Interview Recording Equipment and Technical Methods*

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Abstract

This workshop will focus on how to obtain affordable high-quality field recordings for in-depth linguistic analysis. We will begin with a brief overview of forensic phonetics covering issues of typicality and their impact on courtroom testimony to motivate our methods. Participants will learn about how sociolinguistic field recordings can assist researchers in learning what is typical for various speech features across American English. Specific methods for obtaining high-quality field recordings will be described with focus on how to do this on a shoestring budget. Various pieces of equipment will be demonstrated and discussed.

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