

# Department of English

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## Message from Department Chair

Dear students, faculty members, tutors, and staff,

As the new academic year begins, I would like to welcome all members of the CUHK English community, both new and old. In particular I would like to welcome Professor Neil Murphy, who joins us from Singapore, as well as new-old faces, our lecturers Tongle Sun and Carolyn Lau. The Department will hold many events during the year which will give students, teachers, and staff the opportunity to socialise in an informal environment. I look forward to meeting you all at these events and to working with you to make this year a memorable one for our community.

Professor David Huddart  
Chair, Department of English

## Scholarships Open for Application

The following scholarships are now open for application. Details of the scholarships and application forms can be obtained from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (OAFA) at <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/> (Financing Your Studies -> Scholarships -> Open for Applications).

[The Esther Yewpick Lee Millennium Scholarship 2024 \(tenable at University of Oxford\)](#)

Deadline: 4 September 2023 (before 5:30 pm Hong Kong time)

Enquiries: [sfas@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:sfas@cuhk.edu.hk) / 3943-7204

[Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund](#)

Deadline: 8 September 2023

Enquiries: [seymfc\\_sfo@wfsfaa.gov.hk](mailto:seymfc_sfo@wfsfaa.gov.hk) / 2150-6110 / 2150-6097

[The Rhodes Scholarship for Hong Kong SAR 2024 \(tenable at University of Oxford\)](#)

Deadline: 29 September 2023 (by 11:59 pm Hong Kong time)

Enquiries: [rhodes@oxforduchina.org](mailto:rhodes@oxforduchina.org)

[Knight-Hennessy Scholars \(tenable at Stanford University\) – for 2024 cohort](#)

Deadline: 11 October 2023 (1:00 pm Pacific Time)

Enquiries: [khscholars@stanford.edu](mailto:khscholars@stanford.edu) / (+1) 650-721-0771

[Bei Shan Tang Foundation Scholarship Tenable at Stanford University 2024/25](#)

Deadline: 12 October 2023

Enquiries: [sfas@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:sfas@cuhk.edu.hk) / 3943-7204

## Academic Support Services and Counselling Services

The University offers a variety of academic support services to help enrich students' intellectual journey. [Click [here](#) for more information.] The Wellness and Counselling Centre (WACC) provides counselling services to assist students to overcome adjustment difficulties, derive success, and achieve personal growth and self-enhancement. Visit [WACC homepage](#) for details.

## ELS RPG Sharing Session 2023-24: Audience Sign up

To provide CUHK English Literary Studies (ELS) research postgraduates (RPG) with conference practice and networking opportunities, we are starting a new annual tradition of a presentation "Sharing Session" at the start of each academic year. We have invited new and existing research postgraduate students within the ELS strand to present their current research and/or a piece of work-in-progress. We invite students who wish to pursue careers in higher education and research to attend this event, as well as students from within the Department (both undergraduates and MA students). For further information, please contact [cuhkengrpg@gmail.com](mailto:cuhkengrpg@gmail.com).

Date: Friday, 8 September 2023

Time: 10:30 am - 5:45 pm

Venue: Room 101, Fung King Hey Building

Registration link: <https://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/mycuform/view.php?id=1976506>

## Student Achievements

Our undergraduate student Mr. CHAN Shuk Shun Nicholas has been nominated by the Faculty of Arts for Talent Development Scholarship 2022/23 and has been awarded HK\$10,000.

Our PhD student Ms. CHUNG Elizabeth Edith's proposal for the RIH Interdisciplinary Reading Group – The CUHK Hong Kong Studies in Arts and Culture Reading Group – has been awarded HK\$15,000.

Our undergraduate student Ms. LAW Hiu Man Mary has been featured in [Chung Chi Campus Newsletter](#) (Vol.59, No.07) as the interpreter for college assembly talks.

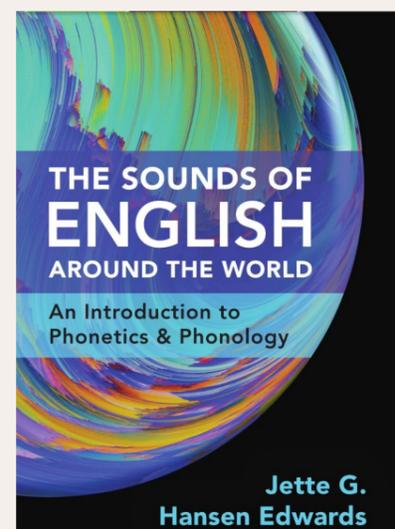
Congratulations!

## Research and Publications

Prof. Jette Hansen Edwards has published *The Sounds of English around the World: An Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology* with Cambridge University Press.

### Description:

Most introductions to English phonetics and phonology focus primarily on British or American English, which fails to account for the rich diversity of English varieties globally. This book addresses this gap, providing an overview of English phonetics and phonology through an exploration of the sounds of English around the world, including older varieties of English such as American, Canadian, British, and Australian Englishes, as well as new varieties of English such as Indian, Singaporean, Hong Kong, and Kenyan English. It focuses on diversity in vowels and consonants, allophonic variation, and stress and intonation patterns across regional, ethnic and social varieties of English in North America, The Caribbean, Asia, Africa, Europe, and Oceania. Listening exercises are incorporated throughout to facilitate the understanding of different concepts, and the book also has an accompanying website with a wide range of speech samples, allowing readers to hear the phonetics of the varieties under discussion.



Professor Jette Hansen Edwards gave a keynote talk on *The future of English as a glocal language: Insights from a macro and micro analysis of English in Hong Kong* at the International Association of University Professors of English (IAUPE), 11-14 July 2023, in Rome, Italy.

She also gave a talk on *Telling stories: Documenting linguistic diversity and minority languages in Hong Kong* at AILA 20th World Congress, July 17-21 2023, at the University of Lyon, France and *The development of an online database on minority and endangered languages in Hong Kong* at the International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB) 14, 26-30 June 2023, at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia.

*Wishing everyone a successful academic year ahead!*