



# Linguistics 382 Poster Session This Friday!

## What we learnt this year:

- Talk fast and you'll sound smart, but not too fast or you won't anymore...
- Synthetic speech applications should come with visual aids, lips in particular
- We *can* get something out of backward speech, but maybe not satanic messages...
- Tough stuff: English orthography makes rhyme perception difficult, especially for L2 learners
- Synthetic speech is still of poorer quality than natural speech, evidence from speeded sentences
- You *do* understand the intricacies of English stress, even if you don't think you do!
- Old dogs *can* learn new tricks, at least at the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club
- Linguistic instruction *does* help in learning new sounds (lucky for us!)
- There is a good reason that the bagpipes don't sound quite as smooth as the saxophone...
- Listening practice just doesn't cut it in learning to pronounce a foreign language
- If you want your children to learn Chinese, teach them music

**Come and find out more!  
(and eat some delicious snacks)**

**Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 12:00pm, CLE C108**