# International Linguistic Association Monthly Lecture Series

### Saturday, December 4, 2021. 11 AM - 12 PM (EST) on Zoom

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### Automatic Assistance for Academic Word Usage

#### Abstract:

In this talk, I am going to describe a writing assistance system that helps students improve their academic writing. Given an input text, the system suggests lexical substitutions that aim to incorporate more academic vocabulary. The substitution candidates are drawn from an academic word list and ranked by a masked language model. Experimental results show that lexical formality analysis can improve the quality of the suggestions, in comparison to a baseline that relies on the masked language model only.

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# Date & Time: December 4, 2021. 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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