





Workshop & Lecture

An introduction to English intonation & Praat

Invited Guest Speaker

Dr Bronwen Evans

(University College London) May 2nd-3rd, 2017

Part 1: May 2nd, WORKSHOP: 16:00-19:30, Room D11

Part 2: May 3rd, LECTURE: 11:00 -12:00, Room C12

12:00-13:00, Room C11

Coordinators

Ma de los Ángeles Gómez González and Teresa Sánchez Roura Organised by

Scimitar research team (FFI2013-40517-P) and Discourse & Identity research group (GRC2015/002 XUGA)

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Short Biography



Bronwen Evans is Senior Lecturer in Phonetics in the Dept of Speech Hearing and Phonetic Sciences, University College London (UCL). After studying for her undergraduate degree in Modern Languages (French & Russian) & Linguistics at Trinity College, Cambridge, she specialized in phonetics during a Masters degree at University of Newcastle. She received her PhD from UCL in 2005; her work (with Prof Paul Iverson) was amongst the first to investigate experimentally how listeners adapt to regionally accented speech, and resulted in 2 high-profile publications in the *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*.

Since graduating, she worked first as a postdoctoral researcher before being appointed lecturer at UCL in 2007. She teaches modules in Phonetics and Sociolinguistics across a number of degree programmes, is Programme Director for the MSc Language Sciences and has also taught on the UCL Summer Course in English Phonetics. She continues to combine teaching with her research interests in sociophonetics, studying how speakers and listeners use and adapt to variation in the speech signal, and second language learning, regularly presenting and publishing work in these fields at international conferences and in high profile journals. She is currently involved in a number of funded projects using methodologies from behavioural psychology and neuroscience, and, as a result of having a son who tells her that she doesn't say the word 'bath' properly, has recently become particularly interested in understanding how children develop the ability to use accent variation in speech processing and how this is affected by their early experience with language, e.g., whether or not they grow up monolingually or bilingually, or in a diverse or homogeneous accent community.

About the Dept of Speech Hearing and Phonetic Sciences, UCL

UCL Speech Hearing and Phonetic Sciences (SHaPS), which arose from the restructuring of the Department of Phonetics and Linguistics in 2009, is internationally recognised for the excellence of its research into the perception and production of speech, hearing for speech and applied research in speech signal processing. It combines basic research into the normal mechanisms of speech and hearing with applied research into problems caused by hearing impairment or by atypical perceptual and cognitive development. Our methodologies include behavioural experimentation, neuro-imaging, computational modelling and acoustic analysis. SHaPS currently comprises 11 academic staff and 9 postdoctoral researchers as well as a large group of doctoral students.





