

Editors' Introduction

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We are very excited to introduce the inaugural volume of *Trent Notes on Linguistics*, under the editorship of the Linguistics team at Nottingham Trent University (NTU). The motivation for this journal is to showcase some of the excellent work produced by our undergraduate and postgraduate Linguistics students at NTU. All the work featured in the journal has been produced as part of module assessments or dissertations. It is our belief that too often, the high-quality scholarship produced by students goes unrecognised beyond the remit of first and second markers, and therefore we have created this platform to allow for a broader audience.

This and subsequent issues include coverage from a wide range of linguistic sub-disciplines which reflect the curriculum and research specialisms here at NTU, such as sociolinguistics, child language acquisition, discourse analysis, psycholinguistics, forensic linguistics, clinical linguistics and language, gender and sexuality. Articles are a combination of short and long pieces as well as book reviews, and all undergo peer-review by academics external to NTU.

The goal of this journal, beyond publishing high quality student work, is to develop the research capabilities and ambitions of students, publishing experience, teamwork and confidence in liaising with academics. To that end, students not only constitute the authors of the articles, but also all the Assistant Editors, Copyeditors and Proofreaders within the journal.

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Trent Notes is an annual journal, and we are currently seeking next year's articles and recruiting to the editorial board. If you are interested in being involved in the journal in any capacity, please email us at trentnotes@gmail.com.

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