The Science of Linguistics: From Myths to Reality

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The goal of this public lecture is to introduce linguistics as an academic discipline. We will address some common misconceptions about the field, such as “linguists are people who know many languages” or “linguists are people who create grammatical rules.” Instead, we will look at linguistics as a scientific discipline that investigates the structure, acquisition, transmission, production, and comprehension of language. The core areas of the field will be discussed: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics.

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Professor Laleko will be available to answer questions and to meet students and faculty after her talk.

Call the Department of English at 257-2720 with any questions.