

Workshop July 2024

Beyond Speech Workshop – Thursday 4 July

Language and Literacy in Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children with Diverse Backgrounds

Online registration has now closed.

The live-streaming link will be sent to all registered participants prior to the event.

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

Early intervention and access to hearing devices/native sign language have contributed to good language acquisition in children who are deaf and hard of hearing in Australia, laying the foundations for emergent language and literacy skills.

However, research on language and literacy development of these children is limited when compared to their hearing peers. The gap is even more pronounced for children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, for both spoken and sign language learners.

A better understanding of the unique strengths and challenges faced by these children can enhance our knowledge and lead to more effective intervention strategies, ultimately improving their outcomes.

Building on the Beyond Speech multidisciplinary workshops held from 2020 to 2023, this year's online workshop will introduce new research findings and expert keynotes on (emergent) language and literacy acquisition in children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

The workshop will also bring together clinicians and researchers to discuss supportive strategies and consider future directions for the field.

Keynote speakers

- Connie Mayer (York University)
- Beverly Trezek (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- Andrea D Warner-Czyz (The University of Texas at Dallas)

Organising committee

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Workshop sponsors

- Macquarie University Child Language Lab (<https://www.mq.edu.au/about/about-the-university/our-faculties/medicine-and-health-sciences/departments-and-centres/department-of-linguistics/our-research/child-language-acquisition/child-language-lab>).
- Macquarie University Centre for Language Sciences (CLaS). (<https://www.mq.edu.au/research/research-centres-groups-and-facilities/healthy-people/centres/centre-for-language-sciences-clas>).
- Australian Hearing Hub

Program

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Time	Activity
9.15	Opening and Welcome: Dr Aleisha Davis
9.30	Keynote presentation I Chair: Iain Giblin <u>Connie Mayer</u> (York University) <u>Beverly Trezek</u> (University of Wisconsin-Madison) <u>Beyond Speech: Literacy Achievement of Deaf Learners</u> (https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/pdfs/Keynote-I-Mayer-and-Trezek.pdf)
10.30	Break

Time	Activity
11.00	Session I Chair: Pia Watkins <u>Vicky Zhang</u> (National Acoustic Laboratories) <u>Beyond Hearing: Exploring the Impact of Congenital Unilateral Hearing Loss in School-Age Children</u> (https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/pdfs/Session-I-Zhang.pdf).
11.30	Salon conversations with <u>Emma Watkins</u> (Macquarie University) Chair: Rebecca Holt <u>Emma Watkins: Abstract & Bio</u> (https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/news-and-events2/workshop-july-2024/documents/Emma-Watkins-Abstract-Bio.pdf).
12.00	Keynote presentation II Chair: Hua-Chen Wang <u>Andrea D Warner-Czyz</u> (The University of Texas at Dallas) <u>The power of language and its acquisition by children who are deaf and hard of hearing</u> (https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/pdfs/Keynote-II-Warner-and-Czyz.pdf).
13.00	Break
14.00	Panel discussion Chair: Trudy Smith
15.00	Session II Chair: Jane Man-Yu Lai <u>Louise de Beuzeville</u> (NextSense) Rebekah Power (NextSense) <u>Collaborative relationships: bridging the research to practice gap in deaf education</u> (https://www.mq.edu.au/gem/archived-pages/child-language-lab_Old/news-and-events2/workshop-july-2024/Session-II_de-Beuzeville-and-Power.pdf).
15.30	Closing remarks: <u>Professor Mridula Sharma</u>

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 by 1st August.

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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