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Dear EMCA Community,

Welcome to the Winter 2013/Spring 2014 newsletter of the Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Section.

In the next few months the ASA will hold the elections for new co-chairs and council members of the sections. This newsletter contains information about the forthcoming elections and the candidates for our section. We are very grateful to all our candidates, and especially to board members Virginia Gill and Alison Pilnick of the election committee for all their efforts, it is not an easy task.

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We hope you have marked your calendars: from August 16 to 19, we will be meeting at the ASA's annual conference in San Francisco. There was a tremendous response to the call for papers in the autumn and we will have 6 sessions with 23 papers at this year's conference. Thanks to Virginia Gill, Doug Maynard, Gary David and Bob Moore for reviewing the submissions and putting the sessions together.

As usual, we need to increase our membership. Currently we have 101 members. We expect that this number will increase as people start registering for the conference. However, we are below the membership level we had last year at this time, which is cause for some concern. We therefore would like to encourage all current members of our Section to ask their (*cont.*)

## Recent Publications

*Negotiating entitlement to language: Calling 911 without English*, by **Chase Wesley Raymond**. In *Language in Society* (43:1) February 2014, pp 33-59.

*Units of Talk – Units of Action*, edited by **Beatrice Szczepek Reed, Geoffrey Raymond**. 2013, Amsterdam: Benjamins.

**Special Issue of *Journal of Pragmatics* (57), *Turn beginnings in interaction***, edited by **Hye Ri Stephanie Kim, and Satomi Kuroshima**, including:

*Turn beginnings in interaction: An introduction*, **Hye Ri Stephanie Kim, Satomi Kuroshima**

*Accomplishing continuity across sequences and encounters: No(b)-prefaced initiations in Estonian*, **Leelo Keevallik**

*Agency in response: The role of prefatory address terms*, **Steven E. Clayman**

*Reshaping the response space with kulenikka in beginning to respond to questions in Korean conversation*, **Hye Ri Stephanie Kim**

*“I thought” initiated turns: Addressing discrepancies in first-hand and second-hand knowledge*, **Michael Sean Smith**

*Turn-initial position and some of its occupants*, **John Heritage**

## Chair's Message Continued

colleagues and students to join ASA and the EMCA Section. The excellent response to the call for papers from all over the world shows the sustained vibrancy of our field and that the section serves a wide community. The large number of people attending the ICCA and ISGS conferences at UCLA and UCSD in June and July this year, suggests that there is potential to grow our membership further. It would be very helpful if those of you attending ICCA and ISGS this summer would raise awareness of our Section's activities and encourage people to join the ASA and submit papers to the 2015 conference.

At this year's conference the EMCA Section will present two awards. The committee for the *Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Graduate Student Paper Award* is chaired by Galina Bolden (Rutgers University). Please encourage your graduate students to submit 2 versions of the paper, one anonymized with the Subject "ASA Grad Student Paper" to Dirk vom Lehn (dirk.vom\_lehn@kcl.ac.uk). The *deadline* for submissions is March 31st. The committee for the *Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Best Paper Award* will be chaired by Morana Alač. Please send submission to Morana directly at malac@ucsd.edu. The *deadline* for submission is April 4th. For more detailed information about the awards please check here: [http://www.asanet.org/sections/ethnomethodology\\_awards.cfm](http://www.asanet.org/sections/ethnomethodology_awards.cfm)

As in previous newsletters we publish brief bios written by EMCA graduate students describing their work and the work of their departments and research groups. In this issue we have contributions from 9 graduate students. Please do put your graduate students and your fellow students in contact with Laura Loeb (laura.a.loeb@gmail.com) about writing a short bio for our next newsletter.

We hope to see you all in San Francisco! Remember, it's cheaper to register early!

Very many thanks again to Laura Loeb for editing and designing this newsletter.

Yours,  
Erik Vinkhuyzen and Dirk vom Lehn (co-chairs)

Advanced CA Workshop:  
Developing Skills in  
Conversation Analysis University  
of York, UK Research Centre  
for the Social Sciences  
June 2-6, 2014  
Contact Celia Kitzinger  
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Registration Information

4th International Conference on  
Conversation Analysis -  
ICCA-14 University of  
California, Los Angeles  
June 25-29, 2014  
Registration Open

International Society for  
Gesture Studies, 6th Conference  
University of California, San  
Diego  
July 8-11, 2014  
Registration Open

Ethnomethodology and  
Conversation Analysis Graduate  
Student Workshop Palo Alto  
Research Center August 15, 2014  
Submissions Due: ??

American Sociological  
Association Meeting Hilton  
Union Square, and Parc55  
Wyndham Hotel, San Francisco,  
CA  
August 16-19, 2014  
Registration Open

International Conference on  
Conversation Analysis and  
Psychotherapy  
Ghent, Belgium  
September 18-20, 2014  
Submissions due April 28, 2014

National Communications  
Association 100th Annual  
Convention  
Hilton Chicago, and Palmer  
House Hilton, Chicago, IL  
November 20-23, 2014  
Registration opens July 2014

## Reports on Recent EMCA Events

### Loughborough's Annual CA Day

By: Marloes Herijgers (marloesherijgers.wordpress.com)

Every year on the last Monday before Christmas, the place to be for a Conversation Analyst is Loughborough, situated in the rainy inlands of the United Kingdom. This year the 7th annual Conversation Analysis Day was about Conversational Structures and Sequences. As usual most of the visitors arrived Sunday afternoon and got together for an informal pre-conference dinner to catch up with each other. The organizers Liz Stokoe and Charles Antaki awaited them warmly as ever. After a nice evening in intelligent and gregarious company everyone went home early for a good night's sleep.

Monday morning John Rae (University of Roehampton) started off with a presentation on joint coordination in handling... spatulas. He showed a video on the education of future silk-screen print experts and talked us through by pointing out certain aspects. The first presentations were all on rather 'sexy' institutional conversational topics as promising researcher Trevor Benjamin (University of Groningen) called them. In his presentation he pleaded for the research of 'unsexy' basic conversational analytic structures because there are so many more details that still need closer scrutinization. He personally set an inspiring example by giving an energetic and enthusiastic talk about repair organization and revised repairs.

The first invited guest speaker Rebecca Clift (University of Essex) made the audience sigh in several ways. Not of relief, but because she reminded us of this 'pubertal' interactional phenomenon that even we might have been doing in interaction as youngsters: visible deflation as an embodied interaction. She had closely scrutinized old video recordings from Schegloff's Virginia corpus. The second invited guest speaker, Richard Ogden (University of York) made us -how should I call this? - click and .tsjk and smack. All out loud, in the open. He gave an interesting lecture on sounds made in the vocal tract, phonological phenomena in conversation that exist besides consonants, vowels or intonation.

Although I have only highlighted a few remarkable presentations of the eleven in total, this year again the annual CA-day was inspiring and offered a lot of opportunities to meet interesting people, to talk about interesting interactional topics and to exchange ideas on how to move on in our field of research. I am grateful to Charles Antaki and Liz Stokoe who make this possible every year and I hope they keep up their good work. And to finish this off: make sure to be there in December 2014!



# Multiple Engagements: Complexity in Human Involvement

By: Gene Lerner

In February 2014, UC Santa Barbara's Language, Interaction, and Social Organization (LISO) Research Focus Group hosted a 3-day international symposium featuring interdisciplinary research on the complexity of naturally occurring human interaction. This symposium brought together a diverse group of researchers who share an interest in understanding both routine and innovative adaptations to interactional complexity. The meeting focused on empirically derived evidence of the tasks and resources; practices and patterns; as well as the bodies, minds, materialities, voices and identities that comprise human social life when managing the complexity of involvement in social interactions today.

## News and Announcements

### EMCA Doctoral Network

A new forum has been created to bring together students working in and around ethnomethodology and conversation analysis: the EMCA Doctoral Network. EMCA students are based in many different institutional and disciplinary homes, so this network aims to provide opportunities for them to discuss common interests and to share knowledge and expertise.

The funding comes from a number of universities and one research council in the UK, but the network aims to stretch well beyond the UK. Students from all countries are invited to join the online group, which is a site for discussion and knowledge sharing.

There are also biannual meetings planned in the UK for the next few years and all EMCA students are invited to attend if they can. Each meeting will offer a mix of data sessions, reading groups, presentations, training sessions and opportunities to socialise. It is hoped that this will be a positive new resource for EMCA students worldwide.

To find out more, go to: <http://emcadoctoralnetwork.wordpress.com>

To join the online group, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/emcadoctoralnetwork/>

To offer ideas and support, please email: [jon.hindmarsh@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:jon.hindmarsh@kcl.ac.uk)

The distinguished ethnomethodologist and conversation analyst, **John Heritage** (University of California, Los Angeles), has been elected to the Academy of Social Sciences. The Academy of Social Sciences is the National Academy of Academics, Learned Societies and Practitioners in the Social Sciences. Its mission is to promote social sciences in the United Kingdom for the public benefit. The Academy comprises over 900 distinguished scholars and practitioners from academia and the public and private sectors. The election to the Academy is a most prestigious achievement. Please join us in congratulating John.

# Looking ahead to ASA 2014

## ASA Elections

The ASA Elections open on April, 22. Members will be sent emails with special links to their online ballots. You will need to be a member of the ASA to vote.

The candidates for our section:

Co-chairs (vote for one pair):

**Robert Dingwall (Dingwall Enterprises/Nottingham Trent University)** and  
**Mardi Kidwell (University of New Hampshire)**

*or*

**Ilkka Arminen (University of Helsinki)** and  
**Morana Alač (University of California, San Diego)**

Council (vote for two):

**Bob Moore (IBM Research)**

**Aug Nishizaka (Meji Gakuin University)**

**Patrick Watson (University of Waterloo)**

**Merran Toerien (The University of York)**



## Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Graduate Student Workshop

August 20, 2014

On the day after the ASA 2014 ends in San Francisco—August 20, 2014—the Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis section will organize a workshop for graduate students of the section at the Palo Alto Research Center, 45 minutes south of the city.

The goal of the workshop is to give graduate students an opportunity to present their research to a group of senior researchers and other graduate students in order to receive feedback and further their analysis. A number of senior researchers will be there to provide feedback and lead the discussions. We expect that each graduate student will have an hour to present.

To this end, we are seeking submissions from graduate students who are interested in presenting data and receiving feedback on their research. We encourage students to submit proposals to present their analysis of naturalistic video or audio data, documents and other artifacts. Please supply the following information to [erik@vinkhuyzen.com](mailto:erik@vinkhuyzen.com), by April 30th.

- a) Your name and affiliation & a short bio
- b) The focus of your research, and what kind of data you'll bring related to that research

# 2014 ASA EMCA Sessions



## **Social action and epistemics** (Organized by **Virginia Gill**)

*Repetition in Action: Repair, Newsmarking, Registration, Extraction*, **John Heritage**, University of California, Los Angeles

*Expanding and Challenging the Relevance of Experience: Epistemic and Deontic Incongruities in Radio Phone-Ins*, **Wyske Versteeg** and **Hedwig te Molder**, Wageningen University

*Experiential assessments and attributive assessments: Managing territories of experience in conversation*, **Kaoru Hayano**, Ochanomizu University

*Ignorance at Risk: Interaction at the Knowledge Boundary of Bernard Madoff's Ponzi Scheme*, **David R. Gibson**, University of Notre Dame

## **The interactional production of identity and authority** (Organized by **Virginia Gill**)

*Children's responses to questions in peer interaction: Evidence for an emerging accountability*, **Tanya Stivers**, University of California, Los Angeles, **Jack Sidnell**, University of Toronto, **Clara Ann Blomgren Bergen**, University of California, Los Angeles

*The Interactional Production of a Clinical Fact in a Case of Autism*, **Jason Turowetz**, University of Wisconsin, Madison

*Directives and their Accounts: A Case Study of Institutional Talk in Guide/Client Interactions*, **Anne Elizabeth Clark White**, University of California, Los Angeles

*'When we eat we sit down': Caregivers Using of the First Person Plural Pronoun*, **Darcey Searles**, Rutgers University

## **The management of interactional challenges in the workplace** (Organized by **Virginia Gill**)

*Interactional Elements of False Confessions and Police Interrogations*, **Gary C. David**, Bentley University

*Some Interactional Practices Related to Long Telephone Service Calls*, **Margaret Szymanski**, Xerox Innovation Group, and **Michaele Smith**, California State University, Eastbay

*Dealing with In-betweeners: managing the status of objects on street-markets*, **Dirk vom Lehn**, King's College London

*What Went Right: Interactional Strategies in a Successful 911 Emergency Call*, **Angela Cora Garcia**, Bentley University

## **Current Studies in Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis** (Organized by **Doug Maynard**)

*Closing Matters II: Project completion and call closings in mundane telephone calls*, **Geoffrey Raymond**, University of California, Santa Barbara, **Don Zimmerman**, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Interviewing Presidential Candidates on Celebrity Talk Shows*, **Laura Loeb**, University of California, Los Angeles

*Reference to Recipients in the Negotiation of Identity and Action*, **Chase Wesley Raymond**, University of California, Los Angeles

*"Emotional specialist or emotional wrecks?": Emotional labor in police civilian-interaction*, **Kenly E. Brown**, University of California, Berkeley, **Daisy Angelica Gonzales**, University of California, Santa Barbara

## **Topics and Methods in EMCA Studies of Work** (Organized by **Bob Moore**)

*Garfinkel's studies of work: Revisiting a proposal for an "improbable sociology"*, **Michael Lynch**, Cornell University

*Practice-based Video Analysis: A DIY Tutorial in EM 3.0\**, **Philippe Sormani**, University of Vienna

*What can Automated Transcription Offer Conversation Analysts Today?*, **Robert J. Moore**, IBM Research - Almaden

## **Studies of Healthcare Work** (Organized by **Gary David**)

*Closing the Deal: The Role of Symptomatic Relief in Primary Care Treatment Discussions*, **Clara Ann Blomgren Bergen**, University of California, Los Angeles

*Information-sharing and Treatment Proposal in Breast Cancer Consultations*, **Francesca Alby**, **Mattia Baruzzo Sapienza**, **Marliena Fatigante**, **Cristina Zucchermaglio**, Sapienza University of Rome

*Tactility as a Resource for the Organization of Interaction*, **Aug Nishizaka**, Meiji Gakuin University

*The Common-sense of Homeopathy: A Study of Meaning Making in Homeopathic Consultations*, **Will Gibson**, Institute of Education, University of London

# Meet EMCA Graduate Students From Around the World

## **Nan Wang, University of California, Los Angeles**

I am Nan Wang, a third year PhD student at UCLA. I am studying Conversation Analysis and Medical Sociology with John Heritage and Tanya Stivers in the Department of Sociology.

My research interest is primarily how participants accomplish various social goals through the use of interactional practices, under their particular social and contextual constraints. Since 2009, I have been looking at medical interaction data in Mandarin Chinese, and have been working on treatment decision making language behaviors with Wei Zhang at City University of Hong Kong, from whom I first learnt about CA.

A switch of interest occurred after I came to UCLA in 2011. Here, I came to find that CA is not only powerful in showcasing how language can be used differently among interlocutors, but also in demonstrating how social activities are organized and social identities are established on a moment by moment basis.

Currently, I am working on my dissertation project aiming to answer the research question: how antibiotics are over-prescribed to patients through doctor-parent interaction in pediatric settings in China. Existing literature on China's prevailing antibiotics over-prescription suggests that doctors are the one to blame due to the saturated financial incentives, my interactional research provides evidence showing patients' active participation can also be consequential to the decision outcomes and contributes to the over-prescription. By combining the use of CA and the quantitative method of survey study, I aim to show how the macro social problem of antibiotics over-prescription on national scale can be understood and addressed at a micro-level through looking at two people talking to one another.



## **Natalia Zhilkina, National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow**

My name is Natalia Zhilkina and I am a second year student of a Complex Social Analysis Master program in the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow (HSE).

My engagement with Ethnomethodology started approximately half a year ago when I attended the course of Grounded Theory in HSE. I explored Nvivo – the software that supports qualitative and mixed methods of research, as I had an experience of processing visual material (video recordings). This course exerted a great influence on me and I made the decision to apply this method of analysis in my theses. In my thesis, 'Analysis of audiovisual documents with using the Nvivo software' (e.g. the humorous TV-show "Comedy Club") I study different approaches analyzing visual documents, particularly those in audiovisual form. The work of Clifford Geertz and his followers became a theoretical basis of my theses. Clifford Geertz developed a highly interesting approach of culture investigation called 'interpretative approach' that in the context of cultural anthropology has incorporated elements of structuralism, hermeneutics, British analytical philosophy, the philosophy of symbolic forms, and interpretive sociology.

One objective of my Master thesis are to indicate advantages and disadvantages of Nvivo software in proceeding and analysis video documents. Another is to determine the possible analytic operation in processing qualitative material (as an example, series of humorous TV-shows). Finally I wish to identify possible confines of Nvivo, and find out the ability to set the connection between content and visuals while using the software.

Currently I am in the middle stage of writing my Master theses, and during the next months I am planning to select all the important material (video of humorous TV-show) for the empirical section and begin the analysis concerning the applicability of Nvivo software.



**Mike Clarke,  
University of Waterloo**

I've been fortunate to have the opportunity to work on some interesting technology projects while studying the Sociology of Work and Ethnomethodology at the University of Waterloo. First in Product Management, Design, Market Research and Strategy at BlackBerry as it was emerging mobile communications space, and currently at Google in Brand insights and measurement. My early interests have evolved from consumer behavior and market research measured by multivariate methods to using ethnomethodologically informed ethnography to examine situated practices and inform both organizational and technological design. My passion for Sociology has continually drawn me back to examining elements of my everyday work setting as a sociological matter. The intersection of consumption, technology and the sociology of knowledge as it relates to designing technology for "types" of people is where my intellectual passion lies.

I've been fortunate to work with Dr. Kieran Bonner, Dr. Patrick Watson and Dr. David Goodwin on developing my research interests in this space, and an interpretive & ethnomethodological line of inquiry toward personas and their use at work. My research examines how people working with technology and digital media agree that a persona (design, marketing, or otherwise) is effective. How do those workers use observations of actions to create collectives of individuals for practical purposes. I presented an early proposal in this area at EMCA 2013 in Waterloo and was fortunate to have great feedback from contributors including Dr. Richard Harper.



**Mike DeLand,  
University of California, Los Angeles**

My name is Mike DeLand, I'm a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology at UCLA. My interest in sociology was sparked by exploratory fieldwork I did as an undergraduate at UCLA under professors Jack Katz and Bob Emerson. Assigned the task of hanging out somewhere in Los Angeles, I began participating in and describing informal "pick-up" basketball games at public parks. I was struck by just how much of this scene was routinely built through processes of situated interaction. Without any formal oversight or authority, the men who participate must form teams, create and manage a queue of players waiting their turn, develop in-game strategy, keep score, manage spectators, settle disputes, and sustain each game's internal order in the face of pressures from the surrounding urban environment. This felt like an ideal space in which to explore processes of interaction, embodiment, emotions, and the use (and manipulation) of rules.



As a graduate student at UCLA I have continued this fieldwork and allowed my interests to develop in several directions. In addition to studying the ethnomethodological and phenomenological traditions in ethnography, I took Conversation Analysis courses with Emmanuel Schegloff, John Heritage, and Steve Clayman. While my personal research has not taken up talk-in-interaction, I have been deeply influenced by a sensibility toward analyzing the sequential organization of action in social life.

For example, I have analyzed the practical work that players must do in order to successfully suspend an ongoing game of basketball. That is, they must interrupt the game in a way that implicates forthcoming resumption. I have also studied informal processes of disputing on the basketball court and the folk-legal sensibilities players engage as they invoke rules and settle various kinds of disagreements. Through practices of dispute resolution, players create something more "real" and more meaningful than "mere play". Using video data I am currently developing an analysis of the "checking" ritual through which players collectively move from the world of everyday life into the world of the game.

More recently I have developed interests in the historical careers of public parks and public places. How do some parks become sights of rich, meaningful, integrative interactions while others become abandoned, or worse, feared? Processes of park formation which shape the local social ecology are critical for our understanding of the kinds of contemporary scenes that they host. I am developing the descriptive tools in order to find bridges between social processes which lie in the historical background of public spaces and the processes of interaction which make the park meaningful for contemporary users. I see this work as pursuing an inquiry into the ontology of place.

I am also passionate about my work in the classroom and I'm excited about organizing a summer course on the sociology of sport. In this course I will take up sports and games as micro-social orders which can evoke a powerful sense of self in participants. We will take a comparative-analytic approach which examines a variety of sports as social forms with their own sequential and narrative organization, turn taking practices, legal structures, definitions of success and failure, and moments of heightened emotion and self-inflation.



At the **University of Fribourg** in Switzerland, the Research Group on Interaction and Social Practices (GRIPS), led by Prof. **Esther González-Martínez**, regroups several on-going projects. One of the projects is called "New on the job: Relevance-making and assessment practices of interactional competences in young nurses' hospital telephone calls". The second project broaches the topic of "Mobile and contingent work interactions in the hospital care unit". Three PhD students are currently doing their dissertation on these projects: Anca Sterie, Letizia Roellin, and Kim Lê Van. Each one has experienced a different immersion in sociology and ethnomethodology, at the University of Fribourg.

### **Anca Sterie, University of Fribourg**

I am currently in my second year of my PhD in Sociology. I am now working in the field of medical professional interactions, focusing on nurses' requests to doctors during telephone conversations. I have a BA degree in social sciences (Lausanne) and a MA in European studies (Geneva). Interestingly, working for a while within European institutions, NGOs and other international organizations in human and women's rights, has helped me to refocus on my initial and more micro-analytic and sociological interests. I have adopted conversation analysis (or it has adopted me) only at the beginning of my research in 2012 and until now it has proved an insightful method of analysis for communication patterns encountered in telephone conversations between hospital personnel. I am also working as Research assistant at a Nursing School, and I feel my work is rewarding on both a theoretical and practical level.



### **Letizia Roellin, University of Fribourg**

I have recently started a PhD in Sociology at the University of Fribourg. During my degrees in social sciences, I had the opportunity to attend courses of conversation analysis, which introduced me to the study of interactional practices. My interest in this field of ethnomethodology led me to join the research group (GRIPS) specialized in conversation analysis on medical setting where, at present, I am working as teaching assistant. My thesis investigates how members of the hospital's staff react to problematic situations during telephone conversations in French language. In particular I focus on problematic situations arising from not greeted requests by interlocutors.

### **Kim Lê Van, University of Fribourg**

I attended my first course of Sociology in 2005 at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland), and that's when I fell in love with the discipline. My Bachelor's studies in Social Sciences and French Literature gave me access to challenging new theories and views of society. I obtained a MA degree in Sociology of communication and culture (University of Lausanne) in 2011. Currently, I am a third-year PhD student in Sociology at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland), and I take part in the Adaptivity in Communication and Health Doctoral School. Drawn from the research on mobile and contingent work interactions, my dissertation focuses on the practice of "micro-briefings": unscheduled meetings involving nursing staff members, occurring in the corridors of a hospital care unit, in which participants review the current situation in the unit.



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**Bryn Evans,  
Auckland University  
of Technology**

My name is Bryn Evans, and I've recently received my PhD in Culture and Society from the University of Western Sydney, Australia.



Similarly, it seems, to many others, I came to EM/CA through a combination of dissatisfaction and fortuitous accident. I had completed a Masters dissertation on the political economy of New Zealand media coverage of America's Cup yachting, focusing on the commercialisation of national identity. Sport was a topic in which I had been interested for some time, as a participant (basketball at representative level) and a spectator, and I had wanted to understand it from a sociological perspective. While I found the process of conducting a research project rewarding, at the end of the study I was left with a feeling of dissatisfaction with what I had actually discovered about the sport of America's Cup yachting. I had learned a great deal about large-scale economic and political structures and the "ideological functions" of sport, but I was not convinced that this had provided me with much, if any, insight into what America's Cup yachting actually was.

I began my PhD studies with the intention of examining the social significance of basketball. At this point I was still reading around, and trying out, different ways of doing sociology and cultural analysis. It was at that point that I "discovered" ethnomethodology (I picked up a copy of Stephen Hester and David Francis's *An Invitation to Ethnomethodology* in a second-hand bookshop while visiting a friend in Wellington) and was immediately hooked. In particular, Harvey Sacks's critique of the conception of culture that prevails within social theory seemed to encapsulate my frustration with sport studies' preoccupations with theorizing sport and unearthing the hidden social forces that are expressed in concrete sporting activities. Engaging with the EM/CA literature allowed me to reframe my investigation of basketball as a study of members' situated methods for accomplishing basketball training activities. My dissertation used methods of membership categorization analysis, conversation analysis, and embodied analysis to demonstrate how a basketball coach and team members collaboratively manage correction sequences in order to make problematic actions and their correct replacements visually available to multiple participants.

My supervisors at UWS were not ethnomethodologists, and so I relied upon members of the community of EM/CA scholars to help me grasp what this strange approach to social life was. In particular, Richard Fitzgerald, Sean Rintel, and Edward Reynolds at the University of Queensland provided me with a "second home", answering all of my (frequently stupid) questions, reading draft chapters, and drinking me under the table. In addition, I was very grateful to Jon Hindmarsh at King's College, London, who extended an invitation to visit him there and kindly offered feedback on draft work. Presenting at the Discourse, Communication, Conversation conference at Loughborough in 2012 provided a great boost to my confidence and the chance to participate in workshops and meet other EM/CA postgrads.

I have recently taken up a post as lecturer in the School of Communication Studies at AUT University in Auckland, New Zealand. I plan to continue doing ethnomethodological work on the organization of sporting interaction, as well as studying media talk in the areas of sport and news broadcasts and the organization of interaction via social media.

**Alexandra Tate,  
University of California, Los Angeles**

I am in the second year of UCLA's Department of Sociology PhD program. I received my BA in sociology from Northwestern University in 2010, and during my time there, I conducted ethnographic fieldwork exploring the child rearing practices of parents. My senior thesis, *Hidden Transmission: Race and Class in Childrearing Practices of White and Minority Families*, received honors from the department. After college, I took a brief break from school and worked at a large investment bank in Chicago, which I quickly realized was not the career I wanted to pursue. In 2011, I began working with the Oncofertility Consortium at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, conducting a sociological study on women's experiences with cancer treatment. I soon realized I wanted to apply to a graduate program to continue this fascinating work.

In 2012, once at UCLA, I've been lucky to work with Tanya Stivers and John Heritage on two projects. The first, my in-progress Master's thesis titled *Mindful Medicine: Symptom Presentations of Mental Health Concerns and Patterns of Uptake*, is a window into how patients in the primary care visit topicalize their mental health concerns and how physicians take up those concerns. The second, my dissertation work, is focused on doctor-patient communication in women's cancer care, and I am in the preliminary stages of video data collection at a cancer center in a large LA-area health system. At this early stage in the research, I am planning to understand more concretely how women embody empowerment through the doctor-patient interface, and whether demographic variables are causally linked to this encounter.



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# EMCA

## Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis

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