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I am grateful to have been awarded a Center for International Education and Global Engagement Faculty International Development Grant. This grant supported my travel to Belfast, Northern Ireland to attend the International Pragmatics Association (<https://ipra.uantwerpen.be/>) conference in July 2017. Established in 1986, the International Pragmatics Association (IPrA) is an international scientific organization, (drawing ~1,400 members from over 70 countries worldwide) which is devoted to the study of language use. During IPrA 2017 (<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/ipra>) I presented a sole-authored research paper entitled, “When to Make the Sensory Social: Registering in Copresent Openings.”

I was invited by Charles Antaki (Professor of Language and Social Psychology at Loughborough University in Belfast in the United Kingdom, and Editor-in-Chief of the journal Research on Language and Social Interaction) (<http://rolsi.lboro.ac.uk/>) to present this paper as part of a panel organized around the theme “Entry and Re-entry into Interaction.”



Prof. Pillet-Shore presenting her paper "When to Make the Sensory Social: Registering in Copresent Openings" in July at the International Pragmatics Association Conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland

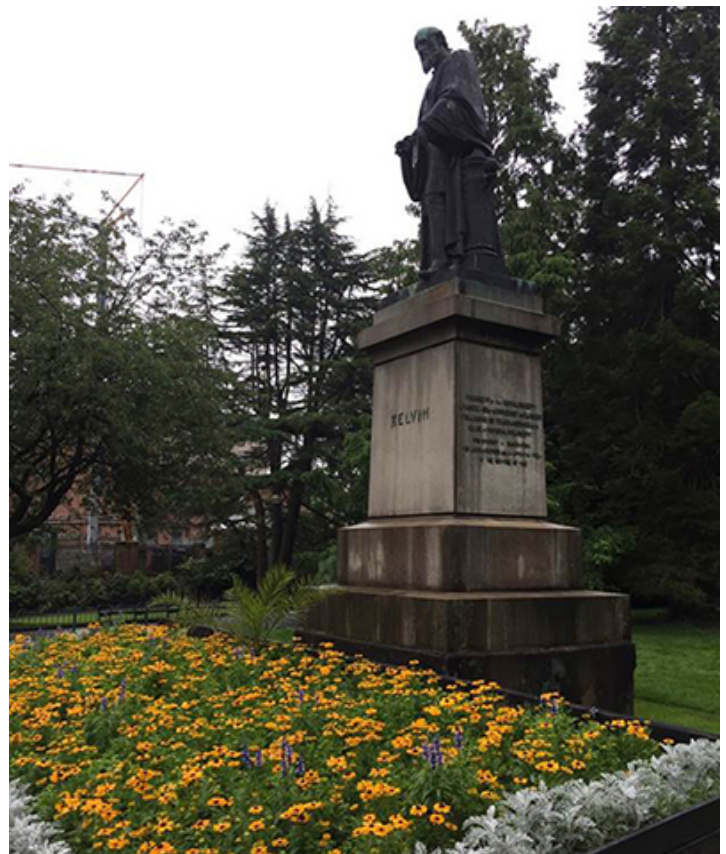


A view of Belfast, Northern Ireland

My research, including my 2008 dissertation (“Coming Together: Creating and Maintaining Social Relationships through the Openings of Face-to-Face Interactions”) and several subsequent publications, has centered on how people start their face-to-face interactions so it was critical for me to participate on this panel.

My presentation at this international venue helped me establish relationships with fellow panelists – a global group of scholars who are interested in a common area of inquiry (how interactions begin) – thus enabling possible future collaboration with researchers in countries including Finland, Sweden, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. My participation at this conference also helped me further develop my international reputation as a scholar of and expert on how people initiate copresent encounters.

Since the acceptance of my paper for the UK panel, I have also been commissioned by Professor Antaki to serve as Guest Editor of the journal *Research on Language and Social Interaction* (the top journal in the discipline of communication) for a special issue devoted to the theme of initiating copresent interaction. As part of this role, I have solicited seven manuscripts on this theme, managing the blind peer review process as I work with an international cohort of scholars, many of whom I was able to meet for the first time at IPrA in Belfast, to put together the issue.




In the coming months, I look forward to bringing this to fruition. I am also excited to be newly collaborating with several scholars I met in Belfast, organizing panels for a future international conference – the 5th International Conference on Conversation Analysis (<http://www.icca2018.org/>) scheduled for July, 2018.


Greetings from physicist Lord Kelvin (of "absolute zero" fame) upon entry to the Belfast Botanic Gardens


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