



LINGUISTICS

Department Colloquia

**The Department of Linguistics
is pleased to present**

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speaking on

Assessing two theories of clausal complementation

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(This is an in-person event. For accessibility issues, please contact Maria Zimmer (mjzimmer@ucsc.edu))

Abstract:

Some clause-taking verbs can also take DPs (e.g., 'believe'), some cannot (e.g., 'think'), and some can appear without a complement (e.g., 'groan'). The standard theory of complementation has to resort to lexical ambiguity to explain this. An alternative (due to Kratzer and others) says that "complements" of clause-taking predicates are not arguments, thereby offering a way to explain this variation without resorting to lexical ambiguity. I argue that this alternative fails to deliver the right truth conditions of certain attitude reports.