Gender & Sexuality

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Outline

- Individual Speech
- Gender & Sexuality

Lecture

GENDER, SEXUALITY AND LANGUAGE

Gender Performativity

- Performative
  - Gendered identities emerge through iterations of acts endorsed as gendered with in a society

- Need to look at communities of practice to find local meanings of categories like *female* and *male*

- All gender is performative
  - People can perform male
  - People can perform female

- When one is directly indexing masculinity, what are they indirectly indexing?

Masculinity

- Kiesling, S.F. (1998). Men's identities and sociolinguistic variation: The case of fraternity men. *Journal of Sociolinguistics,* 2(1): 69-99.

- In the Kiesling (1998) article, what was being indexed directly and indirectly by
  - Speed
  - Mack
  - Waterson

- Read one of the articles with a partner
  - Bucholtz, M. (1999). You da man: Narrating the racial other in the production of white masculinity. *Journal of Sociolinguistics,* 3(4): 443-460.
  - Bunin Benor, S. (2004). "Talmid chachams and tsedeykeses": Language, learnedness, and masculinity among Orthodox Jews. *Jewish Social Studies*, 11(1): 147-170.
  - Campbell-Kibler, K. (2007). Accent, (ING), and the social logic of listener perceptions. *American Speech,* 82(1): 32-64.
  - Echeverria, B. (2003). Language ideologies and practices in (en)gendering the Basque nation. *Language in Society*, 32(3): 383-413.
  - Evans Wagner, S. (2013). "We act like girls and we don't act like men": Ethnicity and local language change in a Philadelphia high school. *Language in Society,* 42: 361-383.
  - Mack, S. & B. Munson (2012). The influence of /s/ quality on ratings of men's sexual orientation: Explicit and implicit measures of the 'gay lisp' stereotype. *Journal of Phonetics,* 40: 198-212.
  - Podesva, R.J. (2011). The California vowel shift and gay identity. *American Speech,* 86(1): 32-51.
  - Walker, A., C. García, Y. Cortés, K. Campbell-Kibler. (2014). Comparing social meaning across listener and speaker groups: The indexical field of Spanish /s/. *Language Variation and Change,* 26: 169-189.
- Identify the variable and what the variants directly and indirectly index