Documenting language variation and change in the *Oxford English Dictionary*

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This presentation is an introduction to historical lexicography and the methods used by editors of the *Oxford English Dictionary* in documenting lexical variation and change. Participants will learn how lexicographers gather and analyze evidence from traditional print sources, language corpora, online text databases, social media, and AI tools. The session will cover various stages of dictionary work, including identifying new words, drafting definitions, selecting illustrative quotations, and updating existing entries. Examples from different varieties of English will be highlighted throughout the talk to demonstrate how the OED represents the diversity of the language worldwide.

Bio

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