Corpus of Everyday Japanese Conversation. While prior research suggests that conversation resumes when verbal and bodily cues align, Chida demonstrated that interaction can re-engage even when such cues are incongruent. Her analysis highlighted two key practices: resuming a prior topic with a shift in gaze, and referencing smartphone content while maintaining gaze on the screen.

Yayoi Umemura explored a particular form of joint attention in interaction, where participants manage attention without overt gestures like pointing. Building on Nishizaka's (2008) notion of the "model body," Umemura examined cases in which participants achieve shared orientation toward an object despite the absence of structural or spatial isomorphism. Her work foregrounds the adaptive capacities of participants as they coordinate attention through linguistic and embodied resources.

Both talks sparked engaging discussion on the interactional management of attention, bodily conduct, and the methodological possibilities of EMCA research in everyday settings.

As always, our webinar series is designed to provide a space outside the ASA annual meeting for members—especially graduate students and early-career scholars—to share work-in-progress and connect with others in the EMCA community. If you have suggestions for future events, feel free to reach out to our newsletter and webinar team.

Spring 2025

June 4th 8:00am PDT/4:00pm CET/
11:00pm CST

Webinar

Webinar Link [Here](#)

Graduate Research Showcase Series



Aniek Antvelink

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

I will be presenting my research “Navigating Cervical Cancer Screening: Accounting for Non- or Delayed Participation”. This study draws on conversations in which women discuss cervical cancer screening and sexual health—both among themselves and with healthcare professionals.

Currently, we are analyzing how women account for not having participated in the screening, or having delayed participation. I will explore the sequential environments in which these accounts are made relevant, the delicacy involved discussing screening participation and the resources women make use of in their accounts (e.g., self-deprecations, reported thought, and presenting themselves as ‘doubting’). Finally, I will also highlight how these accounts consistently orient to the norm that “good” women should attend screening.



Fiona Hu

Ocean University of China

I will report on turn-final “ha” in Mandarin Chinese conversation, focusing on its role in turns that redo a prior initiating action such as a request, suggestion, invitation, or proposal. While “ha” has often been treated as a stance marker, its sequential positioning in these redoing

environments remains underexamined. Using conversation analytic methods and naturally occurring data, I examine how “ha” figures in the turn design of such moves. Preliminary analysis suggests that turn-final “ha” does not perform the redoing itself, but rather indexes the current turn as a renewed attempt to redo a prior initiating action, especially when that action has received no response, or only a token response, or disaffiliation. This study contributes to EMCA by demonstrating how a tiny particle is used in turn design to manage sequential contingencies, pursue alignment, and contextualize the action’s status within the ongoing interaction.



Lieve von Hengel

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

I will share my initial observations on “I don’t know”-prefaced questions (IDK-prefaced questions) in child vaccination talk. Based on recordings of municipal health nurses’ home visits, I started to analyse IDKs that meet three criteria: (1) appearing in first position, (2) pre-

positioned to a question, and (3) grammatically part of a larger unit (mainly as “I don’t know if”). For now, I think they are forward oriented, doing some work in neutralizing the speaker’s stance with regard to what comes next, and a way for speakers to not fully commit (Weatherall, 2007) to subsequent question. As this analysis is in its early stages, I welcome all input on relevant EMCA theoretical connections, functions of the device, and all other suggestions for advancing this research.

ASA 2025|Annual Meeting, Chicago

Program Information

The 2025 Annual Meeting Online Program is available. Log into the [online portal](#) with your ASA username/password and select “View the Online Program”. Registration for the meeting is open. [Preconference](#) and [Tour](#) registration has been added. Below is information about EMCA Sessions at this year’s conference.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 7:00 to 7:45am

**40107 - Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Council Meeting
East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Michigan 3**

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 8:00 to 9:30am

**40207 - Research in Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Michigan 3**

Description: In this session, we invite papers reporting current ethnomethodological and/or conversation analytic research.

Presider: Dirk vom Lehn, Kings College

Presentations:

“How do you feel when you’re happy?”: Autism and the Production of Neurodivergent Difference in Clinical Spaces

Jason Turowetz, University of California-Santa Barbara
Wavery Duck, University of California-Santa Barbara

Modulating Certainty: Pursuing Parent Acceptance of Diagnoses and Treatment Recommendations in Pediatric Neurology

Keith Cox, George Washington University

On Commonsense and Autistic Languages—What is the Relationship?

Douglas W. Maynard, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Parents’ Vaccination Resistance Strategies Shape Physician Persuasion Options: A Conversation Analytic Approach to Vaccine Negotiation

Sage Frock, University of California-Los Angeles
Tanya Stivers, International Society for CA

Reported Categorization in the Second Language Classroom

Nadja Tadic, Georgetown University

ASA 2025|Annual Meeting, Chicago

Program Information

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 10:00 to 11:00am

**40407 - New Directions in Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Michigan 3**

Description: In this session, we invite theoretical and/or empirical papers that focus on potential directions for ethnomethodology and/or conversation analysis.

Presider: Dirk vom Lehn, Kings College

Presentations:

Managing Self-Presentation: Implicit Bias as an Interactional Resource in Moral Accountability

Liz Munday, University of California-Santa Barbara

Reimagining Ontopolitical Work: Ethnomethodology, Ontocracy, and the Political Ontology of the Anthropocene

Richard Randell, Masaryk University

Robert Braun, Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna

Resistance and Pursuit in US Supreme Court Oral Arguments

Brianna McKenna, University of California-Los Angeles

When “Friends” are Not Just Friends: Managing the Inference-Richness of Categories When Referring to Persons

Ryo Okazawa, Shizuoka University

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 11:00 to 11:30am

**40507 - Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Business Meeting
East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Michigan 3**

ASA 2025|Annual Meeting, Chicago

Program Information

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2:00 to 3:30pm

40810 - Conversation Analysis and Ethnomethodology: Navigating Knowledge, Credibility, and Accountability in Talk

East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Randolph 1B

Description: This session examines how people negotiate reasonableness, credibility, epistemic positioning and accountability in interaction.

Presider: Dirk vom Lehn, Kings College

Presentations:

Involvement in Obtaining Assistance in Long-distance Caregiving Phone Calls: Putting Forward a Favorable Scenario

Atsushi Nakagawa, Utunomiya University

Right to Talk: Socializing Young Children's Epistemic Autonomy to Talk about Themselves

Ruey-Ying Liu, National Chengchi University

Turning the Tide in Request Negotiations: The Role of Accounts and Reasonableness

Giovanni Rossi, University of California-Los Angeles

Tanya Stivers, University of California-Los Angeles

Andrew Chalfoun, University of California-Los Angeles

Wielding Reasonable Doubt in Jury Deliberations

David R. Gibson, University of Notre Dame

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Section Reception - Hubbard Inn (1st Floor Sun Parlor), 110 W Hubbard St, Chicago, Illinois 60654 (as in previous years, snacks will be provided and there will be a cash bar).

ASA 2025|Annual Meeting, Chicago

———— Program Information ————

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 10:00 to 11:30am

50403 - Conversation Analysis and Ethnomethodology: Context, Sequence, and Meaning in Interaction

East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Michigan 1A

Description: This session focuses on how interactions are made intelligible through sequential moves, contextual cues, and practices of understanding and managing ambiguity.

Presider: Jason Turowetz, University of California-Santa Barbara

Presentations:

Hybridized Ethnomethodological Logic: A Reply to “Critics” of Revolution and Witchcraft

Gordon C. Chang, Western Illinois University

J.R. Osborn

Aminda Smith

Rectifying Others’ Misunderstandings Without Doing Correcting: Living with Obscurities in One World

Aug Nishizaka, Chiba University

Stuck in the Screen: An Ethnomethodological Exploration of Public Smartphone Noise Disturbances

Caitlin Begg, Authentic Social

Two Functions of Context Invokers in Quantification Sequences

Timothy Halkowski, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

What Is Trans-Sequential Analysis?

Matthew J. Mahler, Yale University

Mirco Liefke, Freie Universität Berlin

Call for Book Proposals: ASA Rose Series in Sociology

The ASA Rose Series in Sociology, a joint publication of the Russell Sage Foundation and the American Sociological Association, invites seasoned scholars to submit proposals for books that offer fresh perspectives on enduring controversies, challenge prevailing paradigms, and provide synthetic analyses of contemporary public issues. The series focuses on critical areas of research, including the **Future of Work, Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, and Social, Political, and Economic Inequality**. The editors also welcome interdisciplinary work that intersects with these themes. Rose Series books are designed to be accessible to both academic and general audiences, ensuring broad impact and relevance across multiple fields.

Benefits of Publishing with the Rose Series:

- **Quick and Professional Review Process:** Russell Sage compensates expert reviewers to ensure timely and high-quality evaluations of proposals.
- **Seminar with Established Scholars:** Authors are invited to present drafts of their manuscripts to leading experts, strengthening the final product and generating excitement for the forthcoming book.
- **Extensive Marketing Support:** The Rose Editors, Russell Sage Foundation, and ASA collaborate on a comprehensive marketing effort to maximize the visibility and impact of Rose Series books.
- **Author Meets Critic Session at ASA Annual Meeting:** Each year, one new Rose Series book is selected for a special Author Meets Critic panel discussion at the ASA Annual Meeting.
- **Rose Book Speaker Series:** Hosted by the University at Albany Rose Editors, this lecture series offers authors a platform to present their work to diverse audiences and emphasize the policy relevance of their research.

Interested authors are encouraged to submit their proposals. **Proposals are reviewed on a rolling basis.** For more information, please contact us at roseseries@albany.edu or reach out to a member of our editorial team: Joanna Dreby (jdreby@albany.edu), Aaron Major (amajor@albany.edu), Katherine Trent (ktrent@albany.edu), and Steve Messner (smessner@albany.edu).

Upcoming Conferences and Events

19th International Pragmatics Conference (June 22-27, 2025):

The 19th International Pragmatics Conference will be held at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, from 22 to 27 June 2025. This conference aims to re-center action in pragmatics, emphasizing how language use shapes social reality and impacts communities worldwide. While action has always been fundamental to pragmatics, its theorization has often been assumed rather than critically examined. To support this focus, two days of pre-conference workshops will offer hands-on training in pragmatic methods, welcoming both graduate students and early career scholars.

It will be preceded by pre-conference workshops on Saturday 21 and the morning of Sunday 22. For more information, visit [this link](#).

Conference of the ISGS (July 9-11, 2025):

We are excited to welcome you to the 10th Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies (ISGS), taking place from 9-11 July 2025 at Radboud University in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. Nijmegen has long been a hub for multimodal language studies, with a rich history spanning over three decades. We look forward to honoring this long tradition as the host of ISGS 2025, celebrating the field's advancements and looking with great excitement toward the future.

For more information, visit [this link](#).

The 8th Nordic Interdisciplinary Conference on Discourse and Interaction (December 3-5, 2025):

The the 8th Nordic Interdisciplinary Conference on Discourse and Interaction focuses on discourse and interaction research and invites contributions from different and diverse fields of inquiry including conversation analysis, discursive psychology, narrative analysis, applied linguistics, sociolinguistics, textual studies, gesture studies, rhetoric, political discourse analysis, multimodal interaction analysis, communication studies, organization studies, and more. Trondheim, Norway, December 3rd-5th, 2025.

For more information, visit [this link](#).

Upcoming Conferences and Events

International Conference of Conversation Analysis and Psychotherapy (February 26-28, 2026):

The International Conference of Conversation Analysis and Psychotherapy will be held February 26–28, 2026, in Cracow, Poland. This year’s theme, *How Psychotherapy Works: Longitudinal Perspectives*, focuses on the mechanisms and processes that underpin effective psychotherapy over time. The conference will explore how therapeutic interventions evolve, sustain, and influence client outcomes across diverse contexts. Plenary speakers include Steven Clayman, Arnulf Deppermann, Joanna Pawelczyk, John Rae, and Sanna Vehviläinen. The Organizing Committee is chaired by Bernadetta Janusz, and the Scientific Committee is chaired by Liz González.

For more information, including abstract deadlines and registration, visit the conference [website](#).

2026 International Conference on Conversation Analysis (June 26-29, 2026):

The 2026 International Conference on Conversation Analysis (ICCA2026) will be held at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, from June 26-29, 2026 (pre-conference workshops June 23-25, 2026). The theme of ICCA2026—*Diversities, Language, Interaction*—emphasizes the richness of interaction and brings a diversity-focused perspective to research on language and interaction. The conference will feature plenary talks, panels, poster sessions, pre-conference workshops, and abundant networking opportunities.

For more information, visit [this link](#).

2025-26 Webinar Presenter Call

For the 2025–26 academic year, we're opening a general call for webinar presenters. Whether you're developing new work, refining a manuscript, or revisiting classic data with fresh eyes, we'd love to hear from you. These webinars are a chance to share your research, get constructive feedback, and connect with colleagues across institutional and geographic boundaries.

If you are interested in presenting in the Fall 2025 webinar, take a moment to fill out this brief [interest form](#).

Spotlight Nomination Form

Have someone in mind who inspires you or emerges to be an outstanding scholar in the EMCA community? Nominate them for the next Graduate Student or Faculty Spotlight! These features shine a light on remarkable work, innovative ideas, and the personal stories behind the research.

Whether it's a mentor, peer, or your own journey, take a moment to celebrate the scholars who make our field vibrant. Submit your nomination [here](#)—let's keep the spotlight on excellence!

Newsletter Content

We encourage section members to send us information about upcoming events or recent publications to share in the newsletter! You can contact Liz

Munday and Marat Zheng (emca.asa@gmail.com). If you would like to promote recent books, please send a brief description of the work along with a high-resolution image of the book cover.

Purchase a Gift ASA or EMCA Section for Students

To purchase gifts online, sign in and navigate to the Gift Memberships icon on the left-side dashboard in the Member Portal. The deadline for purchase is July 31. Section gift memberships are not available for purchase from August 1 to August 31 each year. Please note that gift memberships are nonrefundable, and the discount code expires 30 days after purchase.

For Membership Gifts:

In the form of a \$55 credit, the cost of a 2024 Student membership (which can be applied to higher cost memberships).

- Click the Purchase a Gift Membership for a Student button
- Select the Quantity of gifts you would like to purchase
- Click Add to Cart

For Section Gifts:

- Click the Purchase a Gift Section Membership button
- Select the desired Section and gift rate (Student or Nonstudent) from the Section dropdown menu and then select the quantity of gifts from the next dropdown menu.
- Click Add to Cart

After you complete the transaction, you will receive an email with the discount code and a set of instructions for you to give gift recipients. If you send a discount code to someone and they say they do not wish to redeem it, you can send the discount code to another person. The discount code is valid for the number of transactions (quantity) you purchase and can be redeemed entirely online.

If you have questions or need assistance with your gift purchase or redemption, please contact our membership staff at 202-247-9840, Ext. 1 or membership@asanet.org.

