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Rev. John Witherspoon (1781):  
“I will mention the vulgar abbreviations in  
general, as an't, can't, han't, don't, should'nt,  
would'nt, could'nt, &c.”

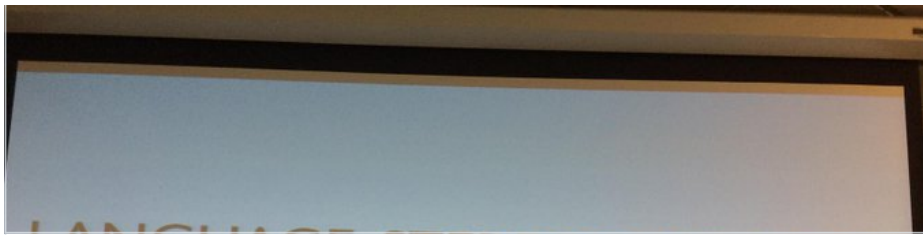


## Language, Stereotypes, and Discrimination

A presentation by Robin Queen and Anne Curzan as part of the 2015 Investing in Ability event series at the University of Michigan.

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Getting ready to live tweet "Language, Stereotype, & Discrimination " #iaw2015

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U-M profs Anne Curzan & Robin Queen on The Impact of Language on Stigma & Stereotyping, noon today, Hatcher Gallery. [lib.umich.edu/events/impact-...](http://lib.umich.edu/events/impact-...)

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### The Impact of Language on Stigma and Stereotyping | U-M Library

Anne Curzan, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of English language and literature, linguistics, and education; and Robin Queen, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of Germanic languages and literatures, linguistics, and English language and literature, talk about "The Impact of Language on Stigma and Stereotyping."



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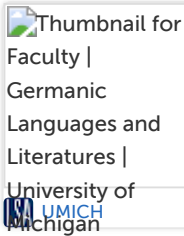


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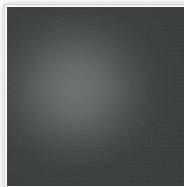


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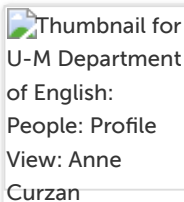


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"We're noticing the way language plays out in our day-to-day interactions. There is no sound too small to attract our attention"  
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Do we have control over how other people hear our language? Should we? We walk through the world noticing all of language.  
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What is language? What happens with language? What matters about language? [#iaw2015](#) We have strong sense we know, but it's incomplete

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How do we eval language fr others? Language makes it poss for us to "read one another's minds". Defining characteristic of species [#iaw2015](#)

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Interactive assmt in group. Language is more than words.  
Sounds. Systems. Body. Movement. Organization. Etymology.  
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"Language is ENTRENCHED in our body. Our biology is formed around language." #iaw2015 We are driven to do this just as to walk.

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Chimpanzees can learn to use parts of language, but sentences are hard for them. Easy for 4yo kids.

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**Chimp Talk Debate: Is It Really Language?**

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### Chimp Talk Debate: Is It Really Language?

PANBANISHA, a Bonobo chimpanzee who has become something of a star among animal language researchers, was strolling through the Georgia woods with a group of her fellow primates -- scientists at the Language Research Center at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Suddenly, the chimp pulled one of them aside.

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"American Sign Language has no heritage shared with English. It is closer to French Sign language" #iaw2015

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Proposal: "Whatever a human produces that is systematic is grammatical. Whatever it is." [#iaw2015](#) This doesn't mean it's standard, tho.

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The tool here is to think of linguistic variation as DIFFERENCE not deficit. Forget the rules, says Robin Queen. [#iaw2015](#)

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Double negation is standard in French. Considered wrong in standard English, but try thinking different instead. [#iaw2015](#)

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Then what happens with the judgments of grammar? Loading the social onto use of language. [#iaw2015](#)

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"Ain't" has been in standard dictionaries for long time, cuz it's a very old word. What's wrong with ain't?  
[usatoday30.usatoday.com/sports/columni...](http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/sports/columni...) [#iaw2015](#)

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### Where does Michigan go from here? - USATODAY.com

By Christine Brennan, USA TODAY As marriages go, the Rich Rodriguez-University of Michigan union had about as much chance of succeeding as any that Elizabeth Taylor or Larry King ever tried.

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A) "I can't tell what 'ain't stands for?" b) "Well, what about won't?" A) "I don't like the way it sounds." B) "What about faint?"

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