



**GENDER  
STUDIES  
LECTURE  
SERIES  
2009-2010**

**Oct. 15, 2009  
Thursday  
5:30-6:30**

**About the  
Speaker**

**Dr. Ron Smyth:**  
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ences (Psychology)  
Adjunct Professor,  
Speech-Language  
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His research interests  
and expertise are  
Psycholinguistics,  
Sociophonetics, and  
Graduate Supervision  
and Funding.

**Phonetics, Gender, &  
Sexual Orientation**



**Dr. Ron Smyth from the University of Toronto will discuss the diversity of both straight and gay/lesbian speakers' phonetic output, and his finding that 'verbal gaydar' is quite poor for both male and female speakers.**

**Dr. Smyth perceptual approach defines a new brand of perceptual dialectology. As he found with gaydar, listeners' judgments of speakers' age and social class are quite inaccurate, but they show surprisingly clear and interpretable intercorrelations; lesbian-sounding women were judged as younger than straight-sounding women, and gay-sounding men were judged as younger than straight-sounding men, even though there was no significant relationship between these judgments and objectively defined age and social class.**



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