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New Books in Print

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Language Development and Age

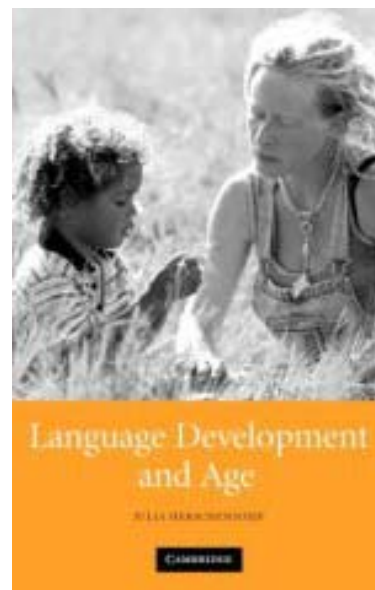
(Cambridge University Press, 2007)

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

4:00 pm

Communications 206

Reception to follow



Please join Julia Herschensohn for a presentation and discussion of her new book, *Language Development and Age*.

Herschensohn's study examines whether there is a critical period for language acquisition, demonstrating that first language acquisition is largely susceptible to age constraints, whereas second language acquisition is affected indirectly by age. The competence of expert adult learners, the unequal achievements of child learners of second languages, and the lack of consistent empirical evidence for a maturational cutoff all cast doubt on a critical period for second language acquisition.

Julia Herschensohn is Professor and Chair of Linguistics at the University of Washington. She is the author of *The Second Time Around: Minimalism and L2 Acquisition* (2000) and *Case Suspension and Binary Complement Structure in French* (1996). Herschensohn's research interests display a range of work in the areas of generative syntax, second language acquisition theory, and applied linguistics. Her specialties are theoretical syntax and non-native language learning.

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