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The MIC Distinguished Lecture Series

Exploring Common Ground in Research on Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition

Friday October 9, 2015, 2:00-3:00 pm

Place: SBS South 147 (MIC Conference Room)

Language researchers have traditionally drawn distinctions between phenomena of ‘bilingualism’ and the processes and features of ‘second language acquisition’ (SLA). Accounts have generally relied upon factors of context, age of acquisition, degree of proficiency or ability, ‘nativeness’ or ‘native-likeness’, and social identity. In this talk, I offer some insight into the potential relationship between bilingualism and SLA, pointing to the common ground between these two areas of inquiry.



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