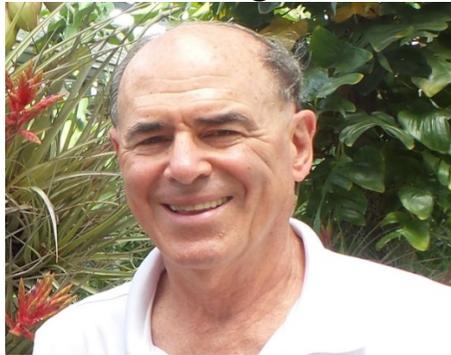


**The Washington University Foreign Language Learning  
Colloquium Speaker Series\* presents...**

October 25, 2016

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Women's Building Formal Lounge



**Andrew D. Cohen,  
Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota**

**Lecture: Fluctuation in Language Strategy Functions**

The presentation will report on a qualitative study with Chinese learners of English doing a vocabulary task (i.e., making fine-tuned semantic distinctions) as a vehicle for exploring the extent that individual strategies – whether used alone, in sequences, or in clusters – take on more than one function and fluctuate from function to function while the strategy is being used. The results demonstrate that the use of functions (whether metacognitive, cognitive, affective, or social) may fluctuate not only during the use of one strategy but also when learners switch from one strategy to another (and back again), given the sequential and clustering nature of strategies. In addition, there is not a one-way, linear progression from one function to another (i.e., from a metacognitive function to a cognitive function, and so forth), but rather a pattern of micro-fluctuations. Perhaps most interestingly, there are likely to be more occurrences of the affective function than tends to be the case in traditional language learner strategy research.

**Workshop: Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 10-11 am, Seigle 148**

**Learning Pragmatics from Nonnative Teachers**

Participants will peruse a 20-question survey about their handling of pragmatics in a target language that they teach or have taught as a native- or nonnative instructor. Highlights will be presented from the administration of this survey internationally to native- and nonnative teachers. Participants will then discuss the ramifications of what it means to be a nonnative teacher of a language with respect to issues of pragmatics.

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