

Diversity and Community in Applied Linguistics: Interface, Interpretation, Interdisciplinarity

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Department of Linguistics, Macquarie University



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Drawing on a decade and a half of individual and group research and teaching experience, the Applied Linguistics and Language in Education Research Group was established in 2005 within the Department of Linguistics at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. The group aims to foster interaction and collaboration among researchers in Applied Linguistics and Language in Education at Macquarie and elsewhere, and to promote interdisciplinary, inter-institutional, and international research and program development opportunities. The coordinator of the group is Professor Anne Burns.

The Conference

As a key part of its research profile, the ALLE Research Group is planning an inaugural international conference. The aims of the conference are to celebrate and interrogate three key areas in contemporary applied linguistics:

- Research
- Application
- Education

The conference is intended to provide an opportunity for applied linguists, language researchers and language educators working in a variety of diverse and overlapping fields to consider the issues of interface, interpretation and interdisciplinarity among their communities.

Some of these issues include:

- What insights do various research methodologies offer to concerns of practice?
- How do sites of practice afford insights into research in applied linguistics?
- What synergies exist between applied linguistics and education?

- How do different applied linguistic communities interpret research findings?
- How can communities of practice interconnect with research communities most effectively?
- Where do we draw the boundaries between applied linguistic research, practice and education and how permeable are they?
- How can diversity be reconciled with community in research and practice in applied linguistics?
- How does the work of applied linguists interface with that of other disciplines?

Presentations will include invited plenaries, colloquia, round table interactive discussions, and joint and individual papers.

Call for Proposals

The conference encourages proposals from interested participants. Please visit the conference website (see below for address) for details on how to construct and submit your proposal.

Speakers

Confirmed invited international speakers are:

Suresh Canagarajah: Professor of English at Baruch College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

His research interests span bilingualism, discourse analysis, academic writing, and critical pedagogy. He teaches undergraduate level courses in academic writing, globalization of English, and postcolonial literature, and graduate level seminars on the teaching of writing.

His book, *Resisting Linguistic Imperialism in English Teaching* (Oxford University Press, 1999), won the Mina P. Shaughnessy Award (2000) by the Modern Language

