CHANGE TO HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

At the beginning of August 2010, Professor Joy Stackhouse stepped down from her role as Head of Department, which she has done (for the second time) and on this occasion for the last two years.

Professor Shelagh Brumfitt was appointed Head of Department on 1st August 2010.

FAREWELLS

**January 2011**

Dr Marcin Szczerbinski left the department to take up a lectureship at the University of Cork, Ireland in the School of Psychology.

**February 2012**

Professor Rosemary Varley left the Department in February 2012 to take up a Chair in Cognitive neuroscience of Speech and Language at University College London.

RETIREMENT

Dr Dilys Treharne retired in September 2011

Margaret Freeman will retire at the end of September 2012

STAFFING FROM SEPTEMBER 2012

See staff lists, Department webpage

**New staff**

Billie Lowe Research Assistant (13th August)

Professor Ray Wilkinson (3rd Sept)

Dr Emma Gregory: University Teacher (3rd Sept)

Dr Catherine Tattersall University Teacher (3rd Sept)

Dr Blanca Schaeffer Research Assistant (3rd Sept)
**PROMOTIONS**

Promotion to Chair:
- Professor Sara Howard
- Professor Patricia Cowell

Promotion to Senior Lecturer:
- Dr Judy Clegg (2011)
- Dr Maggie Vance (2012)

Promotion to Grade 6: Ms Julie Harris
Promotion to Grade 5: Ms Kathryn Sharpe

**RECENT PhD AWARDS**

Frank Herrmann: *Syllable Frequency and Speaker Sex Effects on Coarticulation: An Acoustic Investigation*

Emina Kurtic: *Overlapping Talk and Turn Competition in Multi-Party Conversations*

Tariq Khwaileh: *Lexical retrieval and morpho-syntactic processing in healthy speakers and speakers with aphasia: Evidence from Arabic.*

Shalini Felicity Wickremesooriya *Talk to me so that I can understand: enhancing adult-child communication to include students with the label of 'Speech, Language & Communication Needs' in Sri Lankan Classrooms*

Emma Gregory: *Determiner primes as facilitators of lexical retrieval in healthy speakers and individuals with aphasia*

Li-Li Yeh: *Effective ways of improving literacy skills in Mandarin speaking children with speech and/or language impairments*

Sarah Bryan: *Phonological and syntactic interactions in connected speech development*