

# DR. ERICA GOLD

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# Academic Positions

## Currently

- California State University San Marcos (2022-Now)

## Previously

- University of Huddersfield, UK (2014-2021)
- University of York, UK (2010-2014)



# Area of Research

- Forensic Speech Science
  - *Inter- and Intra-speaker variability*
  - *Population statistics for linguistic and phonetic parameters*
  - *Quantifying phonetic and linguistic information for evidential purposes*
- Linguistics/Phonetics
  - *Dialectology*
  - *Acoustic Phonetics*
  - *Sociolinguistics, Language and Identity*



# Committees/Service

- OSAC Speaker Recognition Subcommittee
  - *Member*
  - *Writing standards for the use of speech evidence in court*
- International Association of Forensic Phonetics and Acoustics
  - *Research committee member*



# Relevant Research Grants

- *Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – Future Research Leaders. Award: £360,596 (~\$521,241; full economic cost). Using BIG data to understand the BIG picture: Overcoming heterogeneity in speech for forensic applications. Principal Investigator. 2016-2019.*
- *British Academy/Leverhulme Trust. Award: £9,848 (~\$16,036). ‘Modelling features for forensic speaker comparison’. Investigator, with Paul Foulkes (PI), Peter French, and Vincent Hughes. 2013-2014, SG122381.*
- *Marie Curie Early Stage Research Fellow, European Commission FP7 Framework. Fully funded PhD and fellowship stipend. ‘Calculating likelihood ratios using phonetic and linguistic parameters’. Award: Approximately £114,000 (~\$172,288). 2010-2014.*



# Relevant Publications

- **Gold, E.**, Earnshaw, K., and Ross, S. (accepted) Within-speaker variation. In: Nolan, F., McDougall, K. and Hudson, T. eds, *Oxford Handbook of Forensic Phonetics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- **Gold, E.**, Kirchhubel, C., Earnshaw, K. and Ross, S. (2022) Regional Variation in British English Voice Quality. *Englishes World-Wide*, 43 (1), pp. 1-27.
- Lennon, R., Plug, L., **Gold, E.** (2021) Articulation rates' inter-correlations and discriminating powers in an English speech corpus. *Speech Communication*, 132, pp. 40-54.
- **Gold, E.** and French, P. (2019) Second International Survey of Forensic Speaker Comparison Practices. *International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law*, 26(1).
- Ross, S., Earnshaw, K. and **Gold, E.** (2019) Variability in speech as the result of non-contemporaneous speech samples. Proceedings of the 19<sup>th</sup> *International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*: Melbourne, Australia.
- **Gold, E.**, Ross, S., and Earnshaw, K. (2018) The 'West Yorkshire Regional English Database': Investigations into the generalizability of reference populations for forensic speaker comparison casework. Proceedings of *Interspeech 2018 – 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association*, September 2-6, Hyderabad, India, pp. 2748-2752.
- **Gold, E.** and French, P. (2011) International practices in forensic speaker comparison. *International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law* 18(2), pp. 293-307. ISSN 1748-8885

