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The MIC Distinguished Lecture Series

Language Analysis for the Determination of Origin of Asylum Seekers (LADO) as a Language Test: Issues of Validity

**Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 4 pm
Wang Center, Lecture Hall 1**

This presentation brings together the theoretical field of language testing and the practical field of language analysis for the determination of the origin of asylum seekers (LADO), normally carried out by sociolinguists on behalf of governments. It argues that it is helpful to think of language analysis as a form of language test and proposes a research agenda.



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Prof McNamara is best known for his work in language testing, where his research has focused on performance assessment, theories of validity, the use of Rasch models, and the social and political meaning of language tests. His other work, on language and identity, has focused on the impact of poststructuralist approaches. He will serve as chair of the 2017 American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL) Conference before becoming AAAL's President.

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