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## 1 Introduction

In 2016 the Institute of Culture, Discourse & Communication marked a decade of dedicated research in its field. Originally launched as the Centre for Communication Research in 2001 under the directorship of Professor of Language and Communication Allan Bell, ICDC became one of AUT's nine Key Research Institutes in 2003. In 2007 its funding support shifted to the Faculty, it was renamed and its research scope was reoriented.

In these years a wide range of issues have been studied by ICDC researchers, including with significant funding support: a government-commissioned project on television violence; an investigation of the maintenance of Pasifika languages in Manukau (supported by a Marsden Fund grant); a detailed analysis of New Zealand's first animated sit-com *bro'town* that covered new ground in the exposure of ethnic minority groups on television; and more recently a project on online news that examined significant changes in news processes and texts as a result of digital technologies. The two-yearly New Zealand Discourse Conferences were founded in 2007, and have attracted strong presentations from New Zealand and overseas, and hosted plenary sessions with world-leading discourse scholars.

The past ten years have also seen a biennial study of New Zealanders' use of the internet with ICDC as the New Zealand partner of the World Internet Project, which has attracted external funding of almost \$1 million and has become the benchmark study of the internet for government, business organisations and academics. A strong interest in discourse analysis and sociolinguistics has resulted in numerous projects that focus on the relationship between language and society. Since its inception the Institute has hosted the editorial work for the *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, the field's leading journal which was co-founded by Allan Bell. ICDC researchers also work collaboratively on projects with colleagues at other universities in New Zealand and overseas. The Institute has been proud to attract and graduate an outstanding series of doctoral and masters students.

ICDC's stated objectives are:

- developing research capability in the School of Language & Culture, the Faculty of Culture & Society and AUT, through mentoring, conferences, supervisions and research groups;
- collaborating with researchers within the School, Faculty, AUT and elsewhere in New Zealand and internationally, through joint projects and publication;
- publishing, including staff research outputs and journal editorships;
- seeking external funding for ICDC projects.

ICDC's annual report for 2016 offers an overview of Institute staff and their interests and accomplishments, the activities and events that have been hosted and organised during this period, and the outcomes and outputs that have resulted. Future initiatives for 2017 are also outlined. In 2016 the Institute produced and presented a high level of diverse research-related activities and outputs from a limited staffing base. The staff contributed some 25 outputs during the year, including journal papers, book chapters, reports, plenaries, workshops, conference papers and oral presentations.

## 2 The ICDC Team

Staff positions in 2016 were:

- Professor Allan Bell, Director, Professor of Language and Communication (.95)
- Dr Philippa Smith, Research Manager (.3)
- Andy Gibson, Journal of Sociolinguistics Reviews and Editorial Associate, Research Officer (.1)
- Trish Brothers, Editorial Assistant and copy editor (.3)

## 3 Staff profiles



### **Professor Allan Bell, Director and Professor of Language and Communication**

Allan Bell has been the director of ICDC since it was established in 2007, and of its predecessor, the Centre for Communication Research from 2001. He has led a number of major research projects including the Pasifika Languages of Manukau Project, and the World Internet Project NZ. Allan also holds an affiliation as Visiting Research Professor in the School of English at the University of Hong Kong, a top-ranking university.

Allan edits the *Journal of Sociolinguistics* which published 720 pages in five issues in 2016 (see below). A highlight of the year was the publication and presentation of a theme issue of the Journal, which Allan co-edited with David Britain and Devyani Sharma, to mark 50 years since the appearance of founding sociolinguist William Labov's ground-breaking study of the English of New York City. At over 200 pages, the issue published commissioned papers from leading sociolinguists, an Afterword by Labov, and an Introduction by Allan and his co-editors. It is a landmark publication in the evaluation of Labov's contribution in the field. At the annual North American sociolinguistics conference, *NWAV 45*, in Vancouver in November, Allan presided at a plenary session in which a presentation of a copy of the issue was made to Labov.

Allan made several other international presentations during the year. He was a plenary panellist at the *21st Sociolinguistic Symposium* in Murcia, Spain in June 2016, contributing to the closing session on the Milestones and Challenges of Sociolinguistics. Also at Murcia he co-convened and chaired a panel on *The Place of Style in a 21st century Sociolinguistics* with Natalie Schilling of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. He presented individual papers at both the Murcia and Vancouver conferences.

Allan had a total of 14 research outputs during the year, including two major book publications: a chapter assessing the trends of the past 20 years in sociolinguistics, from his vantage point as Editor of the field's leading journal, was published in a landmark CUP publication edited by Nikolas Coupland on *Sociolinguistics: Theoretical Debates*. Also published was a chapter entitled "'An evil version of our accent': Language ideologies and the neighbouring other', which examined ideologies of New Zealand and Australian Englishes in the show *Flight of the Conchords*. As Director of the World Internet Project NZ, Allan led the writing and editing of the three reports which were published in 2016 (see outputs) based on the results of the project's 2015 survey.

Two of Allan's supervised students graduated during the year, one PhD and one MPhil, and a further Masters thesis was submitted. Allan has several ongoing supervisions.

He continued his role as Head of Research in the School of Language & Culture through the first two months of 2016, representing the School on Faculty boards and committees, overseeing the School's research mentorship scheme, and undertaking other research mentoring and oversight activities in the School.



### **Dr Philippa Smith, Research Manager**

Philippa Smith is ICDC's research manager. Besides conducting her own research and working on collaborative projects with academics at AUT and internationally, Philippa participates in a number of other activities. These include assisting in the running of ICDC and its research projects; participating in Faculty and School research committee meetings including the Doctoral Board; liaising with various government departments and organisations such as the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment and InternetNZ relating to research activities. Philippa has been involved in the World Internet Project in New Zealand since 2007 and has been the Executive Director of the project since 2014 overseeing the 2015 survey and the Internet Trends report.

Philippa's own research involves a range of different communication perspectives from analyzing news discourse to developing mobile learning strategies in the classroom and she has produced outputs independently and collaboratively with academic colleagues in New Zealand and internationally. Recent collaborations include research with Dr. Helen Sissons from Communication Studies on journalistic discourse, resulting in a conference presentation at the

Australia New Zealand Communications Conference in Queenstown in July 2016, and the publication of an article in the international journal *Journalism: Theory, Practice and Criticism*, titled “Social media and a case of mistaken identity: A newspaper’s response to journalistic error”. Internationally Philippa worked with Professor Nuria Lorenzo-Dus from the University of Swansea in the United Kingdom on research analysing news photographs of leaders during political crises from the UK publication *The Independent*. Their work addressed the dearth of research into the visual representation of crisis and political communication in the media and will be published as a chapter in a forthcoming book on crisis and the media.

In 2016 Philippa received the Excellence in Research Leadership annual award of the Faculty of Culture and Society. Aside from her role within ICDC Philippa is also a senior lecturer in the School of Language and Culture and teaches on the Bachelors and Masters degrees in English and New Media. She has examined a number of Masters and Doctoral theses both within AUT and from other institutions, and reviewed papers for a range of journals and conferences. In 2016 she chaired a session at the World Journalism Educators Symposium held at AUT. Further details of Philippa’s involvement in a range of ICDC activities, as well as her outputs, can be found in other sections of this report or on the ICDC website: <http://icdc.aut.ac.nz/home/people/people2/philippa-smith>.



### **Andy Gibson, Reviews and Editorial Manager for *Journal of Sociolinguistics***

While working on his PhD in Linguistics from the University of Canterbury, Andy Gibson has continued to act as Reviews and Editorial Manager for the *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, liaising with editors, authors and publishers on a range of matters for the Journal, as well as bringing 38 book reviews and 2 review articles through to publication. Andy also consulted to the WIPNZ team prior to the presentation and publication of the results of the 2015 survey. He presented two papers at the *New Zealand English and English in New Zealand Conference* held at the University of Canterbury in June. These covered topics of Samoan English in New Zealand and Exploring Music and Dialect in Lexical Access – the latter also being the topic of an article published in the *New Zealand English Journal*.



### **Trish Brothers, Copy Editor**

Trish Brothers provided copy editing services to the *Journal of Sociolinguistics* throughout 2016. This involved editing 720 pages of copy for the five issues published in 2016, liaising with authors, publisher, editor and typesetters. During this time she was also employed as copy editor in the School of Hospitality and Tourism.

## **4 World Internet Project New Zealand 2015/16**

Our fifth two-yearly survey of New Zealanders' use of the internet – part of the global World Internet Project survey – was conducted in September 2015. Around 1200 New Zealanders across the country were surveyed about their internet use to understand the social, cultural, political and economic impact of the Internet and related digital technologies. The survey of New Zealanders is conducted biennially and our partnership with 40 country members in the WIP enables international comparisons of internet use. The WIPNZ team for the survey included Allan Bell (Project Director), Philippa Smith (Executive Director), Charles Crothers from the School of Social Sciences (Project Methodologist), Poutasi Urale Watson (statistical analyst). A range of questions about the role the internet plays in our lives and what users are doing online are covered in the WIPNZ surveys, such as what proportion of internet usage relates to seeking out information, entertainment, communicating with others, purchasing items, or other work or leisure-related activities. Survey questions also delve into the attitudes and activities of non-users of the internet. The analysis of the survey data took until early 2016, and the findings were launched publicly at events hosted by AUT in Auckland and by InternetNZ in Wellington in May 2016, simultaneously with the release of the survey's report (see outputs). Additional questions asking New Zealanders about their use of ultra-fast broadband were included in the survey and were used to provide a separate report for MBIE, which is responsible for the UFB roll-out in New Zealand. Later in the year the research team was assisted by Melissa Miller as statistical analyst to produce the WIPNZ Internet Trends Report for the years 2007-2015, comparing the five surveys that ICDC has conducted since 2007. All reports can be accessed on the ICDC website on this link: [www.wipnz.aut.ac.nz](http://www.wipnz.aut.ac.nz). The World Internet Project cross-country report prepared by the WIP partners in the United States which gives an overview of those partner countries which conducted

surveys in 2013 was released in 2016 and can be found at this link: <http://www.digitalcenter.org/world-internet-project/>.

Traditionally funding for the WIPNZ surveys has been provided by the National Library of New Zealand (under the auspices of the Department for Internal Affairs), and by InternetNZ. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment replaced the DIA as funders for the 2015 survey contributing \$75K towards the project, while InternetNZ offered a total of \$80K for the 2015/2016 period as part of its strategic partnership with ICDC, and Buzz Channel Marketing provided \$15K in kind for their work in conducting the online component of the survey.

ICDC's involvement in the WIPNZ surveys leads to other opportunities. The media coverage of the launch of findings is widespread and along with the mainstream media of television, newspapers and radio there was interest shown by China TV in New Zealand which ran an item in Mandarin on the Trends reports and a request from an e-Marketer based in New York to include some of the WIPNZ graphs in its newsletter that reaches 150,000 marketing professionals worldwide. Speaking opportunities also present themselves and Philippa Smith was invited to be a panelist at a Moxie Session about 'What is the Internet for?'. These sessions are a tech economy discussion group focused on how New Zealand can take advantage of the Internet to improve its social and economic performance. Philippa's session was written up in the National Business Review <http://www.nbr.co.nz/opinion/moxie-sessions-great-online-experiment-how-internet-changing-what-we-do-and-who-we-are> and the recorded panel discussion appeared as a podcast <http://themoxiesessions.co.nz/session/36/>.

## 5 Project on People with Disabilities and their Internet use

This research project conducted by Philippa Smith was supported by funding from AUT's School of Language and Culture and by InternetNZ. It involved interviews with 11 people with disabilities to understand the impact of the internet and digital technologies on their lives. It focused on people aged 45 years and older who knew what life was like for them before the advent of the internet. Key questions related to the advantages and the barriers they encountered. The research was written up by Philippa and a report titled New Zealanders with disabilities and their internet use can be accessed on the ICDC website: [http://www.aut.ac.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/663744/New-Zealanders-with-disabilities-and-their-internet-use.pdf](http://www.aut.ac.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/663744/New-Zealanders-with-disabilities-and-their-internet-use.pdf). Philippa also presented her findings from a discourse analysis of the interviews with people with disabilities and their internet use at the CADAAD (Critical Discourse Analysis Across Disciplines) conference in Catania, Sicily in September 2016. Her paper was titled 'A "Gutenberg moment" or another example of New Zealand's disability digital divide?'

In addition, and as a result of this research, Philippa was invited by InternetNZ to facilitate a workshop on internet access and accessibility for people with disabilities for the organisation's Nethui South conference in October. Philippa organized experts to be part of *Two Sides of the Disability Divide* panel that included representatives from Talk Link and FigureNZ. In addition she interviewed a young woman as part of the panel who has cerebral palsy and communicates by operating a voice synthesizer through her iPad.



## 6 Journal Editorship and Production



### *Journal of Sociolinguistics*

The *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, published by Wiley-Blackwell, is acknowledged as the leading journal internationally in its field. It is edited and produced from ICDC, with Allan Bell as Editor, Andy Gibson as Reviews and Editorial Manager, and Trish Brothers as Copy Editor. The Journal has an impact factor of 1.245 and is ranked 38th among the 181 linguistics journals. In 2016, the journal received some 180 submissions, and published 25 articles across five issues, amounting to 720 pages. The Journal's editorial team held a day-long planning meeting in association with the Sociolinguistics Symposium in Murcia, Spain in June, chaired by Allan.

A new format, the Theme Series, was introduced in 2016, with articles focusing on a particular topic appearing over successive issues. This first Theme Series, edited by Devyani Sharma, is entitled "Interaction: Talk and Beyond" and features the perspectives of scholars from outside sociolinguistics on how their field approaches interaction. September 2016 saw the release of a special issue of the Journal marking fifty years since the publication of William Labov's *Social Stratification of English in New York City*, the foundation study of variationist sociolinguistics.

Devyani Sharma (Queen Mary University of London) retired as an Associate Editor of the Journal of Sociolinguistics in 2016 after five years of valuable service, but continued into 2017 as guest editor of the theme series on interaction. Natalie Schilling (Georgetown University, Washington D.C.) succeeds Devyani as Associate Editor. In 2016, Allan Bell announced that he would step down from his position as Editor of the Journal at the end of 2017, twenty years after co-founding the journal. After a major international search involving close collaboration among the publisher, editorial team and Editorial Board, Monica Heller (University of Toronto) was appointed to take over in 2018 after a six-month transition with Allan.

## 7 Other ICDC Activities

### ICDC/InternetNZ Partnership

ICDC has developed a strong relationship with InternetNZ through the organisation's consistent contribution to the funding of the five WIPNZ surveys. Since 2014 ICDC has been one of InternetNZ's strategic partners along with the 20/20 Trust, Netsafe NZ, Creative Commons NZ and Figure.NZ. Central to this partnership is ICDC's involvement in a range of activities ancillary to WIPNZ surveys, managed by Philippa Smith. These include the following:

### Nethui Conferences

Members of the WIPNZ research team have participated in Nethui, InternetNZ's annual conference, since it first began in 2011 either as plenary or panel speakers or in facilitating workshops. In 2016 Nethui South was held at the Manukau Institute of Technology. WIPNZ

project methodologist Professor Charles Crothers from the School of Social Sciences was on the Nethui South opening panel 15 October 2016. Philippa Smith helped to facilitated two workshops at the Nethui South 2016 conference. These workshops were: *Two sides of the disability divide* (already described above as an outcome of her disability research) and *Catalysing change in the research sector* which looked at open research practices in the digital age for academics presented by Fabiana Kubke, from Creative Commons Aotearoa.

### **NZ Internet Research Forum, AUT (4-5 February 2016)**

The New Zealand Internet Research Forum which ICDC co-organised with InternetNZ in 2015 was the first event of its kind in New Zealand in that it sought to bring together people from academic institutions, government departments, organizations and businesses who are interested in internet research. The second Internet Research Forum built on this foundation in 2016 and covered a wide field of research interests such as social media, virtual worlds, cyber security, online activism, crowd sourcing, computer engineering, copyright, gaming, digital politics and law, online communities, the virtual public sphere, online journalism, and digital literacy. Philippa Smith, as the Executive Director of the World Internet Project in New Zealand (AUT) worked with InternetNZ in organizing the streams for presentations. Philippa was on one of the forum's panels in 2015 titled: *Internet research: Perspectives and issues*. At the 2016 forum Philippa gave the opening welcome to delegates alongside Ellen Strickland, the Community Lead at InternetNZ.

### **InternetNZ Community Funding Grants Advisory Committee**

Both Allan Bell and Philippa Smith have been members of InternetNZ's community funding committee (in 2015 and 2016 respectively) which offers community grants to support Internet research in New Zealand. ICDC's involvement brings academic knowledge and credibility to the committee which reviews applications for research funds. Other members of the committee include InternetNZ representatives and council members. A total of \$80k was offered to support four research projects in 2015 and \$100k was made available for research to be conducted in 2016.

## **8 Postgraduate supervisions**

Supervision of doctoral students' research is also a key part of the Institute, and Allan and Philippa supervised a total of eight students during 2016 with topics ranging from the revitalisation of indigenous languages in Taiwan to international media coverage of the Iranian nuclear deal. Allan supervised to completion a Master of Communication Studies thesis on the maintenance and shift of the Tagalog language in New Zealand.

Supervisions in ICDC in 2016 were:

John de Jong (PhD)

Allan Bell was 2nd supervisor (first supervisor is Dr Tim Meadowcroft of Laidlaw College, whose postgraduate division is affiliated to AUT).

Topic: *Aspects of intertextuality in Zephaniah*.

Thesis successfully completed its oral examination.

Forough Amin (PhD)

Allan Bell (primary), Philippa Smith (secondary).

Topic: *An Investigation of Media Discourse on Iran's Nuclear Program: The case of opinion articles in the international news media*

Began in 2015.

Salainaoloa Wilson (PhD)

Professor Peggy Fairbairn-Dunlop (primary), Allan Bell (secondary).

Topic: *The use and valuing of the Samoan language in Samoan families in New Zealand today*

Submitted early 2017.

Chien-Ju Ting (PhD)

Allan Bell (Primary) and Philippa Smith (Secondary)

Topic: *A critical discourse analysis of Taiwanese indigenous language related policies and their impact on indigenous language revitalization in Taiwan*

Began in late 2016.

Ronalyn Umali (Master of Communication Studies)

Allan Bell primary supervisor, Gudrun Frommherz (Communication Studies) secondary supervisor.

Topic: *Maintenance and shift of Tagalog in the New Zealand Filipino community*

The thesis was submitted late 2016, passed (A grade) early 2017.

Maedeh Tadayyon (PhD)

Philippa Smith (Secondary) and John Bitchener (Primary)

Topic: *A comparison of Iran's EFL and New Zealand's ESL teachers' stated beliefs on Interactional Feedback and their actual classroom practices*

Accepted for candidature in 2016.

Xiaoyun Bian (PhD)

Philippa Smith (Secondary) and John Bitchener (Primary)

Topic: *Chinese EFL teachers' written feedback on expository argumentation (EA): A process-oriented perspective*

Nearing completion in 2017.

Anabel Fernandez

Philippa Smith (Secondary) and Camille Nakhid (Primary)

Topic: *The process of cultural identification in Caribbean migrants residing in New Zealand.*

## 9 Teaching

Philippa Smith lectures in the School of Language & Culture on the Bachelor of Arts and New Media degree. She taught on Critical Media Studies, iCommunicate and Popular Genres (reality television). In 2016 she developed a paper New Media Performance and Practice as part of the Masters in English and New Media degree that would be launched in 2017.

## 10 External Research Income

Over time ICDC has contributed a significant proportion of the Faculty's external funding. In 2016 this included:

- InternetNZ \$40k for partnership activities in 2016 including the Internet Trends in NZ report, Nethui conference, NZ Internet Researchers Forum and involvement on the community funding committee.
- MBIE \$75k for the WIPNZ research plus the Ultra-fast Broadband report was awarded in 2015. A proportion of this grant was carried forward into 2016 for completion of three WIP reports.
- John Wiley and Sons Ltd \$25,000 to fund Trish Brothers' copy editing and Andy Gibson's editorial work on the *Journal of Sociolinguistics*.
- \$2000 from the NZ Educational Administration and Leadership Society for Trish Brothers' copy editing of the *Journal of Educational Leadership Policy and Practice*.

## 11 Plans for 2017

In 2017, ICDC continues its commitment to excellent research and high-quality outputs. In the early part of the year, the Institute hosted two international visitors. In April-May, Allan Bell spent six weeks in the School of English at the University of Hong Kong as part of his four-year Visiting Research Professorship. Philippa continued to contribute to a range of research projects – one on Digital Inclusion in New Zealand supported by MBIE and the other on Healthy Eating Youth Entrepreneurs in Fiji supported by MFAT and the NZ Institute of Pacific Research. Philippa Smith has also presented a paper at the International Communication Conference in San Diego, California in May. Both Allan and Philippa are on the committee for the NZ Discourse Conference to be held in 2017.

## 12 Research outputs

ICDC staff produced a total of 25 outputs during 2016 from a base of 1.35 academic FTEs.

### Journal Publications

**Bell, A.** (2016). Editorial. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 20(5), 605-606. doi:10.1111/josl.12215

**Bell, A., Britain, D., McElhinny, B., Park, J. S-Y., & Sharma, D.** (2016). Editorial: How to get published in the Journal of Sociolinguistics. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 20(1), 3-5. doi:10.1111/josl.12172

**Bell, A., Sharma, D., & Britain, D.** (2016). Labov in Sociolinguistics: an Introduction. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 20(4), 399-408. doi:10.1111/josl.12199

**Gibson, A.** (2016). 'Samoan English in New Zealand: Examples of Consonant Features from the UC QuakeBox'. *New Zealand English Journal*. 29&30: 25-50.

**Smith, P.** (2016). 'New Zealand passport holder' versus 'New Zealander'? The marginalization of ethnic minorities in the news - A New Zealand case study. *Journalism*, 17(6), 694-710. doi: 10.1177/1464884915582357

**Smith, P., Grant, L., Conway, C., & Narayan, V.** (2016). Mobile devices and mobile learning: Shifting the mindset of teachers and learners. *International Journal of Mobile and Blended Learning*, 8(4), (16 pages). doi:10.4018/IJMBL.2016100101

**Smith, P.** & Sissons, H. (2016). Social media and a case of mistaken identity: A newspaper's response to journalistic error. *Journalism* (17 pages). Published early online. doi: 10.1177/1464884916683551

## Book chapters

**Bell, A.** (2016). 'An evil version of our accent': Language ideologies and the neighbouring other. In J. Thøgersen, N. Coupland, & J. Mortensen (Eds.), *Style, Media and Language Ideologies* (pp. 235-258). Oslo: Novus Press.

**Bell, A.** (2016). Succeeding waves: Seeking sociolinguistic theory. In *Sociolinguistics: Theoretical debates* (pp. 391-416). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. Retrieved from <http://www.cambridge.org/us/academic/subjects/languages-linguistics/sociolinguistics/sociolinguistics-theoretical-debates?format=PB>

## Reports

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Crothers, C., Urale, P. W. B., **Smith, P.**, & **Bell, A.** (2016). *The roll-out of ultra-fast broadband (UFB) in New Zealand, 2015: A report to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)* (23 pages). [Commissioned by MBIE]. Auckland, NZ: Institute of Culture, Discourse & Communication, Auckland University of Technology.

**Smith, P.** (2016). *New Zealanders with disabilities and their internet use*. Auckland, NZ: Institute of Culture, Discourse & Communication, Auckland University of Technology.

**Smith, P.**, **Bell, A.**, Miller, M., & Crothers, C. (2016). *Internet Trends in NZ: 2007-2015* (50 pages). [Commissioned by MBIE, InternetNZ]. Auckland, NZ: Institute of Culture, Discourse & Communication, Auckland University of Technology.

## Conference Contributions

### Keynote/Plenary

**Bell, A.** (2016, June). *Special session: Sociolinguistics: Milestones and challenges* [Closing Plenary Panel]. Presented at Sociolinguistics Symposium 21. Murcia, Spain.

**Bell, A.** (2016, 5 November). *Special presentation to William Labov, theme issue of Journal of Sociolinguistics: 'Labov and sociolinguistics: Fifty years of language in social context* [Plenary]. Presented at the New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 45 Conference. Vancouver, Canada.

### Paper Presentations

**Bell, A.** (2016, 17 June). *What the past can teach the future: A revisionist history of sociolinguistic style*. Paper presented at Sociolinguistics Symposium 21. Murcia, Spain.

**Bell, A.** (2016, 6 November). *A brief history of style and its contribution to 21st century sociolinguistics*. Paper presented at the New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 45 Conference. Vancouver, Canada.

**Gibson, A.** (2016). *Exploring Music and Dialect in Lexical Access: An Early Report*. Paper presented at the New Zealand English and English in New Zealand, University of Canterbury, 8-9 June 2016.

**Gibson, A.** (2016). *Descriptions of Samoan English from the UC QuakeBox*. Paper presented at the New Zealand English and English in New Zealand Conference, University of Canterbury, 8-9 June, 2016.

**Smith, P.** (2016, September). *A 'Gutenberg moment' or another example of New Zealand's disability digital divide?* Paper presented at the 2016 Critical Approaches to Discourse Analysis Across Disciplines (CADAAD) Conference. Catania, Sicily (5-7 September, 2016).

### ***Workshops/Panels***

**Bell, A.** (2016, February). *Plenary panel: What aren't we researching? What's next?* Presented at the Internet Research Forum 2016. Auckland, NZ.

**Bell, A. & Schilling, N.** (2016, 17 June). *The place of style in a 21st century sociolinguistics.* Presented at the Sociolinguistic Symposium 21. Murcia, Spain.

**Smith, P.** (15, October, 2016). Workshop facilitator. *The two sides of the disability divide.* InternetNZ South Auckland Nethui conference.

Kubke, F and **Smith, P.** (15, October 2016). Workshop facilitator. *Catalysing Change in the Research Sector.* InternetNZ South Auckland Nethui conference.

### ***Oral Presentations***

**Smith, P.** (3 October, 2016). *From lol cats to 'Let's play' videos: Language evolution or just part of the internet revolution?* Presented to the Linguistics and Language Society at the Faculty of Arts, University of Auckland, Auckland, NZ.

**Smith, P.** (24 November, 2016). WIPNZ - *Strategic partners' presentation 2016.* Presented at the InternetNZ Strategic Partnership Governance meeting, InternetNZ Wellington office, Wellington, NZ.

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