



Lecture

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Friday, October 26, 2007
3:30-5:00 pm
Mary Gates Hall 241
Reception to follow

The Innocent Phonologist: Linguist as Policy Advisor in Alberta Second Language Programs

In this lecture, John Archibald will discuss the research processes and results of several reports undertaken by the Language Research Centre at the University of Calgary for the provincial government of Alberta, Canada, regarding second language education policy. The object of study was a proposed mandatory second language requirement in primary and secondary education. A theoretical researcher, Archibald engaged with applied education questions such as: What is the influence of second language acquisition on the first language? What are the effects of different writing systems on second language accent? What is the relationship of instruction time to second language proficiency? His findings on these and other questions will be addressed.

John Archibald is Professor and Head of the Department of Linguistics at the University of Calgary. He is the founding Director of the Language Research Centre in Calgary and currently serves on the boards of *Second Language Research* (of which he is incoming editor) and *Studies in Second Language Acquisition*. He is former President of the Canadian Linguistic Association. His published works include *Contemporary Linguistic Analysis*, 6th Edition (forthcoming), *Second Language Acquisition and Linguistic Theory* (2000), *Second Language Phonology* (1998), and *Phonological Acquisition and Phonological Theory* (1995).

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