



Linguistics Matters

Linguistics Program Newsletter

Get to know us!

The Linguistics Program is growing! We currently have 22 students (and counting!). Below is our most recently updated list of students.

LIN Majors

Rachel Cox (2019)
Alison Eng (2018)
Caroline Forrest (2019)
Laura Gibison (2019)
Nicole Harris (2018)
Marissa Karomfily (2017)
Abigail Loffredo (2017)
Georgeann Lombertino (2019)
Kelly Lyons (2018)
Carla Rodriguez (2020)
Peter Wagner (2020)

Lin Majors (TESOL Concentration)

Daniel Crossland (2020)
Elizabeth Popjoy (2019)

LIN Minors

Kasie Bourque (2017)
Anjelica Grebenschikoff (2017)
Annatje Ludlum (2018)
Catherine Negron (2019)
Thomas Pierce (2020)
Kayla Winters (2017)

TESOL Minors

Caroline Forrest (2019)
Amanda Hazel (2017)
Natalie Roche (2017)

Explorations in Linguistics

In August 2016, *Explorations in Linguistics: An Online Journal of Undergraduate Research*, published its fifth issue. *Explorations in Linguistics* is published by the SJU Linguistics Program. Its goal is to promote undergraduate research in all areas of linguistics. The journal is directly overseen by an undergraduate student editor (**Caroline Forrest**) and student reviewers with input from linguistics faculty.

This fifth issue contains a research article, *Alright, Gotta Go* about closing telephone conversations, and a short essay about text-speech in everyday vocabulary.

Explorations in Linguistics is always looking for new submissions. For more information and to access the full EL journals, visit

<http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/linguistics/journal.html>

Have you declared your Linguistics or TESOL Major or Minor yet?

For more information or to officially declare the major, please see Dr. Jennifer Ewald ([jewald@sju.edu](mailto:jeward@sju.edu))

Where we are...

Alumni News



Stephanie Kubu (2015) has been working as a part-time K-8 Spanish teacher for various leave-replacement positions in the Flemington-Raritan School District. She is working towards her World Language teaching certification to become a full-time Elementary Spanish teacher in New Jersey.

Katie Smith (2015) spent the past two years at Casa Marianella, a shelter for recently arrived immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers, in Austin, Texas. She works as assistant director in their program, Posada Esperanza, which offers hospitality and housing to single immigrant mothers and children. Her Spanish has been put to the test ("Que bola" from Cubans), as well as her French, Portuguese, Amharic, Tigrinya and Somali. She also volunteers as a legal assistant in Casa's immigration law clinic. Katie is excited to finish her service in August and return to Philadelphia, where she hopes to intensively study Amharic and continue to resist the country's inhumane immigration practices.



Sam Diguseppe (2016) is currently working as a Legal Assistant at a small, Consumer Rights law firm with clients who are struggling to pay a debt or need to fill for bankruptcy. She will begin school at Drexel University's Thomas R. Kline School of Law this coming fall and hopes to pursue a career in criminal defense.

Esteban Valencia (2016) traveled to London immediately after graduating to give a presentation on pragmatics and police interviewing at the International Investigative Interviewing Research Group (IIRG) 2016 conference. He works in the Division of Public Behavioral Health & Justice Policy, assisting in program evaluations for juvenile diversion initiatives.

Where we'll be...

2017 Grads' Plans



Natalie Roche will be attending graduate school next year at SJU where she will be building on her Elementary Education major with a TESOL minor, working towards a Master's degree in Education. She will be in a one-year program to receive Reading Specialist and ESL certifications.



Abbie Loffredo is currently applying to do a Year of Service with AmeriCorps. She hopes to build strong relationships with the individuals in her community, and to pursue her passions in social justice issues. She plans to attend grad school in Fall 2018.



Marissa Karomfily is deciding between teaching English in another country for a year and working in Athens as part of a post-baccalaureate program with their American University.



Anjelica Grebenschikoff will be working with Vanguard as a client relationship specialist. She will help customers manage and create 529 plans for their children.



Amanda Hazel is graduating with a major in Elementary Education, and two minors in Faith-Justice Studies and TESOL. She hopes to find an elementary teaching job in an urban area where she can put her TESOL knowledge and skills to use.



Students Getting Involved

Explorations in Linguistics Journal Editor

This year, junior **Caroline Forrest** served as the editor for our undergraduate journal.

Linguistics Program Social Media Manager Rachel Cox coordinates the SJU Linguistics Social Media. If you find interesting linguistic-related articles or photos, please forward them to Rachel (rc645970@sju.edu)!

Linguistics Student Representative Committee

Current LIN/TESOL students, **Rachel Cox, Alison Eng, Caroline Forrest, Nicole Harris, and Kelly Lyons**, volunteered to serve on this committee. These students represent the Linguistics Program at SJU Admissions Events throughout the year.

Linguistic Program Newsletter Coordinators Abigail Loffredo and Kelly Lyons

put together this semester's newsletter. Their combination of experience in the Communications and Linguistics fields bring all kinds of related expertise to this position!

We appreciate these students' willingness to participate in all of these different activities! If you would like to be a part of what goes on in the program, please reach out to Dr. Ewald.



Get Connected!

SJU Linguistics has gone social. Please give us a follow!



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Rachel Cox (2018) is the Social Media Coordinator for SJU Linguistics. It is her goal to show the importance of Linguistics in our daily lives.

Being the social media manager for this department means I get to satisfy my inner language nerd daily. It always amazes me how language can be analyzed in all contexts, from an epistemological and philosophical sense all the way to the casual and creative social sense that all people know and love it to be. There is so much research out there about how people communicate, and there is still so much more to be done. I love how there will always be something new to learn about language. I am so grateful to be able to share these interesting studies and nuances with others, and I hope everyone finds them as fascinating as I do.

New Faculty

Akiva Bacovcin joined the Linguistics Program this semester. We are very fortunate to welcome him to SJU as a member of our (quickly) growing program!



Akiva Bacovcin is graduating with a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania in May, 2017. His dissertation focused on using data from modern Germanic languages and historical English to study the syntax and morphology of sentences with two objects. In addition to work on theoretical syntax, he is involved in numerous other research projects including: computational modelling of language families, the use of rhyme to investigate mental representations of morphological structure, studying how hearers interpret sentences in situations of uncertainty, and the role of syntax in determining phonological cycles. This semester, he taught a class on World Englishes and English Dialects.

Here is a link to a page with some of Akiva's publications: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Hezekiah_Bacovcin/contributions

Linguistics T-Shirts

Linguistics program t-shirts are available in both maroon and light gray (S, M, L, XL) for \$10. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Ewald at jewald@sju.edu!



2017 Curricular Happenings

Fall 2017

LIN 150 FYS Language, Linguistics and the Real World
LIN 200 Introduction to Linguistics
LIN 318 Psycholinguistics
LIN 220 Logic (cross-listed with PHL)
EDU 246 Literacy, Language, and Culture
ENG 345 Tutor Practicum, Writing Center Theory & Practice

Spring 2017 (Tentative)

LIN 150 FYS Language, Linguistics, and the Real World
LIN 200 Introduction to Linguistics
LIN 250 Social Media Discourse
LIN 301 Teaching Languages and Home and Abroad
LIN 320 Phonetics
LIN 380 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

Annual End of the Year

Linguistics Party



As is our program's tradition, we celebrated with our 2017 graduates at Dr. Shenk's house. This year we had 6 seniors graduating with a major or minor in Linguistics.

Congratulations

Abbie
Amanda
Anjelica
Kayla
Marissa
Natalie



Faculty Research

Carlo Cinaglia

PRESENTATIONS

"We Can't Teach Them Writing. Can You?": *Curriculum Design to Meet the Needs of L2 Writers in Different Disciplines*, at the American Association for Applied Linguistics Annual Conference, Portland, OR. March 2017.

Resiliency as Academic Literacy: Exploring What it Means to Be an "International Student" both Inside and Outside the Classroom, at the 38th Annual Ethnography in Education Research Forum, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. February 2017.

Collaborating with Novice Student Teachers: Balancing Mentoring and Peer Coaching, 10th International Conference on Language Teacher Education, University of California, Los Angeles. February 2017.

Academic Discourse through an Ethnographic Lens: Students Exploring Language Practices on Campus, PennTESOL-East Annual Fall Conference, Arcadia University, Glenside, PA. November 2016.

Small Talk: A Big Deal for Second Language Learners, 2nd Annual Meeting Challenges, Exploring Solutions in the Adult ESOL Classroom conference, The New School, New York, NY. October 2016.

Help Wanted!

Interested in working on the Fall semester newsletter? Contact Kelly Lyons at kl625702@sju.edu for more information!

Dr. Jennifer Ewald

PUBLICATIONS

2016. *The Inbox: Understanding and Maximizing Student-Instructor E-mail*. Sheffield, England: Equinox Publishing.

PRESENTATIONS

with Edstrom, Anne. "Say "Ciao" to a New World: A Sociocultural Investigation of Rosetta Stone" at the Gruppo di Studi sulla comunicazione Parlata (Special Interest Group on Spoken Communication) Conference, a research group of the Società di Linguistica Italiana in June 2016, in Naples, Italy.

with Edstrom, Anne. "Babe, it's fine. I'm just telling you...": Speech Acts among Reality TV Contestants During a Race Around the World" at the Gruppo di Studi sulla comunicazione Parlata (Special Interest Group on Spoken Communication) Conference, a research group of the Società di Linguistica Italiana, in June 2016, in Naples, Italy.

Dr. Elaine Shenk

PUBLICATIONS

2017. 'So yo creo que es un proceso evolutivo': Language ideologies among Puerto Ricans in the United States. *Multilingua*, edited by Ingrid Piller.

2016. *El engaño y el cuco*: Metaphors in the nexus between language and status in Puerto Rico. In Valdeón, Roberto (ed). *Spanish in the USA: Linguistic, translational and cultural aspects*, London/NY: Routledge. Originally published in *Language and Intercultural Communication*, 15(3): 324-340.

PRESENTATION

'Eso es puertorriqueño': Perspectives on lateralization and /-s/ aspiration and elision among Puerto Ricans in the United States, at the joint conferences on Spanish in the U.S. and Spanish in Contact with Other Languages, in April 2017 in Provo, Utah.