

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

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**speaking on**

**The Breadth of the Candidate Set**

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**Abstract:**

How broad is the candidate set that the phonological grammar optimizes over? Does the grammar consider multiple pronunciations of the words in the utterance (*There are two wug[s]* vs. *There are two wug[z]*), variant constructions with small semantic differences (*There are two wugs* vs. *Two wugs are there*), or options with much bigger semantic differences (*There are two wugs* vs. *I can see a couple of little birds*)?

This talk aims to contribute to this debate with data expanded from a 2015 written corpus study of French coordinated structures of the form *de X et/ou (de) Y* 'of X and/or (of) Y', such as *de tomates et (de) carottes* 'of tomatoes and (of) carrots'.