

Workshop August 2023



Beyond Speech Workshop

Exploring Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Children with Hearing Loss

14th August, 2023



Online registration has now closed. The live-streaming link will be sent to all registered participants on 11th August, 2023.

For participants in time-zones that would make live-streaming difficult, the recordings of each presentation will be shared as individual links on this website after the live event.

Live Auslan sign language interpreters and English real-time captioning will be available on the day.

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Information about the workshop

Many children with hearing loss communicate using more than one language, or are otherwise culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD). Support services for children with hearing loss have a growing awareness of the specific needs of these groups. A better understanding of the strengths and challenges of CALD children with hearing loss in developing language skills has the potential to achieve improved outcomes. Continuing from the Beyond Speech multidisciplinary workshops of 2020, 2021 and 2022, this year's online workshop offers new research findings on how language development proceeds in children with hearing loss, particularly in multilingual and CALD contexts. The workshop will also bring together perspectives from clinicians to discuss strategies to support children in these contexts.

Keynote Speakers

- Mridula Sharma (Macquarie University)
- Kate Crowe (University of Iceland, Charles Sturt University)

Organising Committee

Rebecca Holt, Trudy Smith, Nan Xu Rattanasone, Pia Watkins, Andy Morrison

Workshop Sponsors

- Macquarie University Child Language Lab
- Macquarie University Centre for Language Sciences (CLaS)
- Australian Hearing Hub

Program

Monday 14 August

9:30 **Opening and Welcome:** Greg Leigh

9:45 **Keynote Presentation I**

Chair: Jae-Hyun Kim

Kathryn Crowe, University of Iceland

Mark Guiberson, University of Wyoming

Deaf multilingual learners: What does the research evidence tell us?
(https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/news-and-events2/beyond-speech-workshop-2023/BSW2023_Kate-Crowe.pdf).

10:45 Break

11:15 **Session I**

Chair: Andy Morrison

Erin West, University of Melbourne

Preliminary data regarding the development of Auslan handshapes and emerging lexicons in children who are deaf and hard of hearing in Australia
(https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/news-and-events2/beyond-speech-workshop-2023/BSW2023_Erin-West.pdf).

Traci Flynn, Hearing Australia and University of Newcastle

Examining Language Development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children: Insights from the Hearing Assessment Program - Early Ears (HAPEE)
(https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/news-and-events2/beyond-speech-workshop-2023/BSW2023_Traci-Flynn.pdf).

12:15 Break

13:00 Panel Discussion

Chair: Trudy Smith

Promoting culturally competent practices in professional practice
(https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/news-and-events2/beyond-speech-workshop-2023/BSW2023_Panel.pdf).

14:00 Break

14:15 Keynote Presentation II

Chair: Nan Xu Rattanasone

Mridula Sharma, Macquarie University

Ear health, dichotic listening and phonological awareness skills in children from Northern Territory (https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/news-and-events2/beyond-speech-workshop-2023/BSW2023_Mridula-Sharma.pdf).

15:15 Break

15:30 Session II

Chair: Laurence Bruggeman

Feng Xu, Macquarie University

Mandarin-speaking preschoolers with CIs can use prosodic cues to contrast compounds from lists (https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/news-and-events2/beyond-speech-workshop-2023/BSW2023_Feng-Xu.pdf).

Pauline van der Straten Waillet, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Speech accuracy and intelligibility of bilingual children with cochlear implants
(https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/news-and-events2/beyond-speech-workshop-2023/BSW2023_Pauline-van-der-Straten-Waillet.pdf).

16:30 Closing remarks: Rebecca Holt

Where can I watch the live-streamed talks (or watch them after the scheduled times)?

The workshop will be held online-only via Zoom. A link will be emailed to all workshop registrants prior to the workshop. The captioned, interpreted talks will be shared as individual links and emailed to workshop registrants 10 days after the live event.

How can I ask questions of the presenter to answer in their question time?

We encourage you to use the chat function in Zoom to ask your questions during and after the presentation. These will be directed to the presenter in their question time, or answered during the next session.

You are also invited to use the “Raise my hand” feature in Zoom gestures, accessible from the bottom of the Zoom screen, to indicate that you would like to be unmuted to ask your question. If you raise your hand, wait to be invited to unmute by the facilitator to ask your question.

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