

Heather Burnett — Publications

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Books

1. Burnett, H. (2023). *Meaning, Identity and Interaction: Sociolinguistic Variation and Change in Game-Theoretic Pragmatics*. Cambridge Studies in Language Variation and Change. Cambridge University Press.
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- Burnett, H. & J. Abbou. (under review). Characterizing l'Ennemi Principal: Conflicts and Compromises in Francophone Feminism.
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