



2013 Young Scholar Speaker Series

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One and the same word will sound somewhat different each time it is spoken, even if it is spoken by one and the same speaker. In fact, the actual pronunciation of words will often differ significantly from their "citation form" or "dictionary pronunciation". In this talk, I explore the respective roles of lexical retrieval times and of factors related to speech perception in pronunciation variation, both in conversational speech and in the lab. I argue that insights gained in psycholinguistic experiments, such as picture naming and lexical decision tasks, can shed light on lexical access and retrieval in conversational speech, and that current models of language production can usefully be extended to conversational speech.

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