

## ***Linguistics 156: Language and Gender***

### **Tentative Schedule**

(always subject to modification; check back often!)

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
March 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>Introduction to Language &amp; Gender</i>	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Introduction to Linguistic Concepts</i> <i>(Featuring: Kyuwon Moon &amp; Tyler Schnoebelen)</i>
April 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Dichotomous Thinking I</i>	April 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Dichotomous Thinking II</i>
April 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Language &amp; Sexuality I</i>	April 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Language &amp; Sexuality II</i>
April 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>The Organization of Speech Activities I</i>	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>The Organization of Speech Activities II</i>
April 28 <sup>th</sup> MIDTERM EXAM	April 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Performativity</i>
May 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Politeness &amp; Speech Acts</i>	May 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Status, Respect &amp; Deference</i> <i>(Featuring: Kate Geenberg)</i>
May 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Presupposition &amp; Metaphor</i>	May 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Categories &amp; Labels</i>
May 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Grammar &amp; Syntax</i> <i>(Featuring: Tyler Schnoebelen)</i>	May 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>The Linguistic Market</i> <i>(Featuring: Rebecca Greene &amp; Kyuwon Moon)</i>
May 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Speech Production &amp; Perception</i> <i>(Featuring: Rebecca Starr)</i>	May 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Performativity Revisited: Drawing Connections</i>
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Dead Week, Review</i> <i>(Featuring: Penny Eckert)</i>	June 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Dead Week, Review</i>
June 9 <sup>th</sup> FINAL EXAM (3:30-6:30pm)	

## Details

### March 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **Topic: Introduction to Language & Gender**

- Lakoff 1972
- Difference & dominance
- The Discourse Turn
- The Performance Turn
- Language as social practice

#### **No Readings**

### April 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Featured Speakers: Kyuwon Moon & Tyler Schnoebelen*

#### **Topic: Introduction to Linguistics**

- Prescriptive vs. descriptive grammar
- Subfields within linguistics
- Introduction to sociolinguistics
- Methods & analytic approaches
- Variation

#### **Readings:**

- Eckert & McC-G Introduction
- Eckert & McC-G Chapter 2, pp 52-79
- Eckert & McC-G Chapter 7, pp 254-257

*Section Reading:* Gastil 1990, Kennelly et al. 2001

### April 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **Topic: Dichotomous Thinking I**

- What biology has to say
- The heterosexual market
- The gender binary & gender order
- Essentialism & social construction
- Work, school & institutions

#### **Readings:**

- Eckert & McC-G Chapter 1

### April 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Topic: Dichotomous Thinking II**

- Continuation of previous topics
- Analytic practice
- Stereotypes
- The hall of mirrors

#### **Readings:**

- Eckert & McC-G Chapter 1
- Eckert & McC-G Chapter 2, pp 79-90

*Section Readings:* Talbot 1992

## April 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Topic: Language & Sexuality I**

- Sexuality: sexual orientation, sexual desire
- Discursive negotiation/construction
- Language produces organizational categories
- Labels & imagined communities

### **Readings:**

- C&K Chapter 1
- C&K Chapter 2

## April 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Topic: Language & Sexuality II**

- Heterosexuality, Heteronormativity, & Patriarchy
- Gender-(in)appropriate speech
- Speech change & transgendered identities
- Queer theory & radical feminism
- Indexicality

### **Readings:**

- C&K Chapter 3, pp 44-59

*Section:* Discuss lecture content

## April 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Topic: The Organization of Speech Activities I**

- Access to situations and events
- Speech activities
- Speech situations & events; frames; genres
- Conversation analysis
- Conversation roles

### **Readings:**

- Eckert & McC-G Chapter 3

## April 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Topic: The Organization of Speech Activities II**

- Continuation of previous topics

### **Readings:**

- Eckert & McC-G Chapter 3, continued
- Ochs & Taylor 1995

*Section:* Discuss lecture content & Review for the Midterm

## April 28<sup>th</sup>:

**\*\*\*Midterm Exam: Cumulative over all previous topics and readings\*\*\***

## April 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Topic: Performativity**

- Gay & Lesbian speech
- Phases of research on sexual orientation & language
- The role of the lexicon
- Taxonomies

### **Readings:**

C&K Chapter 4

*Section Readings:* Barrett 1999; Keisling 2004

## May 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Topic: Speech Acts**

- Austin's Speech Act Theory
- Politeness
- Affective vs. Referential/Instrumental Talk
- Compliments
- Facework

### **Readings:**

Eckert & McC-G Chapter 4

## May 7<sup>th</sup>

*Featured Speaker: Kate Geenberg*

### **Topic: Status, Respect & Deference**

- Respect (addressing, honorifics, pronouns)
- Tag questions & Uptalk
- Speaking in italics & strong language
- Discourse particles & hedges
- Speaking indirectly

### **Readings:**

Eckert & McC-G Chapter 5

*Section:* Discuss lecture content

## May 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Topic: Presupposition & Metaphor**

- Encoded meaning
- Saying & interpreting
- Implying & inferring
- Presupposition & ideology
- Assigning roles & responsibilities
- Metaphor

### **Readings:**

Eckert & McC-G Chapter 6

## May 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Topic: Categories & Labels**

- Patrolling category boundaries
- Anchoring concepts in discourse
- Category relations, markedness & category asymmetry
- Subcategory erasure & category nesting

### **Readings:**

Eckert & McC-G Chapter 7 (skip 254-57)

*Section:* Discuss lecture content

*(Recommended Reading: Bohner 2001)*

## May 19<sup>th</sup>

*Featured Speaker: Tyler Schnoebelen*

### **Topic: Grammar & Syntax**

- Grammatical gender & social gender
- Linguistic relativity

**Readings:** TBA

## May 21<sup>st</sup>

*Featured Speakers: Rebecca Greene & Kyuwon Moon*

### **Topic: The Linguistic Market**

- Dialects & varieties
- Linguistic capital
- Ideologies & iconization
- Japanese Women's language
- Access & standardness

### **Readings:**

Eckert & McC-G Chapter 8

*Section Reading:* Gal 1978

## May 26<sup>th</sup>

*Featured Speaker: Rebecca Starr*

### **Topic: Speech Production & Perception**

- Continuation of previous topics
- Speech perception
- Voice quality

### **Readings:**

Strand 1999

Hall 1995

## May 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Topic: Performativity Revisited: Drawing Connections**

### **Readings:**

Eckert & McC-G Chapter 9

Podesva et al. 2001

*Section: Review course content*