Language Science Day

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Language Science Day brought together most of the University of Maryland's 200 language science researchers to improve awareness of the impressive range of language-related re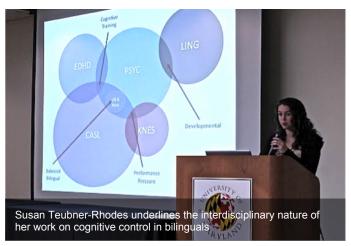search to be found throughout the university. The event showcased ongoing projects from 16 departments and research institutions and facilitated networking among all participants to jump-start interdisciplinary connections. The event was a success with over 150 people participating, proving both the need for, and the benefits of, supporting the university-wide interdisciplinary effort.

Participant Affiliations

Department of Computer Science	Department of Biology
Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences	UMIACS
Dept. of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology	Center for Advanced Study of Language (CASL)
Department of Linguistics	College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
Program in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science	College of Education
Department of Philosophy	College of Information Studies
Department of Psychology	College of Engineering
Second Language Acquisition Program	NSF IGERT Program in Language Science
School of Languages Literature and Culture	College of Arts and Humanities
Department of English	College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering	Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities

The event opened with a networking lunch during which researchers and students were introduced to language science-related opportunities through short talks given by newly appointed faculty representatives from 8 programs and departments.

Through more formal presentations, graduate students showcased results from their ongoing interdisciplinary research, demonstrating the accessibility, feasibility, and advantages of inter-departmental collaborative work. Faculty from CASL and the NSF-IGERT program gave progress reports on broader integrative goals and opportunities.

Susan Teubner-Rhodes underlines the interdisciplinary nature of her work on cognitive control in bilinguals

During two poster sessions, representatives from over 25 groups and laboratories presented ongoing work on aspects of language science ranging from theoretical research to clinical applications.

Language Science Day brought together the biggest gathering of University of Maryland language scientists to date. Students, researchers, faculty members, and administrators discussed current research, interdisciplinary efforts, future collaborations, and the latest developments in their field.

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