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# Linguistics Faculty Spotlights



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**"GOING THE PUB AND BEING THE LIBRARY:**

**A MICROPARAMETER IN NORTH-WEST**

**ENGLISH PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES"**

**Thursday, October 2, 2014 @ 7 pm in KCB 106**

***Abstract:***

Dialects in the North-West of England have been shown to allow strings like the following, where other dialects would require a preposition *to* (Haddican 2010, Biggs 2013, Myler 2011, 2013).

(1) John came the pub with me.

A striking fact (indicated by a comparison of Biggs 2013 and Myler 2011, 2013) is that constructions of this sort differ slightly in their syntactic properties amongst dialects of the North-West, with young Liverpool speakers allowing a wider range of "prepositionless" structures than speakers from elsewhere in the region and older Liverpool speakers. This talk will provide a general introduction to the dialects, describe the syntactic and semantic differences in their "preposition less" structures, and provide a syntactic account of those differences in terms of microparametric variation.

**Refreshments will be served.**

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