

EMCA NEWSLETTER

**Newsletter of the American Sociological Association's section on
Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis**

Message From the Chairs Jay Meehan and Tanya Stivers

Happy Summer 2022, EMCA members!



We are looking forward to seeing many of you IN-PERSON at the ASA meeting in LA, August 5-9. Please join us for the EMCA panels created from the many excellent paper submissions received this year. They are listed later in the newsletter. Our thanks to the regular session organizer, Giovanni Rossi, for coordinating this year's program with us. We were excited to see so many submissions. Unfortunately, not all could be programmed because we were unable to secure any extra sessions for the section from the 2022 ASA program committee.

The EMCA panels are jam-packed on Monday and Tuesday, August 8-9. We are also hosting a social gathering on Monday, August 8th at the Nixo Patio lounge on the second floor of the E-Central hotel starting at 6pm. Nixo is a short 5-minute walk from the LA Convention Center. Finally, don't miss our Section Business meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 11:-11:45am where we will present and tout this year's award winners.

This summer also marks the end of our two year term as section co-chairs, and we find ourselves surprised by how quickly time flew. It has been an honor to serve the section and we are confident that the section will continue to thrive under the leadership of the incoming co-chairs, Daniele Pillet-Shore and Jason Turowetz, the returning members of council and our newly elected council members. We offer our gratitude for the service of our Treasurer, Alex Dennis, our Council members, Derek Coates, Christian Greiffenhagen, Dirk vom Lehn, Anssi Peräkylä, David Gibson, and Gary David. A special thank you to Gary David and David Gibson who are just completing their terms on council. Your hard work is very much appreciated! And a welcome to Kaoru Hayano and Philippe Sormani, our new council members. Thanks as well goes to everyone who agreed to run for section offices this year. Participation in section governance is one of the factors ASA uses in their assessment of a section's vitality. Every member's willingness to assist the section by standing for office (win or lose), participating on committees and attending section business meetings at the ASA is truly appreciated.

Congratulations to our award winners this year! Please read more

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about Aug, Janet, Patrick and Kristella below. We particularly owe thanks to the committees who selected this year's recipients:

- Our graduate paper award committee was chaired by Giovanni Rossi. Thank you to committee members, Danielle Pillet-Shore and Christian Greiffenhagen
- Our best paper award committee was chaired by Esther. Thank you to committee members Doug Macbeth and Christina Papadimitriou
- Our Pollner Prize Committee was chaired by Mike Lynch. Thank you to committee members Sylvane Tuncer and Michael Deland
- Our distinguished scholar committee was chaired by Satomi Kuroshima. Thank you to committee members Sarah Hitzler and Kaoru Hayano.

During the past two years, we faced two main challenges: virtual annual meetings for the first time and the need to increase section membership. However, we had excellent support in addressing these challenges. Members really rallied across our vital section including being awake across global time zones for our section panels in 2020 and 2021. In terms of membership, we also had help in increasing our size, so that too was successful, but we remain smaller than ASA would like. One of the easiest ways for our section to succeed long-term (and avoid repeated scrutiny) is to increase our size. If each faculty section member gifts one student a section membership, or gifts a section membership to another ASA member, we would be able to hit the 200 member mark with minimal effort. We are very grateful to those members who have already taken up this gift challenge. But we are confident we can do better. Please see information below about how to gift memberships and note that the gift membership deadline is July 31st. Let's make it happen for our 2022 count!

Finally, we want to thank our outstanding communications team Kristella Montiegel and Luis-Manuel Olguin. Whether organizing the newsletters, coordinating the webinars, or promoting section events we are fortunate to have their skills, patience and good humor. We appreciate the time they took from their graduate studies to serve the section and make us all look good!

Join us for the ASA!

Tanya and Jay

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Digital Meeting for Conversation Analysis (DMCA)

DMCA is a global conference organized with support from the International Society for Conversation Analysis (ISCA)

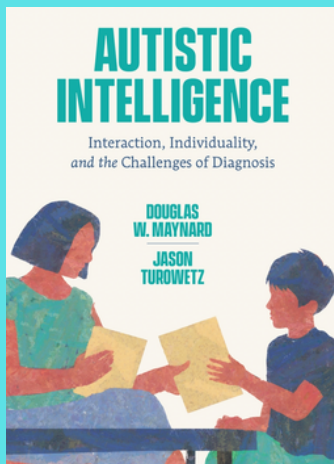
Virtual Meeting, October 31-November 4, 2022. More info on their website
dmca.conversationanalysis.org

The 6th International Conference on Conversation Analysis 2023

ICCA 2023 brings together academics, researchers and service providers to showcase the latest research and best practice in conversation analysis.

The University of Queensland, Brisbane (Meanjin), Australia, June 26th - July 2, 2023. More info on their website: icca2023.org/

RECENT BOOK PUBLICATIONS



Autistic Intelligence: Interaction, Individuality, and the Challenges of Diagnosis. By Douglas W. Maynard and Jason Turovetz. 2022. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

Despite the dramatic increase in autism’s prevalence in recent decades, the diagnostic process has remained something of a black box. *Autistic Intelligence* examines that process in detail, raising questions about how we understand autism as a category. The book shows how to identify “uncommon sense”—forms of fundamental competence that are frequently missed by even the most skillfully accomplished diagnosis. Taking an ethnomethodological and conversation analytic approach, and building on scholarship in science & technology as well as disability studies, the book draws on extensive fieldwork—hours of video recordings and observations of psychologists, pediatricians, and other clinicians as they interact with children and families, gather information, and fit that information to diagnostic criteria. The book raises questions about what autistic behavior is, how measurement works, and how, ethnomethodologically, behavior that seems disordered (in the way that it challenges common sense) is often rational in its own terms. Close examination, by way of conversation analysis, of interactions during testing, reveals forms of autistic intelligence manifest at a subterranean level in the evaluation process. Overall, it is possible to appreciate the individuality of those who receive the diagnosis. Such appreciation means that rather than changing individuals to fit their social environments, we might instead change social environments to accommodate individuals. Such a matter is consistent with social theory inspired by ethnomethodological and conversation analytic approaches.

You can get a 20% discount by going to the University of Chicago Press website (<https://press.uchicago.edu/>) searching on ‘Autistic Intelligence’ and using UCPSOC when checking out.

Meet our ASA EMCA Section Award Winners!

Garfinkel-Sacks Award for Distinguished Scholarship: Aug Nishizaka (Chiba University)

Aug received his PhD from Waseda University in Tokyo. He studied Ethnomethodology with Jeff Coulter, Mike Lynch, and George Psathas at Boston University from 1993 to 1994, and was trained in CA by Chuck Goodwin and Manny Schegloff at UCLA from 2001 to 2002. One focus of his research has been interactions in obstetric and gynecological settings. Another research focus emerged when a huge tsunami hit the east coast of Japan in 2011, causing a series of explosions at a nuclear power plant in Fukushima. Aug organized a research team to investigate various interactions first at evacuation shelters, where evacuees from affected areas were living temporarily, and subsequently in the first community where



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the evacuation order was lifted. He has published many papers analyzing these interactions, which explore how people perceive objects in the environment as well as inside their bodies, how people manage multiple activities, and how people address the morality of emotions. In addition, Aug has also held intensive EMCA seminars and training sessions in Japan, as well as published three books featuring the Japanese translation of Sacks's, Schegloff's, and Jefferson's classical articles, and the Japanese translation of Coulter's Social Construction of Mind, thus contributing to the development of EMCA in Japan.

Melvin Pollner Prize in Ethnomethodology: Janet Vertesi (Princeton University)

"Shaping Science: Organizations, Decisions, and Culture on NASA's Teams. "

Dubbed "Margaret Mead among the Starfleet" in the Times Literary Supplement, Janet is Associate Professor of Sociology at Princeton University. She has spent 15 years studying NASA's robotic spacecraft teams, with book publications Seeing Like a Rover and Shaping Science (University of Chicago Press). She has also co-edited influential collections such as digital STS (Princeton Press) and Representation in Scientific Practice Revisited (MIT Press). Janet studied ethnomethodology under Michael Lynch and maintains this sensibility to members' talk and practical action in her work in science and technology studies, organizational sociology, human-computer interaction and human-robot interaction.



EMCA Distinguished Paper Award: Patrick Watson (Wilfrid Laurier University)

"Gestalt contexture and contested motives: Understanding video evidence in the murder trial of Officer Michael Slager."

Patrick works in the Criminology department at Wilfrid Laurier University. He is the principal investigator of two Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada grants in which he uses ethnomethodological perspectives to examine police conduct and legal proceedings evaluating police shootings. He completed his PhD in Sociology at the University of Manchester in 2010, and has held teaching and faculty positions at several British and Canadian universities. He is currently writing a book with his research team on eight criminal trials for police officers charged in on-duty shooting incidents.



Best Student Paper: Kristella Montiegel (University of California, Los Angeles)

"Peer Socialization in an Oral Classroom"

Kristella recently graduated from UCLA with her PhD in Sociology. Her dissertation, entitled "'Use Your Words': A Conversation Analytic Perspective on Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing Children's Socialization into Oral Communication," examines teachers' and students' social interactions in a special education, listening and spoken language preschool program. Her winning student paper focuses on how the young children in her data actively work to socialize each other into norms and behaviors similar to what we see in general education settings, as well as norms and behaviors that are specific to the oral classroom environment. In the fall, Kristella will join the Department of Communication at the University of Colorado-Boulder as a Postdoctoral Researcher.



ASA Gift Memberships

Deadline Is July 31, 2022. You can gift an ASA membership to students, or a Section membership to existing ASA members of any membership type. The sooner you give a gift membership, the sooner the recipient can begin to enjoy the benefits of membership and learn more about the Section. Detailed explanations regarding how to purchase gift memberships, the deadline, and Section counts can be found below.

Purchase a gift ASA membership for students: Once you have accessed the member portal, click "Purchase a gift membership for a student" under Contribute/Give. Search for the student by name. You can also create a new contact record if you can't find the student in the database. Your gift will be redeemable by the recipient for an ASA student membership. The recipient will receive an email with the gift credit immediately after your purchase. Recipients will need to complete a membership form through the ASA member portal in order to redeem their gift membership. Gift memberships are not refundable. Gift memberships are not tax deductible.

Purchase a gift Section membership: Once you have accessed the member portal, click "Purchase a gift section membership" under Contribute/Give. Select the Section and search for your recipient by first and last name. Section membership requires a current ASA membership. Only ASA members who do not already have a membership in that Section are eligible to receive the gift. Immediately after you make your payment, the recipient will receive an email that includes your name along with the notification of the Section gift. Recipients do not need to take any action to redeem gift Section membership. Gift memberships are not refundable. Gift memberships are not tax deductible.

ASA PROGRAM

EMCA Section Panels & Meetings

Monday, August 8th

Decision-making and Accountability in Institutional Interaction

2:00 to 3:30pm, LACC, Floor: Level 2, 304A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 min)

Session Organizer: Giovanni Rossi (UCLA)

Presider: Satomi Kuroshiwa (Tamagawa University)

Individual Presentations:

- "Death and the Treatment Imperative: Decision-making in late-stage cancer"
Alexandra Tate (University of Chicago)
- "How Physicians Use a Baby's Growth Chart in Routine Pediatric Visits"
Grace Qiyuan Miao (UCLA), Tanya Stivers (UCLA)
- "Navigating personal accountability for everyday health problems: Analysis of video-recorded primary care encounters"
Clara Ann Blomgren Bergen (City University of London), Caroline Kim Tietbohl (University of Colorado, Denver)
- "Hyping the Hypothetical: The Conversational Machinery of Legal Argumentation at the U.S. Supreme Court"
David R. Gibson (University of Notre Dame)
- "Ideas Distributed among Multiple Voices: Discussions in Protests against the Construction of Narita International Airport"
Aug Nishizaka (Chiba University), Masafumi SUNAGA, Kotaro Sambe (Chiba University)

Epistemics, Deontics, and the Distribution of Rights and Obligations in Interaction

4:00 to 5:30pm, LACC, Floor: Level 2, 304A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 min)

Session Organizer: Giovanni Rossi (UCLA)

Presider: Jason Turowetz (University of Siegen)

Individual Presentations:

- "The 'natural attitude' in action: Epistemic orientations in action sequences initiated from unknowing (K-) positions"
Geoffrey Raymond (UC Santa Barbara), Andre Buscarolli, (UC Santa Barbara)

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- "Invoking the third-person perspective: Distribution of deontic responsibilities in the construction of an assertion"
Satomi Kuroshima (Tamagawa University)
- "Resisting and Establishing Co-Involvement at Works of Art in Museums"
Dirk vom Lehn (King's College London)
- "Referring to others as 'friends' in wiretapped conversations of a corruption network"
Luis Manuel Olguin (UCLA)
- "Seeking disconfirmation: Pre-empting student misbehaviors through 'No'-preferring questions"
Kristella Montiegel (UCLA)

Tuesday, August 9th

New Directions in EMCA

8:00 to 9:30am, LACC, Floor: Level 1, 150B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 min)

Section Organizers: Albert J. Meehan (Oakland University), Tanya Stivers (UCLA)

Presider: Albert J. Meehan

Individual Presentations:

- "Toward an Ethnomethodological Theory of Race"
Kevin A. Whitehead (UC Santa Barbara), MJ Hill (UCLA), J Sterphone (UC Santa Barbara)
- "'Machine Down.' Garfinkel's engagement with ELIZA and early human-computer interaction research in the 1960s"
Jason Turowetz (University of Siegen), Jakub Mlynar (University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland), Clemens Eisenmann (University of Konstanz), Anne Warfield Rawls (Bentley University)
- "Transposing Gestalt Phenomena from Visual Fields to Practical and Interactional Work: Garfinkel's and Sacks' Social Praxeology"
Michael Lynch (Cornell University), Clemens Eisenmann (University of Konstanz)

Research in EMCA

10:00 to 11:00am, LACC, Floor: Level 1, 150A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (60 min)

Session Organizers: Albert H. Meehan (Oakland University), Tanya Stivers (UCLA)

Presider: Kevin A. Whitehead (UC Santa Barbara)

Individual Presentations:

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- "An Ethnomethodological View of Ideology: Situated Programming and Coding of Ideology
Gordon C. Chang (Western Illinois University, Tyler Leibniz)
- "Beyond Person-First and Identity-First: Disability Person Reference in Congressional Hearings"
Brianna McKenna (UCLA)
- "Police at Trial: Themes in Expert Testimony"
Carmen Nave (Wilfried Laurier University), Ann Marie Dennis (Oakland University)
- "Trust and understanding in talking with machines"
Jonas Ivarsson (University of Gothenburg), Oskar Lindwall (University of Gothenburg)

Section on EMCA Business Meeting

11:00 to 11:30am, LACC, Floor: Level 1, 150A

Session Submission Type: Business Meeting, All are welcome

Current Research in EMCA

12:00 to 1:30pm, LACC, Floor: Level 1, 150A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 min)

Session Organizers: Tanya Stivers (UCLA), Albert J. Meehan (Oakland University)

Presider: Tanya Stivers, UCLA

Individual Presentations:

- "Dispatching emergency service: The organization of encounters between 911 call takers and field officers"
Heidi Kevoe-Feldman (Northeastern University), Steven E. Clayman (UCLA)
- "Two contrasting visual jurisprudences in the adjudication of police-involved shootings caught on video"
Patrick G. Watson (Wilfrid Laurier University)
- "How patients use epistemic markers in pursuing requests for treatment"
Aleksandr Shrokov (Rutgers University)
- "Constructing Childhood in Social Interaction: How Parents Assert Epistemic Primacy over Their Children"
Ruey-Ying Liu (UCLA)
- "Protocol Subversion: Staging and Stalking 'Machine Intelligence' at School"
Philippe Sormani (University of Lausanne)

Please join us for the EMCA reception at ASA!

Date: Monday, August 8th 2022

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Nixo Patio lounge on the second floor of the E-Central hotel

Nixo is a short 5-minute walk from the LA Convention Center.
(see map screenshot)

