

'What they say and how they say it'

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On 5 July 2012, [Dr Alison Sealey](/staff/profiles/elal/sealey-alison.aspx), senior lecturer for the [Department of English](/schools/edacs/departments/english/index.aspx), gave a presentation at the [Mass Observation Anniversaries Conference](http://www.massobs.org.uk/conference.htm) on research she is doing into how animals are represented in different kinds of discourse.

She and Professor Nickie Charles, a sociologist at the University of Warwick, presented *What they say and how they say it*, in which they contrasted their respective analyses of the 'Animals and Humans' directive to which Mass Observation panellists were invited to respond in 2009. Alison demonstrated how corpus linguistics can contribute a particular perspective to the analysis of this kind of written data.