

2017 EMCA Section Awards**Garfinkel-Sacks Award for Distinguished Scholarship****Anita Pomerantz**

Professor Emerita

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[The] committee has determined that the Garfinkel-Sacks Lifetime Achievement Award of the Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analytic Section of the American Sociological Association be awarded to Anita Pomerantz, Professor Emerita, Department of Communication, University at Albany, New York.

Professor Pomerantz holds an MA in Sociology from UCLA, and a PhD in Social Sciences from the University of California, Irvine. She was a leading figure among Harvey Sacks's first generation of graduate students, and one of a very few who achieved a doctorate before his untimely death in 1975.

Anita has published approximately 50 single or co-authored papers over the course of her career, and given many conference and invited presentations at conferences on talk and social interaction around the world. Her best known paper is, "Agreeing and disagreeing with assessments: Some features of preferred/dispreferred turn shapes," published in 1984 and cited an astonishing 3500-plus times. Other papers of hers have also been very influential — "Extreme case formulations: A way of legitimizing claims" (1986), "Compliment responses: Notes on the co-operation of multiple constraints" (1978); "Telling my side: 'Limited access' as a 'fishing' device" (1980), as well as major expository papers. These papers are true classics in that contemporary CA research as well as earlier work in the field uses her terminology and findings over and over again. Her phrasings and the phenomena to which they refer form a virtual lexicon in the CA field: 'agreeing/disagreeing with assessments', 'candidate answers', 'giving a source or basis', 'giving evidence', 'extreme case formulations', etc. These papers set standards of scholarship that many in the field aspire to (and some occasionally achieve).

Anita also has written many papers or chapters about the field, and is one of a few experts in CA on what is known as "preference organization." Her work ranges across a spectrum of topics from "ordinary conversation," to interaction in the fields of medicine, educational, legal and organizational environments.

In sum, Anita Pomerantz is a very distinguished practitioner in the fields of ethnomethodology and conversation analysis, and someone whom we commend to our community with the utmost enthusiasm.

John Heritage (for the nominating committee: **Douglas Maynard; Anne Rawls**)"

