

Dr David Wright

Overview

Dr Wright is a forensic linguist. His research applies methods of corpus linguistics and discourse analysis in forensic contexts and aims to help improve the delivery of justice using language analysis. His research spans across a range of intersections between language and the law, language in crime and evidence, and discourses of abuse, harassment and discrimination.

Employment and Education

- 2019–** Senior Lecturer in Linguistics, Nottingham Trent University
2014–2019 Lecturer in Linguistics, Nottingham Trent University
2011–2014 PhD in English Language, School of English, University of Leeds
2010–2011 M.A. in English Language, School of English, University of Leeds
2007–2010 B.A. in English Language, School of English, University of Leeds

Publications

Books

- Wright, D.** and Brookes, G. (forthcoming, 2023). *English Language Ideologies in the British Press: A Corpus Linguistic Approach to Critical Discourse Studies*. London: Bloomsbury.
- Wright, D.** (forthcoming, 2021). *Corpus Approaches to Forensic Linguistics: Corpora and Discourse in Forensic Contexts*. London: Routledge.
- Coulthard, M., Johnson, A. and **Wright, D.** (2017). *An Introduction to Forensic Linguistics: Language in Evidence* (2nd edn). London: Routledge.

Journal articles

- Smith, H. M. J., Roeser, J., Pautz, N., Davis, J.P, Robson, J., **Wright, D.**, Braber, N. and Stacey, P.C. (in review) Evaluating earwitness identification procedures: the effect of parade instructions. *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*.
- Braber, N., Smith, H. M. J, **Wright, D.**, Hardy, A., and Robson, J. (in review). Assessing the specificity and accuracy of accent judgements by lay listeners. *Language Sciences*.
- Wright, D.**, Robson, J., Murray-Edwards, H. and Braber, N. (in review.) The pragmatic functions of 'respect' in lawyers' courtroom discourse: a case study of Brexit hearings. *Journal of Pragmatics*.
- Harding, R., Betts, L., **Wright, D.**, Sjolín, C., Peart, S. and Newbold, K. (in review). "Anywhere...anytime" Young people's street harassment experiences: constructions from two secondary schools in the UK. *Oxford Review of Education*.
- Wright, D.** (2020). The discursive construction of resistance to sex in an online community. *Discourse, Context & Media* 36 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcm.2020.100402>.
- Smith, H.M.J, Bird, K., Roeser, J., Robson, J., Braber, N., **Wright, D.**, and Stacey, P. (2020). Voice parade procedures: investigating methods of optimising witness performance. *Memory*. 28(1), 2–17.
- Wright, D.** and Brookes, G. (2019). 'This is England, speak English!': a corpus-assisted critical study of language ideologies in the right-leaning British press. *Critical Discourse Studies* 16(1): 56–83.
- Betts, L. Harding, R. Peart, S., Sjolín, C., **Wright, D.** and Newbold, K. (2019) Adolescents' experiences of street harassment: creating a typology and assessing the emotional impact. *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*, 11(1): 38–46.
- Wright, D.** (2017). Using word n-grams to identify authors and idiolects: a corpus approach to a forensic linguistic problem. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* 22(2), 212-241.
- Johnson, A. and **Wright, D.** (2014). Identifying idiolect in forensic authorship attribution: an n-gram textbite approach. *Language and Law / Linguagem e Direito* 1(1), 37-69.
- Wright, D.** (2013). Stylistic variation within genre conventions in the Enron email corpus: developing a text-sensitive methodology for authorship research. *International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law* 20(1): 45-75.
- Wright, D.** (2012). Scrunch, growze, or chobble?: Investigating regional variation in sound symbolism in the Survey of English Dialects. *Leeds Working Papers in Linguistics and Phonetics* 17.

Book chapters

- Wright, D.** (forthcoming). Persuasion, advice and incitement in an online pick-up artist community. In S. Rüdiger and D. Dayter (eds.) *Manipulation, Influence and Deception: The Changing Landscape of Persuasive Language*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Wright, D.** (forthcoming) Forensic linguistics. In M. Mahlberg and G. Brookes (eds.) *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Corpus Linguistics*. London: Bloomsbury.
- Brookes, G. and **Wright, D.** (forthcoming) Critical Discourse Analysis: language and the representation of migration. In C. Vargas-Silva, Y. Markaki and W. Allen (eds.) *Handbook of Research Methods in Migration* (2nd edn). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- Harding, R., Betts, L., **Wright, D.**, Sjolín, C., Peart, S. (forthcoming). Adolescent girls' experiences of street harassment: emotions, comments, impact, actions and the law. In: I. Zempi and J. Smith (eds.), *Misogyny as Hate Crime*. London: Routledge.
- Wright, D.** (2020). Corpus approaches to forensic linguistics. In M. Coulthard, A. Johnson and R. Sousa-Silva (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Forensic Linguistics* (2nd edn). London: Routledge.
- MacLeod, N. and **Wright, D.** (2020). Forensic linguistics. In S. Adolphs and D. Knight (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of English Language and Digital Humanities*. London: Routledge, pp. 360–377.
- Brookes, G. and **Wright, D.** (2020). The shifting discourse of integration in the 'Speak English' debate: a corpus-assisted study of the UK press. In: P. Rautioaho, A. Nurmi and J. Klemola (eds.) *Corpora and the Changing Society: Studies in the Evolution of English*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: Benjamins, pp. 113–140.
- Wright, D.** (2018). Idiolect. In: M. Aronoff (ed.) *Oxford Bibliographies in Linguistics*. Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press.

Funding and awards (external)

2020–2023	Co-investigator	Nuffield Foundation (£328,631) 'Mapping the Changing Face of Cross-Examination in Criminal Trials'.
2019–2021	Co-investigator	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) (£872,120) 'Improving Voice Identification Procedures'.
2017–2019	Principal Investigator	British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (£9,721) 'The incitement of violent offences against women in online discussion forums'.

Academic service (selected)

Editorships

- 2021–present** Section co-editor for Corpus Linguistics in *The Elsevier Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics* (3rd edn)
- 2021–present** Editorial board for Humanities & Social Sciences Communications (Springer Nature)
- 2016–present** Book reviews editor for *Language and Law (Linguagem e Direito)*
- 2014–2016** Section Editor for Corpus Linguistics for *Open Linguistics* (De Gruyter)
- 2013–2014** Editor of *Leeds Working Papers in Linguistics and Phonetics*

Peer-reviewing

Reviewed articles for *the International Journal of Speech Language and the Law* (Equinox), *the International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* (Benjamins), *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities* (OUP), *The International Journal of Evidence and Proof* (SAGE), *Language and Law* (Linguagem e Direito), *Journal of Pragmatics* (Elsevier), *Applied Linguistics and Professional Practice* (Equinox), *Journal of Corpora and Discourse Studies* (Cardiff), *Critical Discourse Studies* (Taylor & Francis), *Corpora* (EUP), *English Today* (CUP), *Language and Literature* (SAGE).

Professional memberships

- **2021—** Member of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Early Career Researcher Forum.
- **2019—** Committee Member of BAAL Corpus Linguistics Special Interest Group (Meetings Secretary)
- **2018—** Member of the Germanic Society for Forensic Linguistics (GSFL)
- **2016—** Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (HEA)
- **2015—** Member of the British Association for Applied Linguistics (BAAL)
- **2013—** Member of the International Association of Forensic Linguists (IAFL)