



The Department of English Linguistics cordially invites you to a guest lecture by

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**“Yeah you've got a sort of like a posh Aboriginal accent”:
Documenting Indigenous language repertoires in remote Western Australia**

Aboriginal English (AE) is an indigenised variety of English spoken by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, used by many as their dominant or only language of communication and a strong cultural and ethnic identity marker. AE is often one of several elements that constitutes the linguistic repertoire of an Indigenous person in so-called “Australia”.

For my PhD, I document the linguistic repertoires of a First Nations community in the Pilbara, a remote area in northern Western Australia. This is done in collaboration with the PKKP Aboriginal Corporation, where I conducted an internship with PKKP’s Language Team over the course of five months in 2025. I argue that my PhD internship set the perfect context for meaningful collaboration by affording me a role and purpose in a community to which I had no previous connections. I will also offer reflections about the challenges and joys of conducting collaborative sociolinguistic fieldwork in the Pilbara, present a corpus overview, and discuss preliminary findings as well as interesting observations.

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