A conference inaugurating the
Center for Gesture, Sign, and Language
At the University of Chicago, March 8-9, 2013
Co-Directors: Diane Brentari, Anastasia Giannakidou, & Susan Goldin-Meadow

4-5pm, Friday, March 8: “Flying Words Project” — a performance of American Sign Language (ASL) stories and poetry.
Flying Words Project is an ASL poetry duo. Deaf Poet Peter Cook and hearing coauthor Kenny Lerner perceptively recognize and exploit the cinematic aspects of ASL in ways that often astound the viewer. At the same time, they manage to incorporate embodied rhythms, an ancient aspect of poetry, into their art.

All events except the reception will take place at Breasted Hall, Oriental Institute, 1155 East 58th Street.
Free & open to the public. To register and for more information, go to gslcenter.uchicago.edu.

Friday, March 8, 2013
9:15am: Opening remarks
9:30am: Daniel Casasanto (Psychology, New School for Social Research)
**Metaphor in the mind and hands**
Session Chair: Michael Silverstein (Anthropology)
Respondents: Sian Beilock (Psychology), Haun Saussy (University Professor)

1:30pm: David Kirsh (Cognitive Science, University of California at San Diego)
**Thinking with hands and body.**
Session Chair: Arnold I. Davidson (Philosophy, University of Chicago)
Respondents: David Levin (Germanic Studies, Richard and Mary L. Gray Center for Arts and Inquiry, Director), Larry Zbikowski (Music)

6:00 – 8:00 pm Reception: Penthouse, Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, 915 East 60th Street

Saturday, March 9, 2013
9am: John Haviland (Anthropology, University of California at San Diego)
**Pathways from gesture to visible grammar: how three deaf Zinacantec siblings assemble language out of parts of other things.**
Session Chair: Jason Riggle (Linguistics)
Respondents: Amy Dahlstrom (Linguistics), Lenore Grenoble (Slavic Languages)

10:45am: Diane Lillo-Martin (Linguistics, University of Connecticut)
**Sign Language Acquisition by Deaf and Hearing Children**
Session Chair: Susan Levine (Psychology, University of Chicago)
Respondents: John Lucy (Comparative Human Development), Ming Xiang (Linguistics)

2:30pm: Ted Supalla (Department of Neurology, Georgetown University):
**Examining the link between gestural discourse and grammaticalization**
Session Chair: John Goldsmith (Linguistics and Computer Science)
Respondents: Howard Nusbaum (Psychology), Alan Yu (Linguistics)

This conference is dedicated to David McNeill, the founder of the Committee on Cognition and Communication at the University and former chair of the Department of Psychology. McNeill has played a seminal role in making the study of gesture the vibrant field that it is today.