

EMCA NEWSLETTER

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

Message from the Co-Chairs

Happy Spring, everyone! We're very excited to welcome new ASA EMCA members, and we're ever-grateful for all of our steadfast returning/renewing members. Thank you for being part of our close-knit, engaged, and thriving community!

We encourage all members to please *vote* in the American Sociological Association election, which is now open through 5 p.m. Eastern on Monday, May 20, 2024. Please review the information below about each candidate running for a position on our EMCA board.

We're excited to announce our next webinar in this issue: On June 13th, 2024, we hope you can join us as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the publication of John Heritage's Garfinkel and Ethnomethodology with a discussion of the book's contributions and continued influence (see additional details below).

We're also thrilled to announce that we'll have four EMCA paper sessions at the ASA annual meeting coming up this August 2024 in Montréal! We know some of these sessions will take place on Sunday, August 11th. Please stay tuned for the ASA 2024 program which will announce the dates/times for all of our wonderful panels, as well as the location of our annual section reception. We're very much looking forward to seeing as many EMCA members as possible during our upcoming webinar and in Montréal!

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Upcoming June Webinar: Garfinkel and Ethnomethodology at Forty

In 1984, John Heritage published Garfinkel and Ethnomethodology. Forty years later, the book has introduced generations of readers to Garfinkel's thought and remains one of the most influential publications within the field of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis. On **June 13 from 9-10:30 am PDT**, please join Jörg Bergmann (emeritus, Universität Bielefeld), Chase Raymond (University of Colorado, Boulder), Danielle Pillet-Shore (University of New Hampshire), and John Heritage (emeritus, University of California, Los Angeles) for a discussion of the book's contributions and continued influence. This event will be on Zoom. Please register [here](#).

Please visit our website for more information:

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

Elections: EMCA section candidates

Candidates for Co-Chair (vote for 2)

Kevin Whitehead, UCSB

The EMCA section has been my primary intellectual “home” for almost 20 years, and I have deeply appreciated the scholarly community it has provided me during this time. Having previously served as a section Council Member and on a number of section award committees, I would be honored to be elected as a Co-Chair of the section. In addition to the ways my previous service for the section has contributed to my preparedness to serve as a Co-Chair, I have held numerous other leadership positions in my academic departments and other professional organizations during the past 15 years, which have enriched my appreciation for what goes into this type of organizational work. If elected, I hope to contribute to maintaining the section as a key space for scholars committed to working in the EMCA tradition as well as welcoming new members who will further develop and invigorate our fields.



Christian Greiffenhagen, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



Ever since my PhD, I have been keen to support and promote ethnomethodology and conversation (EMCA) all over the world. During my Post-Doc, I helped to revitalize the Manchester Ethnography Group and Mind & Society conferences at Manchester. Later, I was an active member of The Discourse and Rhetoric Group (DARG) at Loughborough. After moving to Hong Kong, I established the Hong Kong-Macao Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Group (HKGMACEMCA), which has promoted EMCA among senior and junior colleagues in Asia through regular data sessions and inviting many international scholars to Hong Kong.

Jakub Mlynar, University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland

I am a passionate member of the ASA’s EMCA section, which has had a significant impact on my professional development. Ever since the first annual meeting I attended, in 2019, these events have been my priority. I enjoy the inspiring exchanges between various generations of scholars and the fact that the session programs reflect the diversity of current research in EMCA. My own work has always been grounded in the understanding that EM and CA are deeply intertwined, and I will promote this synergy if elected. I acknowledge the centrality of empirical studies and respect the relevance of diverse strands of EMCA. I also value debates on fundamental conceptual, methodological, and theoretical issues in historical contexts. Finally, I will endeavor to open the section to ASA members from different fields, encourage its presence in other parts of the world, and foster networking activities such as online workshops and data.



Satomi Kuroshima, Tamagawa University

I would be honored to serve the section of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis as a Co-chair. I have been a member of the section for more than ten years and have benefited from membership on both professional and personal levels. I have appreciated the opportunities I have received from being a section member, so I feel I want to return the same, and I would like to further contribute to the growth of the membership, as well as create various opportunities for the benefit of section members. Currently, I am a Student Paper Award Committee member, and I have served twice on the Section's Book Award Committee (2021 and 2023) and as chair of the Garfinkel-Sacks Distinguished Scholarship Award committee in 2022.



Candidates for Council (vote for 2)

Alexandra Tate, University of Chicago



EMCA advocates for the study of the most essential component of our social structure and offers a critical method for understanding social behavior across institutions. I want to continue to spread this message through being more involved in Council. I began attending ASA as a recent college graduate, and quickly found the EMCA community and its panels as a welcome home for innovative, scholarly, and policy-relevant research. Members who have presented their work at these panels have shaped my own work in so many ways and have inspired me to take on more challenges as I grow my research agenda. I am therefore so grateful to the EMCA section and the community it has built for me. My candidacy serves as a way to both give back to a section that has done so much for me and recognize work among members that is theoretically driven, empirically rigorous, and socially relevant.

Caroline Tietbohl, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

In my current role, I often teach and advise clinician researchers about qualitative methods that they can incorporate into their study designs. Over the last four years, I have introduced these colleagues to ethnomethodology and conversation analysis and many are now eager to use these methods to improve best practices across a wide range of clinical issues, including discussing intersecting needs in primary care, addressing future planning for patients with terminal illnesses, and diagnosing high-risk conditions on transfer phone calls between emergency departments. I have previously served on the Election Committee and am now seeking office as a Council Member to help bridge the gap between methodologic experts and those who are new to these methods. I hope to broaden the field by drawing in new researchers who want to use sociological methods and uphold the rigor of these approaches when they are applied in new settings.



Giovanni Rossi, UCLA

My research examines human language and gesture as an integrated system of tools for social interaction, with an emphasis on action understanding, everyday cooperation, and cultural differences/similarities. As an active participant in the EMCA section for over five years, I am eager to contribute further as a Council member. Transitioning from a postdoc to a faculty role, I have benefited significantly from the EMCA section community, enhancing my growth as a sociologist of interaction. My prior roles within the section, including Award Committee Chair and Session Organizer, have prepared me to contribute to our collective goals. I am committed to advancing EMCA, aiming to expand our membership both nationally and internationally, and to foster its integration with broader sociological and theoretical frameworks. My experience in research leadership and collaboration, along with my established connections within ethnomethodological and conversation analytic circles equip me to effectively support our section's future endeavors.



Waverly Duck, UCSB



Waverly Duck is an urban ethnographer and ethnomethodologist. He holds the North Hall Chair as an Endowed Professor of Sociology. He is also the Center for Black Studies Research Associate Director at the University of California, Santa Barbara. In 2024, he will join the Russell Sage Foundation as an incoming Visiting Fellow.