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Paul Foulkes

Professor

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Profile

Biography

Paul Foulkes works in phonetics, phonology, language variation and change, language acquisition, and forensic phonetics. He is a consultant with J P French Associates and director of courses in forensic speech science.

Career

- University of Cambridge (Churchill College)
BA in Modern Languages (1989, MA 1993)
MPhil in Linguistics (1990)
PhD in Linguistics (1993)
- University of Cambridge (Clare Hall)
Junior research fellow (1993 - 1994)
Lecturer (English, Engineering)
- Newcastle University (Speech and Language Sciences)
Research associate (1994 - 1997)
- University of Leeds (Department of Linguistics and Phonetics)
Lecturer (1997 - 2000)
- University of York
Lecturer (2000 - 2004)
Reader (2004 - 2010)
Professor (2010 -)

- J P French Associates
Forensic consultant (2000 –)
- University of Canterbury (New Zealand)
Visiting Erskine fellow (2008)

Departmental roles

- MSc in Forensic Speech Science programme
Director
- Graduate School Board
Member

Research

Overview

My research interests are in language variation and change, phonetics, phonology, sociophonetics, first language acquisition and forensic phonetics.

Most of the work I do focuses on quantitative analysis of natural speech, with a view to understanding systematic phonetic variation and its implications for phonological and linguistic theory. I undertake both research and casework in forensic speaker identification as a consultant for JP French Associates.

Research group(s)

- [Phonetics and phonology](#)
- [Language variation and change](#)
- Forensic speech science

Grants

- BBfor2 (Bayesian Biometrics For Forensics)
- Marie Curie FP7 Initial Training Network (2010-2013)
- Diverlang
Construction des connaissances langagières, diversité des usages, contextes sociolinguistiques
- ANR (2006-2010)

Collaborators

- Gerry Docherty
- Peter French
- [Bill Haddican](#)
- Jen Hay

- Jim Scobbie
- [Dominic Watt](#)

Supervision

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Teaching

Undergraduate

- [Forensic phonetics \(E/L05H\)](#)

- [Advanced topics in phonetics & phonology \(L13\)](#)

External activities

Invited talks and conferences

- Second International Workshop on Forensic Linguistics Barcelona (2011)
- Laboratory Phonology 11