

# BAAL / Routledge Research Development Workshop 2016

## *Language and identity in law and evidence*

Nottingham Trent University, Clifton Campus

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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This workshop explores the various ways in which language and identity are intertwined in legal and evidential contexts, ranging from the use of forensic linguistic techniques in the identification of individuals who are suspected of having committed a crime, to the identities people assume in illegal online communications, and the way in which individuals and groups are represented in the legal system. The event will offer a forum for a focused discussion of how language use and linguistic analysis can assist law enforcement and legal proceedings, and will introduce attendees to cutting-edge methods, tools and techniques in forensic linguistics through talks, demonstrations and hands-on workshops led by experts. A full programme of sessions is below.

Thanks to BAAL/Routledge funding, this event is free to attend, and lunch will be provided. Places are limited to 30, and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. There are six bursaries available to undergraduate and postgraduate students to cover travel expenses to the event. If you would like to attend, please email [languageidentitylaw@gmail.com](mailto:languageidentitylaw@gmail.com) by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July to reserve your place. To apply for a student bursary, please indicate your intention to do so in the same email.

### **Programme:**

Claire Hardaker	Lancaster University	<i>Surviving (and analysing) the mean tweets of the internet: An introduction to FireAnt.</i>
Alison Johnson	University of Leeds	<i>Identity and Identification: Why n-grams work in authorship attribution.</i>
David Woolls	CFL Ltd	
Nicci MacLeod	Aston University	<i>Assuming identities online: Applying sociolinguistics to undercover online policing.</i>
Amanda Potts	Cardiff University	<i>Women who kill: Methods to explore the doubly deviant identity in English sentencing remarks.</i>
Dominic Watt	University of York	<i>By his speech shall ye know him: Developments in the use of forensic voice comparison evidence by the UK courts.</i>