

# EMCA NEWSLETTER

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

## Note from the chairs

Happy Summer 2023, EMCA members!

We are eagerly looking forward to seeing many of you in person at the ASA meeting in Philadelphia, August 17–21. Please join us for the EMCA panels created from the many excellent paper submissions received this year. They are listed below in this newsletter.

Our thanks to Dirk vom Lehn for taking on the role of regular session organizer and coordinating this year's program with us. We were excited to see so many submissions!

The EMCA panels are consolidated across two consecutive days, on Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19. Please plan to join us for our Section Business meeting on Friday, August 18 from 3:00 – 3:30pm when we will present this year's award winners! We will also host a social gathering that same evening at Ladder 15 starting at 6:30pm.

This summer marks the end of our first year as section co-chairs, and we find ourselves stunned at how quickly this time has passed. It has been an honor to serve the section and we are looking forward to continuing to serve with 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, Kaoru Hayano, Dirk vom Lehn, and Philippe Sormani. A special thank you to Anssi Peräkylä who is just completing his term on council. And a warm welcome to our new council members, Gordon C. Chang and Sylvaine Tuncer!

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. We also wish to express our gratitude to Dirk vom Lehn for coordinating and chairing our 2023 Election Committee. Thanks also to committee members Esther Gonzales Martinez, Daniela Boehringer and Waverly Duck. We truly appreciate your service!



## Current Board

### Chairs

Danielle Pilet-Shore

Jason Turowetz

### Secretary/ Treasurer

Alex Dennis

### Council Members

Derek Coates

Dirk vom Lehn

Christian Greiffenhagen

Kaoru Hayano

Anssi Peräkylä

Philippe Sormani

### Newsletter Editors

André Buscariolli

Andrew Chalfoun

Please visit our website for more  
information:

<http://asa-emca.blogspot.com>

We are also truly grateful for our outstanding Information Officer team, André Buscariolli and Andrew Chalfoun. We feel fortunate to have them organizing our newsletters, coordinating our section webinars, and promoting our EMCA section events.

We also are delighted to offer warm congratulations to this year's award winners! Please read more about Paul Drew, Kenneth Liberman, and Yuchen Yang below. We particularly owe thanks to the committees who selected this year's recipients:

- Our Graduate Student Paper Award committee was chaired by Kaoru Hayano. Thank you to committee members Elliott Hoey and Kristella Montiegel.
- Our Distinguished Book Award Committee was chaired by Jakub Mlynar. Thank you to committee member Satomi Kuroshima.
- Our Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee was chaired by Anssi Peräkylä. Thank you to committee members Esther González-Martínez and Geoffrey Raymond.

During the past year, we've seen evidence that a past challenge may be once again 'rearing its head': our section membership numbers are down. We could really use YOUR help rallying to get all interested folks to renew and/or join by July 31st! One of the easiest ways for our section to succeed long-term is to increase our size. Please consider giving a \$10 gift of a section membership to a student, and/or to another ASA member! (Danielle just did this by giving a gift of a \$10 EMCA membership to fellow sociologists at her institution.) We are very grateful to all of you who have recently renewed your membership, and applaud members who can give a gift of a section membership to others to help boost our numbers. Please see information below about how to gift a membership and note that the gift membership deadline is July 31st.

We hope you all join us for the ASA!  
Danielle and Jason

**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.

**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.

## **EMCA DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: PAUL DREW**

The award committee wishes to recognize the scope and quality of the work of Professor Paul Drew by awarding him the 2023 Garfinkel-Sacks Award for Distinguished Scholarship.

According to the award committee: “In a career spanning more than forty years, Paul Drew has been an exceptionally influential scholar in ethnomethodology and conversation analysis, both as an intellectual innovator and as a disciplinary leader. Paul Drew has authored and edited some of the most foundational texts of our field, including *Order in Court* (Macmillan 1979) and *Talk at Work* (Cambridge University Press 1992) which lay the foundations for the research on institutional interaction.



He has published numerous papers that have immensely influenced our understanding of turn design in performing social actions such as complaints, requests, apologizing and repair. While Professor Drew is uncompromising in the methodological rigor of his work, he has also been most innovative in developing applied conversation analysis, investigating settings such as police interviews, seizure clinics, memory clinics, jobseeker interviews and different telephone helplines in medical and other environments.

All publications of Professor Drew have been of highest standard; his work has been particularly innovative and influential. As in research, Paul Drew has been particularly influential also as a teacher. He has supervised numerous PhD theses in different countries, and many of his supervisees are now central figures in our field. His short courses, workshops and contributions of summer schools have extended his extraordinary influence beyond UK, in countries such as United States, Italy, Denmark, Netherlands, Finland and Japan. A special mentioning should be devoted to Professor Drew's work in China: through workshops, lectures, tutoring, and by hosting academic visits, he has been influential in the establishment of the now strong research tradition of conversation analysis in China.”

## **EMCA DISTINGUISHED BOOK AWARD: KENNETH LIBERMAN**

After considering nine nominated books, the award committee is presenting this 2023 Distinguished Book Award to Ken Liberman for his book *Tasting Coffee: An Inquiry into Objectivity*: <https://sunypress.edu/Books/T/Tasting-Coffee>

Kenneth Liberman's book *Tasting Coffee: An Inquiry into Objectivity* (SUNY Press, 2022) is a major result of more than 10 years of research in 14 countries examining coffee tasters' methods for achieving the mutual intelligibility and practical objectivity of tastes. Its 500 pages bring together the cultural history of coffee production, purveying, and drinking, with classical ethnomethodological accounts of the lived work of tasting. Combining ethnography and phenomenology in a rigorous and detailed EM study, the book offers a respecification of crucial and persistent topics of philosophy and social science.



Exploring objectivity and practices of objectivation as features of professional and scientific practice, the insights of Professor Liberman's study can also inspire scholars on the recognizability and observability of conversational objects.

## **EMCA GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD: YUCHEN YANG**

Yuchen Yang is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago. Yuchen's paper, "Gender uptake: Theorizing the semiotics of doing and undoing gender" is recognized with the 2023 ASA EMCA Graduate Student Paper Award. According to the award

committee: "The paper is a vigorous attempt to document how gender's naturalness emerges through an audience's accounting practices, instead of the actor's habitual performance. The paper contributes to the EMCA literature on gender categories both theoretically and empirically. Theoretically, it ventures to incorporate analytical concepts drawn from Peirce's pragmatist theory into the framework inspired by the EMCA literature. This results in findings that can appeal to scholars across sociological subfields. Empirically, it offers a solid analysis of accounting practices that feminist parents, who generally resist gender stereotyping, use as they make relevant sex categories or erase them. The committee members are particularly impressed by the paper's capacity to illuminate the social, reflexive nature of the emergence of gender naturalness."



## EMCA SESSIONS AT ASA 2023:

Fri, August 18:

7:00 to 7:45am: Section on EMCA Council Meeting, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 100B <https://tinyurl.com/2bz6e5vt>

10:00 to 11:30am: Constructions of Competence, Error, and Identity in Everyday and Institutional Settings, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 104A <https://tinyurl.com/2cjg67wm>

- Co-constructing parenthood in multiparty interaction: Orienting to parents' rights to act on behalf of others – Ruey-Ying Liu, University of California-Los Angeles
- Competency to report symptoms: pursuing symptom reports from children in pediatric encounters – Aleksandr Shirokov, Rutgers University
- More than waiting: Computer delay as an occasion for talk – Jakub Mlynář, HES-SO Valais-Wallis University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland; Adrien Depeursinge, HES-SO Valais-Wallis University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland; Alexandre Martroye de Joly, HES-SO Valais-Wallis University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland; Roger Schaer, HES-SO Valais-Wallis University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland; John Prior, Centre hospitalier universitaire vaudois; Florian Evéquo, HES-SO Valais-Wallis University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland
- What if a Piece is Wrong? Error Production in the Detailed Spaces of Thoughts – Gordon C. Chang, Western Illinois University
- Doing hospitality and building relationships at the café counter – Sylvaine Tuncer, King's College, London; Eric Laurier, University of Edinburgh 20419. Section on Latina/o Sociol

2:00 to 3:00pm: New Directions in Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 104A <https://tinyurl.com/26zxdoj2>

- The Magic Word? Oh Please: The Interactional Functions of Please in Requests – Andrew Chalfoun, University of California Los Angeles; Giovanni Rossi, University of California Los Angeles; Tanya Stivers, University of California-Los Angeles
- Bodily (re)enactment practices in judicial deliberation – Tomone Komiya, Tohoku-gakuin University “I just got off track, that’s all I can say”: Mapping nonadherence conversations in HIV encounters – Amanda McArthur, Johns Hopkins University; Mary Catherine Beach, Johns Hopkins Medicine
- ‘I did say I’d cater you’: The trajectory of an agreement in a complex planning activity – Sarah Hitzler, Bielefeld University; Jonas Kramer, Bielefeld University

## EMCA SESSIONS AT ASA 2023:

Fri, August 18:

**3:00 to 3:30pm:** Section on EMCA Business Meeting, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 104A <https://tinyurl.com/2ajp962b>

Sat, August 19:

**12:00 to 1:30pm:** Recruiting in Interaction – Regular Session 1 – Ethnomethodology & Conversation Analysis, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 105B <https://tinyurl.com/22z98238>

- Coaxing Out Candor: The Interactional Dynamics of Voir Dire for the Derek Chauvin Trial – David R. Gibson, University of Notre Dame; Matthew Peter Fox, USPS Office of Inspector General
- Negotiations Gone Awry: The importance of interaction in a highstakes treatment negotiation with an engaged patient – Alexandra Tate, University of Chicago; Karen Lutfey Spencer, University of Colorado-Denver
- “I have (someone)” statements: Preliminary information or recruitment move? – Esther González-Martínez, University of Fribourg (Switzerland); Angeliki Balantani
- Targeting in interaction: Second-order turn allocation and double accountabilities of action – Aug Nishizaka, Chiba University; Kaoru Hayano, Japan Women's University
- Problem Presentations in Workplace Meetings – Innhwa Park, West Chester University

**2:00 to 3:30pm:** The Moral Order of Interaction: Regular Session 2 – Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 103C <https://tinyurl.com/22vrl77j>

- To err is human but to persist is diabolical: Policing departures in social interaction – Tanya Stivers, University of California Los Angeles; Andrew Chalfoun, University of California Los Angeles; Giovanni Rossi, University of California-Los Angeles
- Displaying Worry with Mitigation: Parenthood, Moral Constraint, and Knowledge – Satomi Kuroshima, Tamagawa University
- The Practical Management of Belief in the Lethal Use of Force – Alexander Holder, University of Liverpool
- Identifying the Unidentified Race: Normative Features of Racial Common Sense in Online Asian Communities' Members' Practices – Tianhao Zhang, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

# PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE EMCA RECEPTION AT ASA!

Date: August 18

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Ladder 15, 528 Sansom St, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Ladder 15 is a short 10-minute walk from the Pennsylvania Convention Center (see map screenshot).

