Section Syllabus

Section 1A
Friday, 9:00-9:50, Bunche 2160

Section 1B
Friday, 10:00-10:50, Bunche 3170

Section Info

- Attend the section you are enrolled in. Attendance will be taken.
- Section is experiment-based, and will teach you how to experimentally investigate the theoretical issues that are covered in lecture.
  - During the first part of the quarter, we will transcribe and analyze child data from a recording and learn about experimental and corpus research methods
  - In the second part of the quarter, we will focus on your personal projects.

Homework Assignments

- Turn in a hard copy of your assignment at the beginning of section.
- Assignments are handed out in section. You have one week to complete each assignment.
- We will spend some of the section time going over the homework, so late assignments cannot be accepted once section has started.
- Five homework assignments each contribute 5% of your final grade (25% total)

Section Schedule

Week 1 (April 6th)
In Section: Introduction; CHILDES transcription
Assignment 1: Transcribe first 2min 30 seconds of Michael.mp3 (on the CCLE site)
Phonetically transcribe 5 words that seem adult-like in pronunciation
Phonetically transcribe 5 words that seem non-adult-like in pronunciation

Week 2 (April 13th)
In Section: Discuss MLU and VPU; go over Assignment 1.
Assignment 2: Calculate MLU and VPU for the transcription of Michael.mp3

Week 3 (April 20th)
In Section: How to use CLAN (bring laptops); go over Assignment 2.
Assignment 3: Do the CLAN coding exercises on the nina13.cha file
Week 4 (April 27th)  
With Victoria (Marju away)  
In Section: Experimental Methodology; go over Assignment 3.  
To Do: Study for the exam (May 3rd)

Week 5 (May 4th)  
In Section: Research Design I  
Assignment 4: Project proposal (in pairs). Be clear about methodology and design, give examples when necessary

Week 6 (May 11th)  
In Section: Research Design II  
To Do: Obtain preliminary results

Week 7 (May 18th)  
In Section: How to write an academic paper  
To Do: Work on your final results, start writing up your paper

Week 8 (May 25th)  
In Section: How to write an abstract and a presentation handout  
Assignment 5: Write a short abstract for the class conference program (due on June 1st by email)

Week 9 (June 1st)  
In Section: Research project workshop  
To Do: Study for the exam (June 5th), prepare a handout or slides for the conference presentation

Week 10 (June 8th)  
In Section: Final papers Q&A  
Final Paper: Due June 13th