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Affinity group for
Study of Language, Discourse and Social Interaction
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Mission

- To bring together researchers whose interests overlap in the area of language research and discourse studies
- To develop collaborative and multi-method research as well to provide support for individual researchers
- To establish SF State as a center recognized for excellence in research on language use and applications addressing social and community needs
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Main action goals

- Community building
- Explore qualitative research tools for research on language and its use in social communication
- Establish research working groups to facilitate development of collaborative research
- Establish research archives of ethnographic video and audio data of language use across a variety of social contexts
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Activities this semester

- Social kickoff event
- Research presentations by group members
- Qualitative analysis software workshop held
- Research methods panel discussion
- Research bibliography development and funding research
- Verilogue (Doctor-patient interaction) Working Group
- Linguistic Competence Working Group
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Linguistic Competence Research Working Group

- Linguistic and interactional competence
- Communication disorders and disabilities
- Child language and second language learning
- Application of research to facilitating successful communication, language learning, teaching, and speech therapy

Areas of interest

- Assessment of disability vs language learning needs (in schools)
- Clinical practice in new speech pathology clinic
Verilogue Doctor-patient Interactions Group

- Using Verilogue research archive
- Doctor-patient interactions in Type II diabetes visits

Areas of current interest
- Patient “lifeworld” vs “biomedical” perspectives
- How empathy is enacted/received
- Patient identity construction
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Related archives and projects

- Language and Social Interaction Archive (Leah Wingard)
- Preliminary pilot and AV discussions toward establishing video archive at Children’s Campus (Leah Wingard, Julie Law)
- Educational Discourse Archive (David Olsher, Maricel Santos, Gail Weinstein)
- New Speech Pathology Training Clinic in School of Ed. (Betty Yu)
- English Learner Project: Assessment of English language learning and disability (Philip Prinz, Laura Epstein, and Ali Borjian)
- Teotitlán del Valle Community Language Archive Project (Zapotec language preservation) (Troil Carleton)