



ES Departmental Lecture Series

Age and Aging: Linguistic, Literary, and Cultural Studies Perspectives

Spring 2026, room **SOC-F-106**



Date	Topic	Lecturer
PART I: Lifespan perspectives		
17.02.2026	1	Introduction: Age and aging: Tick-tock goes the clock
		What’s age got to do with it? Psycholinguistic perspectives of L2 learning across the lifespan
24.02.2026	2	Children’s acting companies and boy actors in the early modern theatre
3.03.2026	3	The Timelessness of Black Age
10.03.2026	4	(Socio)pragmatic perspectives on age-related language use: Children and old people in Middle English romances
17.03.2026	5	Age-grading in sociolinguistics
PART II: Young adulthood and midlife		
24.03.2026	6	Coming of age, aging, and dying in the context of queer love
31.03.2026	7	Language learning in the wild: Sociolinguistic development in young adulthood and midlife
14.04.2026	8	Hot Flash Lit: Women at Mid-Age and the (Peri-)Menopausal Novel
PART III: Older adulthood		
21.04.2026	9	The representation of older adults in contemporary British TV comedy
28.04.2026	10	Butterscotch, Dear? Age Performativity in the 2024 Drama Series <i>Matlock</i>
5.05.2026	11	Language learning across retirement age
12.05.2026	12	TBD
19.05.2026	13	Understanding Old Age and Disability with Shakespeare
26.05.2026	14	Final exam