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## Editorial

Lauren Hall-Lew

Welcome to the first issue of Volume 7 of *Lifespans & Styles: Undergraduate Papers in Sociolinguistics*. This issue includes five papers by eight authors that continue the journal's mission of showcasing excellence in undergraduate research in sociolinguistics.

Jamie Brigg, from the University of Newcastle, starts off the issue with an analysis of British actor Michael Caine's production of dental fricatives across his lifespan, finding different patterns of lifespan change for TH-stopping and TH-fronting. The next paper is from Canaan Zengyu Lan, from the University of Melbourne, who analyses prosodic variation among food-market hawkers at Queen Victoria Market in Melbourne. Lan highlights how persuasive and aggressive hawking styles are linked to gendered hawker personae. Staying in Melbourne is our next paper, by Henry Leslie-O'Neill, also of the University of Melbourne. Leslie-O'Neill examines two pre-lateral vowel mergers in speakers of various Southern Hemisphere English varieties and finds that speakers differentiate vowels by length when first and second formant values would otherwise suggest that they are merged. The fourth paper is by Wesley Leong from New York University. Leong shows how non-standard tense marking in Standard Singapore English is largely phonological, not morphological, and also not correlated with social factors. Last but not least is a paper co-authored by three students from the University of British Columbia: Cambria Willis, Anna Colpitts, and Lauren Denusik. These authors studied how adults in British Columbia rated children from the Washington State area in terms of accentedness and intelligibility, where half of the children were monolingual English speakers and the other half simultaneous bilinguals in English and Mandarin. Overall, the findings show that the English produced by the simultaneous bilingual children was not perceived as being differently accented to that of the monolingual children, although with some suggestive results that the monolinguals were rated as older than the bilinguals.

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I am sorry to announce that this is the penultimate issue of the journal. We aim to publish one more issue of Volume 7, after which we will cease publication for the foreseeable future. All potential submissions should be made instead to *The Journal of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain*, or any other journal that might be suitable for the topic of the paper. Any questions can be directed to me by email at the address below.

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