

Discoursal and Lexicogrammatical Features of American Academic Speech: Gleanings from MICASE



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The Michigan Corpus of Academic Spoken English (MICASE) provides a platform for approaching a number of questions about American academic speech:

- Do popular beliefs (often reinforced by novels about university life) that academic discussion is competitive and antagonistic hold up when large amounts of authentic data are examined?
- Is it also the case -again as commonly believed- that academic speech is some kind of hybrid of academic prose and ordinary conversation?
- Are there linguistic features of academic speech that are hard to handle within the frameworks of the standard grammars of the English language?
- What might responses to the foregoing questions imply for English for Academic Purpose programs and the like?

This talk will address these four issues.