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## Editorial

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Welcome to the first issue of the fifth volume of *Lifespans & Styles*, which features two papers that continue the journal's mission of showcasing excellence in undergraduate research in sociolinguistics.

In our first paper, Annika Schimpff (graduate of the University of Melbourne) presents a fascinating cross-cultural and cross-linguistic comparison of speaker-exclusive 'we', as in when a doctor might ask a patient, "How are we feeling today?". Schimpff is interested in comparing differences in attitudes between health professionals and non-health professionals in Australia and Germany. In addition to administering a survey on self-perceived usage, Schimpff also uses an online Matched Guise Test. Her results reveal interesting differences between cultures/languages, contexts of use, and even participant age, with younger respondents overall finding the use of speaker-exclusive 'we' to be more acceptable than older respondents find it to be.

The second paper in this issue is by Sophia Miller (graduate of the University of Edinburgh). Miller examines intraspeaker variation with respect to the well-known variable of /t/-glottaling, or glottal replacement, in Scottish English. She focuses specifically on Scottish television presenter Lorraine Kelly, who because of her work has produced publicly available speech in both the roles of interviewer and interviewee, speaking with interlocutors from a variety of linguistic backgrounds. However, Miller uncovers fewer patterns than might be expected, and the social analysis of why that might be has broader implications for analysing individual differences and style-shifting.

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