

MLC Speakers

Spring 2014

The Spring 2014 line up of MLC speakers showcases a group of professionals using their language expertise in areas ranging from voice recognition to public radio to consulting and beyond. Join us as they visit the MLC to talk to us about how they do what they do with language.

Friday, Jan 24th – 1 pm (Location to be announced)

[Jermay Jamsu](#) – Voice User Interface Designer, [Nuance Communications](#)

Jermay Jamsu's work for Nuance Communications helps to power the development of voice recognition technology, drawing from linguistics to create the platforms behind human-computer interaction. A Georgetown linguistics Ph.D., Jermay brings to his current work his dissertation research into language variation and change.

Fri, February 7th – 1 pm (Location to be announced)

[Grant Barrett](#) – Lexicographer, radio host, journalist, public speaker

Grant Barrett, co-host of the public radio program on language, [A Way with Words](#), is a widely recognized authority on all things word-related. In his work as an American Lexicographer and dictionary editor, Barrett has compiled, edited, and contributed to numerous dictionaries including his prize-winning work tracking American English slang.

Tuesday, Feb 25th – 5 pm, Poulton 230

[Christopher Phipps](#) – Staff Scientist, Strategic Analysis Incorporated

Christopher Phipps works in Natural Language Processing research and development. He currently uses his linguistic expertise as a scientific adviser (SETA) to [The Metaphor Program](#) within the US Government's Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA). (For more on Christopher's work, see his [page on the MLC website](#).)

Friday, March 21st – 1 pm (as part of prospective student day – location to be announced)

[Julie Solomon](#), Founder and Principal of J. Solomon Consulting, LLC

Julie Solomon is the founder of a consulting firm specializing in program evaluation, where she has directed numerous evaluation, training, and research and development projects across behavioral health and social issue areas. She brings to her work a Stanford Ph.D. in linguistics, for which she studied the social context of language variation in Yucatán, Mexico.

Friday, April 25th – 3:30-5 pm, Poulton 230 (part of the Ling. Dept. Speaker Series)

[Joe Grady](#) – Principal, [Cultural Logic LLC](#)

Joe Grady is a cognitive linguist and communications strategy consultant whose firm brings expertise from linguistics and other cognitive and social

sciences to the work of producing concrete, effective [explanations](#) around public interest issues. A Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, his research has focused on the effect of metaphor on communication.