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Abstract

This presentation explores how researchers' underlying language ideologies shape linguistic research, using two case studies in American Sign Language (ASL). The first reexamines the verb glossed as LOOK through actual usage events, advancing the scholarly understanding of sequential constructions of ASL, while the second, an ongoing survey of ASL name signs, highlights the importance of community feedback in developing a potentially more inclusive group of ASL users and their stories of name signs.

Biography

Lina Hou (she/they) is a signed language linguist. She is an Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Linguistics Department at University of California, Santa Barbara. She received her Ph.D in Linguistics at The University of Texas at Austin and did her postdoctoral fellowship in Communications at University of California, San Diego.





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