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Education

B.A. (Hons.), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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Academic & Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, Hong Kong Baptist University	2011 – present
Lecturer, The Open University of Hong Kong	2008 – 2010
Research Associate, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	2008
Part-time Visiting Lecturer, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	2007 – 2008

Research Interests

Corpus Linguistics

Discourse Analysis

English Grammar

English Language Teaching

Semantics and Pragmatics

Sociolinguistics

Consultancy/Professional/Community Services

Editor of the *Asian ESP Journal*

Reviewer of *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*

Publications

Journal articles (all refereed):

- Lam, P. (2006). *Well but that's the effect of it*: The use of *well* as a discourse particle in talk shows. *Sprache und Datenverarbeitung (International Journal for Language Data Processing)*, 30(1), 99-108.
- Forsyth, R., Clarke, D. & Lam, P. (2008). Timelines, talk and transcription: A chronometric approach to simultaneous speech. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics*, 13(2), 225-250.
- Lam, P. (2009). The effect of text type on the use of *so* as a discourse particle. *Discourse Studies*, 11(3), 353-372.

- Lam, P. (2009). The making of a BNC customised spoken corpus for comparative purposes. *Corpora*, 4(2), 167-88.
- Lam, P. (2010). Discourse particles in corpus data and textbooks: The case of *well*. *Applied Linguistics*, 31(2), 260-281.
- Cheng, W. & Lam, P. (2010). Media discourses in Hong Kong: Change in representation of human rights. *Text & Talk*, 30(5), 507-527.
- Lam, P. (forthcoming). Toward a functional framework for discourse particles: A comparison of *well* and *so*. *Text & Talk*.

Book chapters (all refereed):

- Lam, P. (2009). What a difference the prosody makes: The role of prosody in the study of discourse particles. In Barth-Weingarten, D., Dehé, N. & Wichmann, A. (eds.) *Where prosody meets pragmatics* (pp. 107-126). Bingley: Emerald.
- Cheng, W. & Lam, P. (to appear). Prosody in discourse. In Gee, J. P. & Handford, M. (eds.) *Routledge handbook of discourse analysis*. London; New York: Routledge.

Conference / Seminar Presentations

- Lam, P. (2005). *Well but that's the effect of it*: The use of *well* as a discourse particle in talk shows. Workshop on formal and computational approaches to discourse and other particles, Barcelona, Spain, 7-8 April 2005.
- Lam, P. (2005). Spoken English in Hong Kong: Training vs. Needs. Presentation at the Department of English, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, 23 May, 2005.
- Lam, P. (2005). *Well I guess there's no more questions ((laugh)) thanks for your talk*: The use of *well* as a discourse particle in a Hong Kong academic corpus. Research student seminar at the Department of English, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, 18 October, 2005.
- Lam, P. (2006). Contextual variation in the use of discourse particles: The case of *well*. The third Inter-Varietal Applied Corpus Studies (IVACS) group International Conference on "Language at the Interface", Nottingham, the United Kingdom, 23-24 June 2006.
- Lam, P. (2006). What can we learn about discourse particles from a corpus to improve teaching materials? The case of *well*. The 7th Teaching and Language Corpora conference (TaLC2006), Paris, France, 1-4 July 2006.
- Lam, P. (2006). *Well it's time for break ((applause))*: Discourse functions of *well* in the academic domain. English language seminar at the Department of English, Stockholm University, Sweden, 16 October, 2006.
- Lam, P. (2006). Variation in the discourse use of *well* across different text types. Departmental seminar at the Department of English, Gothenburg University, Sweden, 26 October, 2006.

- Lam, P. (2006). *Well thank you very much for being with us*: The use of *well* as a discourse particle in interviews in the media. Presentation at the Department of English, Uppsala University, Sweden, 1 November, 2006.
- Lam, P. (2006). *Well let me tell you this...*: Discourse functions of *well* in the public domain. Presentation at the Department of English, Lund University, Sweden, 15 November, 2006.
- Lam, P. (2006). *Well I really don't agree at all*: A comparison of the discourse functions of *well* in textbooks and authentic talk. Presentation at the Department of Linguistics, Gothenburg University, Sweden, 28 November, 2006.
- Lam, P. (2006). Discourse particles: A comparative perspective. Presentation at the Department of Literature, Area Studies and European Languages, University of Oslo, Norway, 8 December, 2006.
- Lam, P. (2007). What a difference the prosody makes: The role of prosody in the use of discourse particles. The 10th International Pragmatics Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, 8-13 July 2007.
- Lam, P. & Forsyth, R. (2007). The creation of a spoken sub-corpus from the British National Corpus for comparative purposes. Corpus Linguistics 2007, Birmingham, the United Kingdom, 27-30 July 2007.
- Forsyth, R., Clark, D. & Lam, P. (2007). Timelines, transcription & turn-taking: a corpus-driven approach to simultaneous speech. Corpus Linguistics 2007, Birmingham, the United Kingdom, 27-30 July 2007.
- Lam, P. (2008). Investigating discourse particles in professional contexts. Partnerships in Action: Research, Practice & Training. Inaugural Conference of the Asia-Pacific Rim LSP and Professional Communication Association, Hong Kong, 8-10 Dec 2008.
- Forsyth, R. & Lam, P. (2009). Keyness as correlation: Notes on extending the notion of keyness from categorical to ordinal association. Corpus Linguistics 2009, Liverpool, the United Kingdom, 21-23 July 2009.
- Lam, P. (2009). Professional communication in higher education: A snapshot of an academic's email account. Symposium on English as the Language of Asian Business and Professions, Hong Kong, 5-6 Nov 2009.
- Lam, P. (2010). Email communication in the academic sector and its implications for teaching. The 9th Teaching and Language Corpora conference (TaLC2010), Brno, Czech Republic, 1-3 July 2010.