

Department of English

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Message from the Head

Dear students, faculty members, tutors, and staff,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome continuing and new students, tutors, and faculty members to the Department of English for the 2019-2020 academic year. I would also like to extend a special welcome to our two new Assistant Professors in Applied English Linguistics, Prof. Ron Darvin and Prof. Jookyoung Jung.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you over the coming year. While this promises to be an exciting year in the Department, I am keenly aware of the impact the current unrest in Hong Kong may have on students and teachers both inside and outside the classroom. In my many talks with students in the Department, I have always spoken about the importance of community – of developing and nurturing relationships in order to create communities and a sense of belonging. In times of unrest, it is more important than ever to connect with students and teachers and to create new communities and nurture existing ones. I hope the Department of English will be one such community for you. As always please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I wish you all the best for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Best,

Prof. Jette Hansen Edwards,

Chair of the Department of English

Andrew Parkin Drama Cup

Please note that this year's Andrew Parkin Drama Cup will be held in Semester 2 on **22nd January, 2020 (Wednesday)**.

Research and Conference

Professor Hansen Edwards gave a talk on "The impact of listeners' shared background, international experience, and proficiency on the intelligibility, accentedness, and comprehensibility of Asian Englishes" at the 9th International Symposium on the Acquisition of Second Language Speech on 1st September at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan.



Student Achievements

Reto Winckler, a PhD graduate in Literary Studies, won the Postgraduate Research Output Award 2018, which includes a cash prize of HK\$25,000. The award will be presented at the 87th Congregation for the Conferment of Degrees on 7th November 2019.

Stephanie Studzinski, a PhD student in Literary Studies, did a mural in March for the HK Walls street art festival, which appeared on the cover of the SCMP Post Sunday magazine on 11th August. She won the CUHK Outstanding Student Award for this extracurricular achievement. Stephanie also won the third prize in the RTHK poetry competition for poems about birth.

Nicholas Chan, a PhD student in Literary Studies, also won the CUHK Outstanding Student Award 2019. The award ceremony will be held on campus on 26th September 2019.

Jacky Zhang, a PhD student in Applied English Linguistics, won an award under the CUHK-University of Bristol PhD Student Exchange Programme for 2019-20.

The David Parker Memorial Scholarship awarded the Best Academic Achievement Scholarship (HK\$3,000) and the Best Community Services Scholarship (HK\$3,000) to **To Man Pong** and **Kwan Chun Him**, both Year 3 undergraduate students, respectively. The awards were presented on 19th August during orientation camp.

Congratulations to everyone for the amazing achievements!

