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Barbara Gordon Memorial Lecture 2019



Dr. Lisa Green

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Dr. Lisa Green holds a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and is the founding director of the Center for the Study of African American Language at UMass Amherst. Its goal is to foster and integrate research on language in the African American community and applications of that research in educational, social, and cultural realms. The Center serves as a resource for communities across the country, with a commitment to furnishing information and training to educators who address language and dialect-related issues. In Fall 2009, Dr. Green was an Old Dominion Fellow in Linguistics at Princeton University.

Green's research investigates variation within and across varieties of English, with a focus on African American English (AAE). In moving away from the traditional approach of studying isolated features of AAE that differ maximally from constructions in the standard and mainstream varieties of English, she considers systems in the AAE grammar, such as the systems of tense/aspect marking and negation. Green's work also explores the link between discourse and structural positions of elements in the left periphery. Her work on child AAE addresses questions about optionality and variation in language development.

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