

Language Science Colloquium 2018-19

Monday, June 3rd Time: 11:00-12:30 pm

Location: Social Sciences Plaza, Building-B, Room 2214

Lunch provided.

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"Seeing and talking about events"

Research in linguistics and cognitive psychology reveals systematic correspondences between the grammatical mass/count distinction and the conceptual distinction between substances and objects. Research in formal semantics supports a strong analogy between nominal mass/count and verbal telicity phenomena. In this talk, I apply methods and results from both areas—formal semantics and cognitive psychology—to explore the distinction between events and processes and the language we use to talk about them.

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