

**26th Annual UT Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL
Friday, February 28, 2020**

Morning Session (Life Science 124)

9:00 Registration

9:30 Opening remarks

9:45 Spanish contact effects on /s/ and /ʃ/ in K'iche': A sociophonetic study
Corinne Van Ryckeghem (UT Arlington)

10:15 Metalinguistic comparatives in Mandarin Chinese
Meng Yang (UT Arlington)

10:45 Break

Poster Session (Hammond Hall, 1st Floor Hallway)

11:00 Featured posters:

Laughter as a discourse marker in computer-mediated communication
Emily Finley (UT Arlington)

What we know about Erick: Name signs in American Sign Language as deixis
Laurel Whitsett (UT Arlington)

Lunch (on your own)

Afternoon Session (Life Science 124)

1:30 Trauma-informed ESL for preliterate Rohingya refugees
Miranda Kuykendall (Dallas International University)

2:00 Is scissors made up of scissor and a plural marker?
Seung Ah Kwak, Rongchao Tang, and Naoko Witzel (UT Arlington)

2:30 The interaction of semantic information and parsing biases: An A-maze investigation
Xinwen Zhang and Jeffrey Witzel (UT Arlington)

3:00 Break (30 minutes)

Keynote Presentation (Life Science 124)

3:30 Getting ahead of ourselves: Structural prediction in sentence parsing
Jesse Harris (University of California, Los Angeles)

4:45 Closing and Awards