The Department of Linguistics is pleased to present

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speaking on

What is implicit prosody and what is it for?

Friday, March 18, 2022 1:20 PM Via Zoom

(Zoom information will be emailed on Thursday, March 17th)

Abstract:

In this talk, I'll first define implicit prosody and trace its history in the field of psycholinguistics and its connections to the broader imagery debate in cognitive science. I'll then describe results from a series of completion, eye-tracking, and event-related potential studies suggesting that readers are generating implicit metric representations during silent reading, including some more recent work designed to assess individual differences in the strength of implicit prosody representations. Finally, I'll describe some open questions around the form and function of implicit prosodic representations.