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MESSAGE FROM THE SECTION CO-CHAIRS

Welcome to the Summer 2008 issue of *EMCA News*, our final issue as co-chairs. There are good reasons to page ahead at this point. In the following pages we announce the winners of the 2008 EMCA section awards and the results of the recent election for new section officers. You will also find the schedule of EM and CA sessions to be held at ASA, announcements about new books, upcoming conferences, calls for papers, new Ph.D.s, and more. This is all evidence of a thriving discipline - not without its challenges, but that's to be expected. We hope you'll page back so we can share with you some reflections on the section's achievements over the last two years, as well as some of the challenges we face.

We have been proud to lead the EMCA section at an early phase in its development. Because of the work Doug Maynard, Anne Rawls, and others did to form the section, we were able to hit the ground running in 2006. We have tried to build a strong foundation upon which it can continue to grow. Our first order of business was establishing this newsletter and distributing it as widely as possible on listservs, at conferences, and to other disciplinary associations' lists, as well as to section members. We are all indebted to Paul ten Have for maintaining the definitive EMCA website (http://www.paultenhave.nl/), a virtual trove of information on EMCA resources, conferences, and people; we think of the newsletter as a way to regularly transport the most current information to your in-box.

We also established three section awards: the Lifetime Achievement Award, Graduate Student Paper Award, and Distinguished Book Award. At last year's council meeting we decided to alternate books and articles for the latter award, so it was officially renamed the Distinguished Publication Award. With the help of dedicated committee members, the section was able to present the inaugural set of awards last year; the committees recently made this year's selections (see p. 2). We hope you can attend the award ceremony to congratulate the winners. We also put a priority on increasing the number of EMCA paper sections at ASA. This year's call for papers netted so many excellent papers that ASA agreed to give the organizers three additional sessions (see p. 3). Section members are also giving papers at a range of other sessions, so be sure to search by name on the preliminary program. Additionally, this year the section is sponsoring a special panel on doing EMCA fieldwork. All of this activity at ASA calls positive attention to ethnomethodology and conversation analysis.

Much behind-the-scenes work goes on to encourage ASA to recognize the section and the achievements of our members. Although ASA's *Footnotes* now

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EMCA SECTION ELECTION RESULTS All new officers will serve from 2008-2010.

Co-Chairs Elect: Angela Garcia and Jack Whalen

Secretary-Treasurer Elect: Karen Lutfey

Council Members Elect: Mark Peyrot and Esther Gonzales Martinez

2008 SECTION AWARD WINNERS

Join us at the section business meeting for the award presentation--Sat. Aug. 1, 9:20-10:10 a.m. at the Hilton. **Congratulations to all recipients!**

2008 EMCA Distinguished Publication Award Winner: Baudouin Dupret (2007) "What is Islamic Law? A Praxiological Answer and an Egyptian Case Study," Theory, Culture & Society 24(2): 79-100.

The Ethnomethodology/Conversation Analysis Section publication award was given to a paper this year (in alternate years it is given to a book). The committee was Michael Lynch (Chair), Timothy Halkowski, and Jon Hindmarsh. The committee had a difficult choice, as the nominated papers were very high quality, and also quite different from one another, and not only because some were "ethno" and some "CA". Though several papers merited strong consideration, the 2008 prize will go to Baudouin Dupret (2007) "What is Islamic Law? A Praxiological Answer and an Egyptian Case Study," Theory, Culture & Society 24(2): 79-100. This is a unique and timely observational study of actual cases in Egyptian family law courts. Family law in Egypt is said to be governed by Islamic Law, but Dupret raises the question, "What are people doing when they invoke 'Islamic law'?" His analysis suggests that routine cases are disposed without singular (or even clear) reference to Islamic law, and that for the most part disputes are presented and resolved through practical reasoning and circumstantial judgments. Such judgments reconstruct the events featured in the dispute, and resolve discrepancies between the parties' accounts. While Islamic Law may very well be perspicuous on other occasions, Dupret's observations about routine court cases becomes highly significant, given a stereotypic contrast between Islamic Law and the secular systems of justice used in Europe and North America.

2008 EMCA Graduate Student Paper Award Winner: Christopher Koenig (Univ. of CA, Los Angeles) "(Re)Formulating Prescription Medication in Acute Primary Care"

This paper addresses, intelligently and accessibly, the topics of patient-centered medicine and health literacy employing ethnomethodological and conversation-analytic understandings of formulations and descriptions as types of practical action. The author takes up themes from prior scholarship on formulations, especially related to the pragmatic issue of selection from among multiple possible descriptions. These issues are analyzed with respect to the practice of prescribing medication, in which doctors are observed to be formulating medicines by alternative or multiple types of descriptors, such as proper names, medical functions, and methods of delivery. Such formulations are observed to reflect practical methods used by doctors to communicate effectively despite differences in the social distribution of medical knowledge.

Honorable Mention: Ingrid Li (Univ. of CA, Santa Barbara) "Exercising Entitlement in Next Turn: The Use of Exactly as a Success-Marker"

This paper offers a detailed, sophisticated analysis of how the term 'exactly' functions to evaluate or ratify an other speaker's displayed understanding of matters under discussion. Close attention to the sequential contexts of 'exactly' suggest that use of this term can be understood as a method of claiming entitlement, in the form of epistemic authority, thereby managing the social distribution of knowledge through talk-in-interaction.

Honorable Mention: Maryanne Theobald (Queensland Univ. of Technology, Brisbane, Australia) "Interactional Trouble in the Playground: 'I'm Telling'"

This paper provides an analysis of rules as constituents of practical actions, by way of analyzing the invocation of rules in children's practices of 'telling' on peers for rule violations. Incidents of telling and rule invocation are also analyzed with respect to sequential phases, offering rewarding illustrations of an interactional order within schoolyard disputes.

Graduate Student Paper Award Committee: Tim Berard (Chair), Don Zimmerman, and George Psathas.

103rd Annual American Sociological Association Meetings August 1- 4, 2008 Boston, MA

Hilton Boston Back Bay ● Sheraton Boston ● Boston Marriott Copley Place Preliminary program: http://convention3.allacademic.com/one/asa/asa08/

Friday, August 1

Conversation Analysis: Questioning in Interaction Fri. 4:30 - 6:10 p.m. @ Hilton Organizer: John Heritage

Geoffrey Raymond & John Heritage, Constructing Epistemic Landscapes: Variations in the design and deployment of Yes/No type initiating actions

Alexa Hepburn, Recipients designed: turn medial tag questions in advice resistance sequences

Paul Denvir, Physicians' use of candidate answers in querying patients about the quantity and/or frequency of alcohol consumption

Mardi Kidwell & Esther Gonzalez, The Interactional Organization of the Soft Accusation Interrogation Method

Saturday, August 2

EMCA Council Meeting Sat. 8:30-9:15 a.m. @ Hilton

EMCA Business Meeting Sat. 9:20-10:10 a.m. @ Hilton * Includes presentation of EMCA Section awards *

Tales from the Field: Ethnomethodological and Conversation Analytic Research Sat. 10:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. @ Hilton

(Invited Session, sponsored by EMCA Section) Organizer and Presider: Jason Jimerson

<u>Panelists</u>: **Jack Whalen** (PARC), **Karin Knorr Cetina** (Univ. of Chicago), **John Van Maanen** (MIT), **Tanya Stivers** (Max Planck Inst. for Psycholinguistics)

Panelists will share stories about problems (and solutions) they encountered while doing ethnomethodological, conversation analytic, and other forms of fieldwork. Recruitment, data collecting (including filming/recording), and data processing will be covered. For more information, see the preliminary program.

Ethnomethodology I Sat. 12:30 - 2:10 p.m. @ Hilton Organizer: Virginia Gill Presider: Douglas Maynard

Jack Whalen, Nahoko Kameo, Marilyn R. Whalen, Working Documents

Nick Llewellyn, Respecifying the Commodity-Gift Distinction

Anne Warfield Rawls, What Can Be Learned About Design Issues Using Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis George Psathas, Why Goffman was Not an Ethnomethodologist

Ethnomethodology II Sat. 2:30 - 4:10 p.m. @ Hilton Organizer and Presider: Virginia Gill

Timothy Halkowski, Approximation Elicitors & Accountability in Pursuit of Amounts

Elizabeth Weathersbee, 'Your Honor We have Reached a Verdict': Sympathy as a Lived Feature of the Jury Deliberation Don Bysouth, 'And I suddenly thought': 'On-topic' topic-markers as devices for reformulations in psychotherapeutic interactions Susan Hansen, 'Say, Why 'Oncha Come Over?': A Preliminary Investigation of an Invitation that is 'Difficult to Refuse'

Sunday, August 3

<u>Conversation Analysis</u> <u>Sun. 8:30 - 10:10 a.m. @ Hilton</u> Organizer: John Heritage

Anita Pomerantz, Preference Organization Revisited: Displaying Speaker's Stance toward Performing an Action

Tanya Stivers & Federico Rossano, Mobilizing Response

Harrie Mazeland, Position Expansion in Multi-Person Interaction

Emanuel Schegloff, Seven Operations Implemented in Same Turn Repair

Conversation Analysis: Interaction and Identity Sun. 2:30 - 4:10 p.m. @ Hilton Organizer: John Heritage

Pam Hudak, Jeffrey Aguinaldo, Virginia Gill, & Richard Frankel, 'I've Heard Wonderful Things About You': How Patients Compliment Surgeons

Erica Liana Grancea, Greetings and recognition in Romanian telephone conversations

Susan Speer, Reporting the compliment of a third party

Elizabeth Stokoe, 'Girl-woman-sorry!': On the repair and non-repair of consecutive gender categories

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acknowledges section award winners on its website only (rather than listing them in the paper copy), they agreed to publish a fine profile of Harold Garfinkel in the Jan. 2008 paper edition, to recognize his lifetime of contributions and his 2007 EMCA Lifetime Achievement Award. Through constant communication with the ASA office, we remind them that we're a burgeoning section with members who are doing work at the cutting edge of sociology.

Section membership passed the 200 mark this past year, which is cause for celebration. But here is one of the challenges: membership is cyclical (it drops at midyear) and we must increase the base of people who automatically renew. This will bring in more revenue and enable the section to be more generous in funding awards, hold more events such as last year's section reception at ASA, and so forth. We should also take every opportunity to coordinate with other sections on paper sessions and events, to continue building bridges and attracting new members.

The untimely deaths of a number of colleagues--Gail Jefferson, most recently--over the past two years have drawn us all up short. These people can never be replaced. But their legacies can live on and be honored through our work and that of our students. It is critically important that sociology departments hire more EMCA scholars on tenure-track lines. This is not to diminish the importance of EMCA hires outside of sociology; it is to say that we also belong in and have much to contribute to the discipline from which we emerged. The section has a role to play in this because it is a crucial means by which ethnomethodology and conversation analysis can maintain a presence within sociology.

We want to express our deepest appreciation to everyone who helped us during our two years in office. We will serve on the council for an additional two years, providing support to the section and especially to the new officers-elect. Please join us in welcoming them and in supporting the EMCA section as it continues to grow. See you in Boston!

Sincerely, Virginia Gill and Gary David EMCA Section Co-Chairs

In Remembrance

Gail Jefferson (1938-2008)

Gail Jefferson, 69, died in Rinsumageest, the Netherlands, on February 21. She received her B.A. in Dance from the University of California-Los Angeles, and her Ph.D. in Social Sciences from the University of California-Irvine in 1972, under the supervision of Harvey Sacks. She first held temporary appointments at the Universities of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and California (UCSB, UCLA, and Irvine), and then held research positions at the University of Manchester, UK (1978-81) and Tilburg University, the Netherlands (1981-83), and an honorary position at the University of York, UK (1984-1985). Gail's research profoundly influenced the study of interaction in the field of sociology, as well as in linguistics, communication, and anthropology. Her transcriptions of the fine details of interaction and her research on the machineries of interaction and how they are deployed have been seminal for conversation analysis.

Visit: http://gail-jefferson.com/

and http://www.liso.ucsb.edu/Jefferson/

DEPARTMENT NEWS PLACEMENTS

Tim Greer has accepted a position as an Associate Professor in the School of Languages and Communication at Kobe University, Japan.

Jagdish Kaur has accepted a position as a Lecturer in the Department of Asian and European Languages at the University of Malaya, Malaysia.

Kristian Mortensen has accepted a position as a post-doctoral researcher in the Unit for Sociocultural Research on Learning and Development at the University of Luxembourg.

Danielle Pillet-Shore has accepted a position as a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of New Hampshire, USA.

FUNDING

Ph.D. Studentship: Communication in Training for Healthcare The PHANTOM Project at King's College London invites applications for a PhD studentship funded by the ESRC's Teaching and Learning Research Programme. The studentship will be based in the Work, Interaction and Technology research centre (http://www.kcl.ac.uk/wit). This successful candidate will conduct research on communication in healthcare training in order to: (a) generate a body of empirical findings and conceptual distinctions concerning the practices and problems associated with communicating manual skills in training contexts; (b) develop and assess video-based field methods for the study of training; (c) produce recommendations for the design deployment of advanced simulators technologies to support training. The studentship includes full payment of fees and a 3-4 year maintenance grant (depending upon previous qualifications) (currently in the region of £14,600 taxfree per annum). The studentship is planned to begin in September 2008. Applicants must have a 1st class or upper 2nd class honours degree, or masters in a social science or other relevant discipline. Applicants should be UK residents, or EU residents who have lived in the UK for over three years. Please contact Dr. Jon Hindmarsh further details: for jon.hindmarsh@kcl.ac.uk Tel: 020 7848 4194 Further information: http://www.tlrp.org/proj/tel/tel_cox.html

Ph.D. Studentship: Psychology at Nottingham Trent Psychology at Nottingham Trent University has an excellent reputation for its teaching provision and an emerging reputation especially for theoretically-informed applied research. We currently have one studentship in Psychology commencing September/October 2008. Candidates who have been awarded (or are expected to achieve) a 1st or a 2:1 Honours degree in Psychology or a related discipline, and who expect to hold a postgraduate qualification in Psychology or have equivalent expertise, are invited to apply. This studentship will be awarded for study in the area of men, masculinity and health under the supervision of Professor Brendan Gough and Dr Don Bysouth. The studentship will cover tuition fees at the UK/EU rate and provide a maintenance stipend of £12,940 per annum for up to three years. For an informal discussion about the suitability of your intended research project, please contact Prof. Brendan Gough brendan.gough@ntu.ac.uk . For an application form please contact the Graduate School Office at the address below, or telephone: 0115 848 8124, or email: gsr@ntu.ac.uk. If short-listed for one of these awards, you should be prepared to attend an interview on June 16th. Written applications should be submitted to the Research Administrator, Graduate Administration Team, Room 517, Victoria House, Nottingham Trent University, Burton Street. Nottingham, NG1 4BU, UK, or emailed to gsr@ntu.ac.uk . Closing date for applications is May 30th.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The 3rd Health Communication Research Centre Summer School will be hosted by Cardiff University (UK), between July 15th-17th, 2008, on the theme: "Analysing Communication in Public Health and Healthcare Settings." This intensive course is specifically targeted at researchers and professionals within the broad healthcare field. The course will offer exposure to different analytical frameworks, covering micro and macro perspectives on both oral and written data, in a range of healthcare sites. Each day is divided into presentations from the course team followed by smaller group work involving a practical hands-on approach. There will be opportunities for participants to discuss their ongoing research (in the form of data sharing, poster presentations and consultations). The course team will be: Professor Michael Brannigan (The College of St Rose, Albany, New York, USA), Professor Srikant Sarangi (Cardiff University, UK), and Professor Peter Schulz (University of Lugano, Switzerland). Full rates range from £175 per day to £400 for 3 days (see website for concessions) which will include course materials, bibliography, lunch and refreshments and Certificate of Attendance. Early registration: Tuesday, 24 June 2008. Coincides with The Cardiff Lecture 'Why not tell the truth? Communicating uncertainty in health and medicine', to be delivered by Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, Chancellor, University of Glasgow, at 7pm on 17 July 2008. For further course details contact Ms Aileen Doyle, Tel. 029 2087 6154. email healthcom@cardiff.ac.uk

NEW PROGRAMS

The new Feminist Conversation Analysis Unit was founded in the Department of Sociology at the University of York, UK, with Celia Kitzinger as Director. Our aims are to support the development of feminist work within conversation analysis, to offer a

distinctive focus for CA within gender and language studies and to use CA to bring about positive social change. We run short courses on conversation analysis, and encourage visiting fellowships and post-docs. Please get in touch if you are interested in knowing more. For more information about feminist conversation analysis at York, see Kitzinger, C. (ed.) (2007) Feminist Conversation Analysis: Research by Students at the University of York, UK. Feminism & Psychology. 17(2).

For more information about the Feminist CA Unit, see: http://www.york.ac.uk/res/caslc/FCAU/

As of September 2008, the School of Social Sciences at Bangor University, UK, will be offering a new taught MA programme in Sociology and Social Research, with a concentration in EM/CA. The programme consists of four courses in EM/CA: ethnomethodological research; conversation analysis; categorization membership analysis: ethnomethodological studies of work. In addition, a generic research training course is offered (this is required by the ESRC). A dissertation of 15,000 words must also be completed. The courses will be run by Stephen Hester, Roger Slack and Rod Watson. Studentships and/or bursaries may be available. Further details may be obtained from the Bangor website or Stephen Hester sos032@bangor.ac.uk

New Books

For additional EMCA books, visit: http://www2.fmg.uva.nl/emca/nbooks.htm

Gary Backhaus and **George Psathas** (Eds.) (2007). The Sociology of Radical Commitment: Kurt H. Wolff's Existential Turn. Lexington Press.

Hugo Bowles and **Paul Seedhouse** (Eds.) (2007). *Conversation Analysis and Language for Specific Purposes*. Bern, etc.: Peter Lang.

Stephen Hester and **David Francis** (Eds.) (2007). *Orders of Ordinary Action: Respecifying Sociological Knowledge*. Aldershot: Ashgate [Series: Directions in Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis. Series editors D. Francis and S. Hester.]

Ian Hutchby (2006). *Media talk: Conversation Analysis and the Study of Broadcasting*. McGraw-Hill Open University Press.

Ian Hutchby and Robin Wooffitt (2008). *Conversation Analysis* (2nd Edition). Polity Press.

Kenneth Liberman (2007). *Husserl's Criticism of Reason, with Ethnomethodological Specifications*. Lexington Books. (With Foreword by **George Psathas**).

Anssi Peräkylä, Charles Antaki, Sanna Vehviläinen and Ivan Leudar (Eds.) (2008). *Conversation Analysis and Psychotherapy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Dorota Rancew-Sikora (2007). *Analiza* konwersacyjna jako metoda badania rozmów codziennych. [Conversation Analysis as a Method for Studying Everyday Talk]. Warsawa: Trio.

Special Issue

Johanna Rendle-Short and Maurice Nevile (Eds.) Language as Action: Australian Studies in Conversation Analysis. Special thematic issue of *Australian Review of Applied Linguistics*, v. 30(3). Melbourne: Monash University ePress, and Applied Linguistics Association of Australia.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 5th annual conference on Conversation Analysis and Psychotherapy, "The Business of Interpretation," will be held in Goettingen, Germany October 9-11, 2008. Oral presentations may have a length of 30 minutes (including discussion). Please submit abstracts (250 words max.) in English before June 12, 2008 via e-mail to u.streeck@asklepios.com or fax no 0049 551 5005 301 or letter to Prof. Dr. Ulrich Streeck, CA & Psychotherapy 2008, Asklepios Fachklinikum Tiefenbrunn, D-37124 Rosdorf.

Upcoming Conferences

Conceptualising Learning in Applied Linguistics Newcastle University, UK

June 19-20, 2008

http://www.ncl.ac.uk/ecls/news/conferences/baal2008.htm

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Symposium: Conflict resolution and mediation in talk-in-interaction

Newcastle University, UK

June 25, 2008

Conference on Communication, Medicine and Ethics (COMET)

Cape Town, South Africa

July 2-4, 2008

http://web.wits.ac.za/NewsRoom/conferences/comet

3rd Language, Culture and Mind Conference University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark July 14-16, 2008

http://www.lcm.sdu.dk

Third Annual INGRoup Conference: Using research to advance the understanding of group behavior, dynamics, and outcomes
Kansas City, Missouri, USA

July 17-19, 2008

http://www.INGRoup.info

The Third US-UK Medical Sociology Conference: Expanding Comparative Frames for Medical Sociology: Professionals, Patients and the Public Simmons College, Boston, MA, USA July 29th-31, 2008 Register online at:

https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=154745

103rd Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association

Boston, MA,

August 1-4, 2008

http://www.asanet.org/cs/2008 meeting

15th World Congress of Applied Linguistics (AILA) 2008 Essen, Germany August 24-29, 2008 http://www.aila2008.org/

Research Committee on Language and Society (RC 25) International Sociological Association,

Speaking of Justice: Social Research and Social Justice

Barcelona, Spain

September 5-8, 2008

http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona_2008/

European Sociological Association, Qualitative Methods Research Network 4th Mid-term Conference: Teaching Qualitative Methods

Lodz University, Poland September 15-17, 2008

http://www.soc-org.edu.pl/Conference2008/

The IV International Colloquium of EDICE Programme Studies of Politeness Discourse in Spanish

University of Roma Tre, Rome, Italy

September 23-26, 2008

http://www.edice.org/

The 23rd Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics: Multilingualism

Uppsala University, Sweden

October 1-3, 2008

www.lingfil.uu.se

The American Academy on Communication in Health Care Conference

Translating Communications Research: Bench to Bedside to Community

Madison, Wisconsin, USA

October 17-19, 2008

http://www.aachonline.org/programs/aachforum

"SPACE = INTERACTION = DISCOURSE"
International conference

Aalborg University, Aalborg, Denmark

November 12-14, 2008

http://www.placeme.hum.aau.dk/conf2008/

Recent Ph.D.s

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Ph.D. dissertation completion: January 2008 Dissertation title: "Jolly good nutter": A discursive psychological examination of bipolar disorder in psychotherapeutic interactions

Tim Greer

University of Southern Queensland, Australia and

Kobe University, Japan Email: tim@kobe-u.ac.jp

Ed.D. dissertation completion: September 2007 Dissertation title: *Accomplishing identity in bilingual interaction: Codeswitching practices among a group of*

multiethnic Japanese teenagers

Jagdish Kaur

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Ph.D. dissertation completion: January 2008 Dissertation title: *The co-construction of understanding in English as a Lingua Franca*

Kristian Mortensen

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Ph.D. dissertation completion: February 2008

Dissertation title: Instructions and participation in the

second language classroom

Danielle Pillet-Shore

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Ph.D. dissertation completion: May 2008

Dissertation title: Coming together: Creating and maintaining social relationships through the openings

of face-to-face interactions

Ph.D. Candidates (completion expected within two years)

Kevin A. Whitehead

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Expected completion: December 2010

Dissertation title: Racial categories in post-Apartheid

South Africa

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Regular: \$24-176 (sliding scale, based on income)

Associate: \$42 Student: \$18 Emeritus: \$42 International: \$42

2008 Section Membership Form

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