

Department of English

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Congratulations

Professor Evelyn Chan gave birth to a healthy baby boy on May 14. Congratulations!

New Department Website

After months of planning, writing and designing, we are very happy to announce the launch of the new Department website. You can find enriched information here about what makes us a successful, dynamic and forward-looking Department. Click [here](#) and bookmark it!

Postgraduate Achievements

Our PhD student **Roy Chan Ka Long** was awarded the HAAL Fawzia Braine Memorial Award for his paper "Being a 'purist' in trilingual Hong Kong: Code-switching among Cantonese, English and Putonghua" (published in *Linguistic Research*, March 2018).

In addition, PhD students **Tongle Sun** and **Bobbie Wang** received the HAAL Postgraduate Student Grant for Overseas Conference Presentation for their papers "Adjusting to an English-speaking environment: The experiences of Chinese international exchange students" and "Vowel variation in different speech styles: Evidence from speakers of Chinese English" respectively.

Roy, Tongle and Bobbie will give short presentations on their papers on **May 30** (Thursday) at **5:30pm – 7:00 pm** in **Room AG 434** at the **Hong Kong Polytechnic University**. All are welcome!



Talks and outreach

Professor Li Ou gave two talks at the School of English, University of St. Andrews on May 14: "Keats's Last Great Poems and Hume's Mitigated Scepticism" and "The Reception of Romanticism in Twentieth-Century China: the case of Byron." On 18 May, she gave a paper "On Sitting Down to Read 'To Autumn' Once Again" at the Sixth Bicentennial John Keats Conference in London. On 20 May, she gave a talk "Romantic, Rebel, and Reactionary: the reception of Byron in Twentieth-Century China" at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies) University of London/London Confucius Institute.

Professor Eddie Tay gave a keynote talk on May 17 at the PolyU Writing Roundtable on [Storytelling in Academic and Creative Writing](#). The title of the talk was "The Department Poet: On Institutional Demands, On Writing from the Heart."

Professor Eddie Tay and Dr Suzanne Wong gave two talks to about 60 S6 students on May 16 for the CUHK Programme Exploration Day.