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Message from the Section Co-Chairs

Welcome to the December 2008 issue of EMCA news, our first issue as your new co-chairs, and the first issue for our new managing editor, Ingrid Li. In this issue you will read about the awards ceremony for the winners of the 2008 EMCA section awards. You will also find some information about plans for the 2009 annual meetings in San Francisco, including the Section's invited session, which is being organized by Tim Berard. In addition, there will be announcements about new books, upcoming conferences, calls for papers, new Ph.D.s, and more.

We'd like to start out by thanking Virginia Gill and Gary David for all the work they did in their two-year term as co-chairs. With the assistance of the section's first managing editor, Danielle Pillet-Shore, they produced four issues of an informative and highly professional newsletter. They have two years of well-attended ASA meeting sessions to their credit, in particular the very exciting 2008 meeting where of our sessions almost all had close to 50 people in attendance! In addition, they have developed and organized our section awards for publications and graduate student publications, as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award. We hope that we can continue the high level of service provided by Gary and Ginny to the EMCA section.

We are looking forward to continuing the work Gary and Ginny have been engaged in to maintain, strengthen and grow the section. One of the changes you will see in the next two years is in response to the ASA policy that newsletters be published three times a year instead of two, we will be adding one additional issue of the newsletter each year. This will allow more timely transmission of information regarding conference deadlines, job postings, and other time-sensitive items, as well as creating a stronger sense of community among section members.

One of the items you will see addressed in the next issue of the newsletter will be a . . . see "*M E S S A G E*" continued on page 2 . . .



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A Special Announcement

From the Editors
and
the Pollner Family

We are very pleased to announce the establishment of the

Melvin Pollner Prize in Ethnomethodology

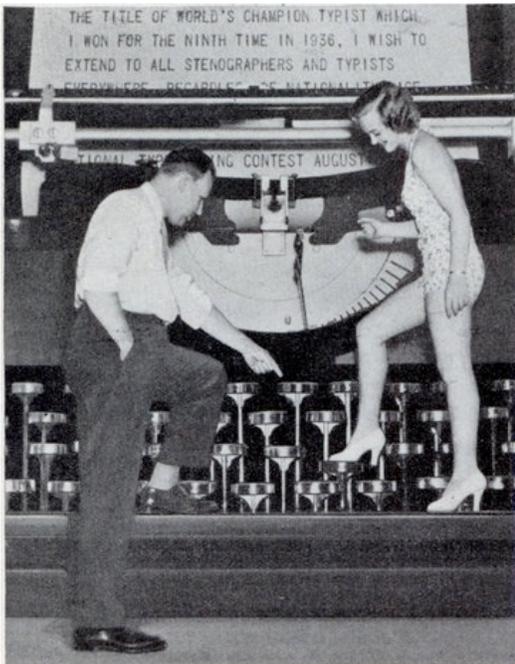
through a generous gift from the Pollner family. The plan is to award the Pollner Prize each year at our section's annual meeting. Details concerning the membership of the initial, 2009 award committee and the award process will be provided in the weeks ahead.

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reminder to renew your membership in ASA and in the EMCA section. As of **May (2008)** our section had **170 members**, which is below the 300 members technically required for sections to be maintained. Fortunately, ASA is very flexible about the enforcement of this policy and takes into account factors such as the level of activity for sections when determining whether they can be continued. Nevertheless, we would like to increase membership, not only because of ASA procedures but because we want the section to be a resource for those interested in maintaining and increasing scholarship in EMCA.

In addition, there are two issues that we consider to be important for the future of EMCA. The first is facilitating the career development and integration into the section for graduate student members, the next generation of EMCA scholars. Because EMCA is a relatively small specialty area, many graduate students are at institutions where they do not have access to a wide range of scholars who practice in our field. We are exploring ways that the section can facilitate these types of connections. This process has already begun with a survey of graduate students that Ingrid Li has sent out. As we get the results of this survey, we will be working toward some concrete steps we can take to further integrate graduate students into EMCA research and the life of the section.

Second, although the ASA is primarily a U.S. organization, EMCA is plainly now a world-wide movement. We want to increase connections and communication between U.S. scholars and those working in countries around the world. We



will be exploring various ideas for accomplishing this, including seeking out volunteers willing to be international liaisons for EMCA research in specific countries or regions around the world.

Some of the goals we hope to work toward during our two-year term as co-chairs include ... *see* **CO-CHAIRS** *continued on page 9 ...*

Profile of Ingrid Li: Incoming *managing editor* for the EMCA section newsletter:

Jack and I would like to introduce incoming editor of the EMCA section Newsletter Ingrid Li.



Ingrid is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Sociology at UC Santa Barbara. Ingrid has a long-standing interest in conversation analysis and has presented papers at the NCA and PSA, among others. Her research has explored such topics as agreements and disagreements, “entitlements,” and the use of success markers. Ingrid’s paper, “Exercising Entitlement in Next Turn: The use of ‘exactly’ as a success-marker,” earned an honorable mention in the Outstanding Graduate Student paper competition for our section in 2008. Ingrid first became interested in conversation analysis while an undergrad at UCLA. After taking a course team-taught by Steven Clayman and John Heritage, Ingrid – in her words – “became hooked!” She writes that conversation analysis “made me think in ways I never thought to – and made me look at my life, and life around me, with a completely new and different perspective.” These experiences led her to consider graduate study in conversation analysis, after a brief stint in the corporate world. At UC Santa Barbara, Ingrid is working with Don Zimmerman, Gene Lerner, and Geoff Raymond. And in addition to conversation analysis, she has research interests in child development, law and society, and politics and mass communication.

CALL for Nominations & Submissions

TEACHING RESOURCES FOR CONVERSATION ANALYSIS AND ETHNOMETHODOLOGY

A workshop: 'Teaching Conversation Analysis: Practical Experience and Methods,' will be held at the 2009 American Sociological Association meetings in San Francisco (Aug. 8-11th).

The workshop panelists will share their practical wisdom, skills, resources and experience relating to teaching conversation analysis to a variety of audiences. Confirmed speakers include Doug Maynard and Nick Llewellyn.

In association with this workshop, Ruth Parry, Virginia Teas Gill and Paul ten Have are collaborating in an initiative to bring together teaching materials for conversation analysis and ethnomethodology courses, and make them publicly available on the Ethno/CA News website.

Invitation to Submit Materials

We invite members of the community to donate materials: Syllabi, course outlines, powerpoint slides, student participation and assignment exercises assessment techniques, online resources and useful links reference materials / book lists

For enquiries and more information on how to submit materials, please contact

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LAW, CRIME, DEVIANCE, AND/OR SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Tim Berard welcomes additions to an on-line, international bibliography of ethnomethodological and conversation analytic work relevant to law, crime, deviance and/or social problems. The bibliography includes authors' titles and affiliations. Relevant publications in any language are included. The bibliography can be accessed through <www.timberard.info>. Please e-mail additions to: tjberard@alumni.reed.edu.

EMCA Lifetime Achievement Award

This award recognizes those who have made distinguished lifetime career contributions to the fields of ethnomethodology and/or conversation analysis. To nominate an individual for this award, please submit the following: **1)** A letter detailing the nominee's contributions to EMCA; **2)** Relevant supporting materials, including a list of the nominee's publications; and **3)** Two (2) additional external letters speaking to the person's contributions and impact on the field(s). Nominations should be submitted by **March 1, 2009** to: Angela Garcia – Department of Sociology, Bentley University, 175 Forest Street, Waltham, MA 02452 USA;
Or by email to: agarcia@bentley.edu

EMCA Distinguished Publication

This award recognizes an outstanding **book** contributing to ethnomethodology and/or conversation analysis. Eligible books for the 2008 award must be published between 2005 and 2008, inclusively. Authors can submit their own publications, or nominations can be made on their behalf. Nominations must be received no later than **March 1, 2009**. TO submit a nomination, send full bibliographic information on the publication to: Mark Peyrot – Loyola College, 4501 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210 USA;

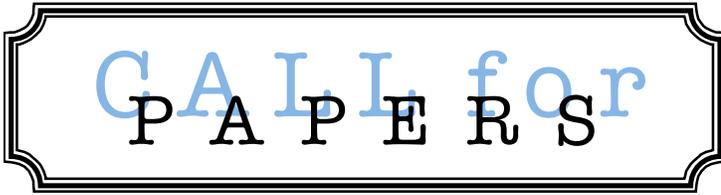
Or by email to: mpeyrot@oyola.edu

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 (12,000) words. Published papers or those that have been accepted for publication are not eligible. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as 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 email papers by **March 1, 2009** to: Robert Dingwall, Institute for Law and Society, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, England, NG7 2RD;

Or email to:

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AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

We would like to invite you to submit a paper to the 104th American Sociological Association Annual meeting. We are organizing a "regular session" (in contrast to a "section session") on Conversation Analysis. The conference will be held in San Francisco from August 8th-11th, 2009. Submissions are due by January 14th, 2009 at 3pm EST. Information on the conference can be found at the link below:

http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/meetings/2009_call_for_papers

Submission is web-based via this link, and the online submission process is up and running. Last year we succeeded in having not only a high number of presentations but also very good quality papers. We hope we can do even better this year, so please consider contributing. If you have questions please contact co-organizers Anita Pomerantz (apom@albany.edu) or Tanya Stivers (Tanya.Stivers@mpi.nl).

LISO CONFERENCE 2009

THE 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE, INTERACTION, AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

University of California, Santa Barbara
May 14-16, 2009

The conference addresses topics at the intersection of language, interaction, and culture from theoretical perspectives that employ data from recorded, spontaneous interaction. This includes, but is not limited to, conversation analysis, discourse analysis, ethnography of communication, ethnomethodology, and interactional sociolinguistics. We welcome abstracts from graduate students and faculty working in the areas of Anthropology, Applied Linguistics, Education, Linguistics, Psychology, and Sociology.

Deadline for online (only) submission is
January 15, 2009

For more information, and/or link to the online submission, please visit:
<http://ucsblisoconference.org>
Or email: lisoconference@gmail.com

Social Psychology Quarterly – Special Issue

The Moral: Social Psychological Perspectives on Morality

The terms "moral" and "social" were interchangeable for 18th and 19th century social theorists. In the past few decades sociologists have become, as Craig Calhoun describes it, "unmusical" in addressing the moral dimension of human life. Morality involves more than the established social psychological fields of altruism and aggression; it encompasses individual and cultural duties, ideals, and prohibitions that shape interaction. A social science of morality looks at the influences on, embodied enactment, and consequences of implicit and explicitly moral orientations toward the good, just, and worthy (and alternately the profane, disgusting, and shameful).

Psychologists and neurologists are currently directing the scientific study of moral behavior, thought, and feeling. With some notable exceptions, such scholars are looking deeper *into* the evolutionarily adapted brain. A sociological counterpart is called for to address morality within the self, social situations, and the life course. Such work encompasses the study of affect, exchange, justice, or values, but may lead to a new syntheses or research programs.

Our goal is to publish a special issue or section of *Social Psychology Quarterly* on the topic of "The Moral: Social Psychological Perspectives on Morality." We welcome submissions from a broad range of empirical and theoretical perspectives, demonstrating the utility (or potential hazards) of sociological understanding on morality. The deadline for submitting papers is **January 1, 2009**. The usual ASA requirements for submissions apply (see "Notice for Contributors"). Please send of copy of your paper as a Word attachment to spq@northwestern.edu, the submission fee (payable by credit card or check, and waived for graduate student authors), and an indication that the paper is intended for the special issue. Prospective authors are encouraged to communicate with the editor editor (g-fine@northwestern.edu) or the special issue deputy editor, Steven Hitlin (steven-hitlin@uiowa.edu) about the appropriateness of their papers.



COMING UP...



Conferences

Language and Social Interaction Interest Group
of the Western States Communication
Association

Phoenix/Mesa, AZ, USA

February 15-19, 2009

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15th Annual Conference on Language,
Interaction, and Social Organization
University of California, Santa Barbara, USA

<http://ucsblisoconference.org>

May 14-16, 2009

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3rd Biennial LISO Symposium, "The Social-
Interactional Lives of Young Children"
University of California, Santa Barbara USA

May 17, 2009

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Conference on Laughter and Humor in
Interaction

Huddersfield University, UK

June 24-25, 2009

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9th Biennial IAFL Conference on Forensic
Linguistics/Language and Law
VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands

July 6-9, 2009

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11th International Pragmatics Conference
Melbourne, Australia

July 12-17, 2009

* Panel: Talk-in-interaction in (Australian)
Indigenous Communities

* Panel: Occasioned semantics: Systematic
approaches to formulation in conversation

* Panel: The interactional practices of
children and young people using
helplines.

2nd International Meeting on Conversation
Analysis and Clinical Encounters

Plymouth, Devon UK

July 21-23, 2009

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EM & CA Sessions at the 104th American
Sociological Association Annual meeting
San Francisco, CA USA

August 8-11, 2009

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RGS-IBG Annual Conference, "Language and
Space: Intersections and exchanges between
socio-cultural linguistics and human
geography"

Manchester, UK

August 26-28, 2009

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International Conference on Conversation
Analysis (ICCA-10)

Manheim University, Germany

July 4-8, 2010

Courses & Programs

In a series of CA courses, University of York,
UK: Developing Skills in Conversation
Analysis (III): Repair; Instructor Celia
Kitzinger, **Feb 16-19, 2009**

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An Introduction to the Methods of
Conversation Analysis, **January 7-9, 2009**,
Paul Drew and Merran Toerien, University of
York, UK

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MA programme in Sociology and Social
Research, with a concentration in EM/CA
Bangor University, UK

Department News & Announcements

JOBS

University of Texas at Austin Communication and the Humanities Department of Communication Studies

The Department of Communication Studies, University of Texas Austin, seeks a starting-level, tenure-track assistant professor in Communication and the Humanities, broadly defined, to begin Fall, 2009. The successful candidate will teach graduate and undergraduate courses in Communication Studies, which will be the candidate's home department, and must also be capable of teaching courses in a new interdisciplinary School of Undergraduate Studies.

Applications should include curriculum vitae, copies of publications, copies of teaching evaluations, and three letters of recommendation. Send materials to University of Texas at Austin, John Daly, Search Committee Chair, Department of Communication Studies, 1 University Station A1105, Austin, TX 78712. The committee will begin considering candidates on October 1, 2008, until the position is filled. The College of Communication is committed to achieving diversity in its faculty, students, and curriculum, and it welcomes applicants who can help achieve these objectives. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www2.fmg.uva.nl/emca/Texas-Job-o8.htm>

PROMOTIONS

Tim Berard, Department of Justice Studies, Kent State University, was awarded early tenure and promotion to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2007.

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S p o t l i g h t o n P u b l i c a t i o n s



Gubrium, Jaber F. <gubriumj@missouri.edu>
Holstein, James <james.holstein@marquette.edu>

Combining ethnographic, ethnomethodological, and institutional sensibilities, this important new book provides a comprehensive framework and guidelines for analyzing story construction and narrative practice in society.

Gubrium, Jaber F. & Holstein, James A. (2009). *Analyzing Narrative Reality*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Henke, Christopher <CHenke@mail.colgate.edu>

Henke, Christopher R (2008). *Cultivating Science, Harvesting Power: Science and Industrial Agriculture in California*. MIT Press.

Lieberman, Kenneth <liberman@uoregon.edu>

Lieberman, Kenneth (2007). "Husserl's Criticism of Reason, With Ethnomethodological Specifications," Foreword by George Psathas. Baltimore, MD: Lexington.

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Henke, Christopher <CHenke@mail.colgate.edu>

Sims, Benjamin & Henke, Christopher R. (2008). "Maintenance and Transformation in the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Complex." *IEEE Technology and Society* 27: 32-38.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

PhD Scholarship (with CA possibilities) Department of Sociology, University of Leicester

The Department is offering one three-year PhD Scholarship which provides £3,000 per annum towards fees and an annual stipend of £9,000.

In order to be considered for this scholarship, please apply in the normal way for one of the start dates (Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, 2009), providing all requested material (including research proposal and intended supervisor) by the relevant deadline. The department will consider all eligible candidates as soon as possible after each dead-line and inform the successful candidate. The department reserves the right not to award the scholarship if no sufficiently well qualified candidate presents themselves.
<http://www.le.ac.uk/sociology/pg/so-phd.html>

ESRC Studentships in Language and Communication At Cardiff

ESRC-funded PhD studentships, covering tuition fees for British and EU students plus a generous stipend, are available at the Centre for Language and Communication Research (CLCR) at Cardiff University. These are on a 'quota' basis, but also for the ESRC's annual open competition. We would therefore now like to invite applications for studentships to commence in September 2008.

You can apply for four years of funding (to include a research training Masters year with us), or for three years (in the case of students who already have, or will have, an ESRC-recognised research training Masters).

We would also welcome expressions of interest from individuals planning to start a PhD in September 2009.

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Butler, Carly W. (2008) *Talk and Social Interaction in the Playground*. Ashgate Publishing, Aldershot.

Coulter, Jeff and Sharrock, Wes (2007). *Brain, Mind and Human Behavior in Contemporary Cognitive Science: Critical Assessments of the Philosophy of Psychology*. Foreward by P.M.S. Hacker. Edwin Mellen Press.

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

Livingston, Eric (2008). *Ethnographies of Reason*. Ashgate Publishing, Aldershot.

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

ten Have, Paul (2007) *Doing Conversation Analysis: A Practical Guide -- Second Edition*. London etc. Sage Publications

A special issue of the Journal of Pragmatics

McHoul, Alec, ed. (2008). "Questions of Context in Studies of Talk and Interaction -- Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis," *Journal of Pragmatics* 40/5 Special issue: 823-996.

Australian CA studies

Rendle-Short, Johanna and Nevile, Maurice Nevile, (eds.). "*Language as action: Australian studies in conversation analysis*", Special Thematic Issue of the Australian Review of Applied Linguistics 30(3). Melbourne: Monash University Press, and Applied Linguistics Association of Australia.

Two special issues of Ethnographic Studies

Dupret, Baudouin, Jiri Nekvapil and Ivan Leudar (eds.) (2007). "Media, wars and identities: Broadcasting Islam, Muslims and the Middle East" - Part One. *Ethnographic Studies, No. 9*

Dupret, Baudouin, Jiri Nekvapil and Ivan Leudar (eds.) (2008). "Media, wars and identities: Broadcasting Islam, Muslims and the Middle East" - Part Two. *Ethnographic Studies, No. 10*

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Research Interests: Practices of knowledge and reality construction, as they expressed in politics, religion, education, self, consumer culture, military, and other domains.

Thesis/Dissertation title: The Politics of Representation and the Social Order: In the War on Terror



Chang, Gordon C. and Hugh B. Mehan. 2008. "Why We Must Attack Iraq: Bush's Reasoning Practices and Argumentation System." *Discourse and Society* 19(4): 449-478.

Chang, Gordon C. and Hugh B. Mehan. 2006. "Discourse in a Religious Mode: The Bush Administration's Discourse in the War on Terrorism and Its Challenges." *Pragmatics* 16(1): 1-23.

Chang, Gordon C. and J.R. Osborn. 2005. "Spectacular Colleges and Spectacular Rankings: The *U.S. News* Rankings of American 'Best' Colleges." *Journal of Consumer Culture* 5(3): 338-364.

Emily Crutcher – *New Graduate Student*
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Li, Ingrid C. Submitted. "Exercising Entitlement In Next Turn: The Use of *Exactly* as a Success-Marker"

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Thesis/Dissertation title topic: Racial categories in talk-in-interaction in post-apartheid South Africa



Whitehead, Kevin A., & Lerner, Gene H. In press. "When Are Persons 'White'? On Some Asymmetries of Racial Reference in Talk-in-Interaction." *Discourse and Society*.

Whitehead, Kevin A. Submitted. "Categorizing the Categorizer: The Use, Management and Reproduction of Racial Common Sense in Interaction."

Kohei Yamazato – *Ph.D. Candidate*
University of Hawaii at Manoa – *Sociology*
Research Interests: Organization of talk in suicide prevention centers (Honolulu, HI; Okinawa, Japan); CA and psychotherapy (ala Perakyla).

Join ASA and the EMCA Section

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http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/join_or_renew/join

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Emeritus	\$42
International	\$42

2008 Section Membership Form

Name (*please print*)

Address

E-mail

_____ I am an ASA member and want to join the Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Section. Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 for 2008 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).

Mail to:
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building a web site for section members to support enhanced networking and speedy communication, facilitating the integration of graduate students into section activities and their work as EMCA scholars, increasing membership via a structured membership drive including regional membership coordinators, creating greater awareness of and integration of EMCA work done outside the U.S., and greater participation of international scholars in the section. When we send out messages asking members to participate in these initiatives, we hope that you will be inspired to volunteer.

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