Garbage in, garbage out? Linguistic illusions in comprehension and production.
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In this talk I will summarize some lessons from studies on many different linguistic illusions, and in particular from comparisons of comprehension and production. We have known for a long time that linguistic illusions are selective. Comprehenders don’t just mess up all the time. This was the motivation for using illusions as a tool to constrain theories of sentence comprehension. When we turn to production, we find more evidence of selectivity. Production errors are not as rampant as we might expect. The fact that speakers generally perform so well helps to further constrain our understanding of why linguistic illusions arise. I will draw on evidence from agreement, anaphora, prediction, lexical access, and polarity.