

Jennifer Nycz

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	(socio)phonetics, second dialect acquisition, dialect contact, language change over the lifespan, vowel systems, language variation and change, sociolinguistics, stylistic variation, phonology, accommodation, individual differences in language variation, quantitative methods in linguistic research	
EDUCATION	New York University , New York, NY Ph.D. in Linguistics, 2011 <i>Second Dialect Acquisition: Implications for Theories of Phonological Representation</i> M.A. in Linguistics, 2003 Dartmouth College , Hanover, NH B.A. in Linguistics, 2000	
ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY	Georgetown University , Washington, DC <i>Associate Professor of Linguistics</i>	2018 - present
	Georgetown University , Washington, DC <i>Assistant Professor of Linguistics</i>	2012 - 2018
	University of Chicago , Chicago, IL <i>Faculty, Linguistic Society of America Institute</i>	July 2015
	Reed College , Portland, OR <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Linguistics</i>	2011 - 2012
	University of York , York UK <i>Research Assistant (full-time)</i>	2009 - 2011
	ACCENT AND IDENTITY ON THE SCOTTISH-ENGLISH BORDER, supported by the Economic and Social Research Council (PIs: Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas & Gerard Docherty)	
	Haskins Laboratories , New Haven, CT <i>Research Assistant (part-time)</i>	2005 - 2008
	IMITATION: A TOOL FOR STUDYING SPEECH PERCEPTION, supported by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (PI: Carol A. Fowler)	
	LINKS BETWEEN PRODUCTION AND PERCEPTION IN SPEECH, supported by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (PI: Douglas H. Whalen)	

Books

Fernandez-Mallat, Victor, and Jennifer Nycz (eds). In Press. *Dialect Contact: From Speaker- to Community-Based Perspectives*. Georgetown University Press. Anticipated publication Fall 2024.

Articles & Book Chapters

Fernandez Mallat, Victor, and Jennifer Nycz. In Press. A Multi-level Approach to Understanding the Dynamics of Dialect Contact. In Fernandez Mallat, Victor and Jennifer Nycz (eds), *Dialect Contact: Individual- and Community-level Perspectives*. Georgetown University Press.

De Jesus, Felipe Leandro, Sarah Rose Bellavance, and Jennifer Nycz. 2024. Claims and contests: On the epistemic negotiation of place identity. *Language and Communication* 95: 42-54.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2023. Linguistic stability and malleability in long-term dialect contact: The cot/caught contrast among mobile speakers. *Proceedings of the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences 2023*, Prague, August 2023.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2020. English Phonetics. In Aarts, Bas, April McMahon, and Lars Hinrichs (eds), *The Handbook of English Linguistics*, Second Edition. Wiley.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2019. Linguistic and social factors favoring acquisition of contrast in a new dialect. *Proceedings of the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences 2019*, Melbourne, August 2019.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2019. Media and second dialect acquisition. *Annual Review of Applied Linguistics* 39: 152–160.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2018. Stylistic variation among mobile speakers: Using old and new regional variables to construct complex place identity. *Language Variation and Change* 30(2): 175–202. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0954394518000108>

De Decker, Paul and Jennifer Nycz. 2017. The technology of conducting sociolinguistic interviews. In Mallinson, Christine, Becky Childs and Gerard van Herk (eds.), *Data Collection in Sociolinguistics*, 2nd edition (1st edition, 2013). Routledge. 118–126.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2016. Awareness and acquisition of new dialect features. In Babel, Anna (ed.), *Awareness and Control in Sociolinguistic Research*. Cambridge University Press. 62–79.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2015. Second dialect acquisition: A sociophonetic perspective. *Language and Linguistics Compass* 9: 469–482. <http://doi.org/10.1111/lnc3.12163>

Nycz, Jennifer and Lauren Hall-Lew. 2014. Best practices in measuring vowel merger. *Proceedings of the Meetings on Acoustics* 20. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1121/1.4894063>

Watt, Dominic, Carmen Llamas, Gerard J. Docherty, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2014. Language and identity on the Scottish/English border. In Watt, Dominic and Carmen Llamas (eds.), *Language, Borders and Identity*. Edinburgh University Press. 8–26.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2013. New contrast acquisition: Methodological issues and theoretical implications. *English Language and Linguistics* 17(2): 325–357. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1360674313000051>

Nycz, Jennifer. 2013. Changing words or changing rules? Second dialect acquisition and phonological representation. *Journal of Pragmatics* 52: 49–62. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2012.12.014>

De Decker, Paul and Jennifer Nycz. 2012. Are tense [æ]s really tense? The mapping between articulation and acoustics. *Lingua* 122(7): 810–821. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.lingua.2012.01.003>.

Docherty, Gerard J., Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall and Jennifer Nycz. 2011. Variation in Voice Onset Time along the Scottish-English border. *Proceedings of the 17th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*, Hong Kong, August 2011. 591–594.

Anttila, Arto, Vivienne Fong, Stefan Benus and Jennifer Nycz. 2008. Consonant clusters in Singapore English. *Phonology* 25(2): 181–216. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0952675708001462>.

Proceedings Papers

Johnson, Daniel Ezra and Jennifer Nycz. 2015. Partial mergers and near-distinctions: Stylistic layering in dialect acquisition. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 21.2: Selected Papers from NWAV 43*. <https://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol21/iss2/13>

De Decker, Paul and Jennifer Nycz. 2011. For the Record: Which Digital Media Can be Used for Sociophonetic Analysis?, *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 17.2: Selected Papers from NWAV 39*. Article 7. <http://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol17/iss2/7/>

De Decker, Paul and Jennifer Nycz. 2006. Are tense [æ]s really tense? *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 12.1: Proceedings of the 29th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*. 43–56. <http://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol12/iss1/5>.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2005. Global faithfulness and choice of repair. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 10.2: Selected Papers from NWAV 32*. 205–218. <https://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol10/iss2/16/>.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2005. The dynamics of near-merger: Accounting for gradience in phonology. *Proceedings of the Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE) XIII*. <http://www.hum.leiden.edu/lucl/research/sole/proceedings/console13.html>.

Anttila, Arto, Vivienne Fong, Stefan Benus and Jennifer Nycz. 2004. Deriving consonant cluster phonotactics: evidence from Singapore English. *Proceedings of NELS 34*. 89–104.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

Nycz, Jennifer. 2022. Dialects on the Move: What Second Dialect Acquisition Can Reveal About People, Vowel Systems, and Change Over the Lifespan. *LinguEASTics: Perspectives on language and society from central Europe*, Universität Rostock. December 13.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2022. Shifting Accents & Evolving Competence: What Second Dialect Acquisition Reveals About the (Socio)linguistic System. *Cognitive Science Speaker Series*, Villanova University, November 4.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2020. Differences without distinctions, and distinctions with little difference: COT/CAUGHT vowels among mobile speakers in New York City and Toronto. *Department of Linguistics Speaker Series*, University of Pennsylvania, February 20.

- Nycz, Jennifer. 2019. Dialects on the Move: What Second Dialect Acquisition Can Reveal About People, Vowel Systems, and Change Over the Lifespan. Sociolinguistics Lunch, CUNY Graduate Center, October 25.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2019. Dialects on the Move: What Accent Change in Mobile Speakers Can Reveal About People, Phonology, and the Lexicon. Linguistics/Hispanic Linguistics Colloquium talk, University of Iowa. February 20.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2018. Transnational Mobility and Accent Change: Theoretical & Methodological Opportunities for Sociophonetics. 2nd Workshop on Sociophonetic Variability in the English Varieties of Australia (Keynote), Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia. July 17.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2018. Change and Variation in Canadian Expats. 10th Change and Variation in Canada workshop (Keynote), University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba. May 4.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2017. Accents on the Move: What mobile Canadians reveal about phonological representation and change. Canada Research Chair talk, University of Toronto. October 19.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2017. Style in a second dialect: Topic- and stance-based variation among mobile speakers. Linguistics Colloquium Series, University of Michigan. September 22.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2016. Shifting Accents and Evolving Competence: What Second Dialect Acquisition Reveals About The (Socio)linguistic System. Annual Linguistics Program Homecoming Lecture, Dartmouth College.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2014. Changing words or changing rules? Second dialect acquisition and phonological representation. Summer Sociolinguistics Group, Memorial University, Newfoundland (virtual).
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2014. Sociointerindexicality in Exemplar Theory: An elaborated model. Department of Linguistics Speaker Series, University of Pennsylvania.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2013. Canadian identity and vowel change. Guest talk in Gregory Guy's Sociolinguistic Variation course. New York University (virtual).
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2013. Changing words or changing rules? Using second dialect data to test phonological theories. Linguistics Colloquium Series, George Mason University.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2011. Second dialect acquisition and phonological theory. Phon&Phon Group, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2011. Changing dialects, changing representations? Testing phonological theory with second dialect data. Phonetics and Phonology Research Group/Language in Context Research Group, University of Edinburgh, UK.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2011. Changing dialects, changing representations? Testing phonological theory with second dialect data. Linguistics Seminar Series, Queen Mary, University of London, UK.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2010. Testing phonological theory with second dialect data. Language Variation and Linguistic Theory Research Group, Lancaster University, UK.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2010. Second dialect acquisition and phonological theory. Institute for Linguistics and Language Studies Seminar, University of Manchester, UK.

Invited Conference Presentations (peer-reviewed symposia & workshops)

Kang, Yoojin and Jennifer Nycz. 2022. Remote control: a discussion of participant variability in web-based research. Flash talk presented as part of the *Challenges for Change: A crowd-sourced brainstorming session* satellite workshop, LabPhon 18, June 22, 2022.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2019. A difference without a distinction? How speakers split word classes without acquiring new categories. Paper given as part of the *Perspectives on phonemic splits in English* panel, The International Conference on Language Variation in Europe 10, Leeuwarden.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2014. Variable rules or variable inputs? Process-based and representational approaches to variability. Paper given as part of the *Locus of Linguistic Variation* symposium. Linguistic Society of America, Minneapolis.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2013. Awareness and acquisition of new dialect features. Paper given as part of the *Awareness and Control in Sociolinguistic Research* symposium. Linguistic Society of America, Boston.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2011. New contrast acquisition: Methodological issues and theoretical implications. Paper given as part of the *Mergers in English: Perspectives from phonology, sociolinguistics and psycholinguistics* symposium. The International Society for the Linguistics of English, Boston University.

Other Conference Presentations (peer reviewed)

Nycz, Jennifer. 2024. Introducing CoRMS: The Corpora of Mobile Speakers. Multimedia Presentation to be given at the International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (ICLaVE) 12, Vienna.

Dearstyne, Matthew and Jennifer Nycz 2023. D1 feature maintenance in a D2 region: Older New Yorkers in Toronto. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV)* 51, Queens College, New York.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2023. Linguistic stability and malleability in long-term dialect contact: The cot/caught contrast among mobile speakers. The International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS) 2023, Prague.

Kang, Yoojin and Jennifer Nycz. 2021. The Sociophonetics of Video-Mediated vs. In-Person Interactions. *NWAV* 49, University of Texas at Austin.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2019. Linguistic and social factors favoring acquisition of contrast in a new dialect. *ICPhS* 2019, Melbourne.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2018. What Do We Mean by Structure?: Mobile Speakers and the (Non-)Coherence of Chain Shifts. *NWAV* 47, New York University, New York City.

Nycz, Jennifer and Shannon Mooney. 2017. Variable vowel convergence in a novel cooperative task. 174th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of American, New Orleans.

- Nycz, Jennifer and Shannon Mooney. 2017. Variable vowel convergence in a cooperative task. NWAV 46, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2017. Shifting accents and evolving style: Stylistic variation among mobile speakers. Georgetown University Roundtable in Linguistics, Washington, D.C.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2015. Second dialect acquisition and stylistic variation: Using D1 and D2 features to convey place identity and attitude. NWAV 44, Toronto.
- Johnson, Daniel Ezra and Jennifer Nycz. 2014. Near-distinctions and partial mergers: how stylistic variation reflects dialect acquisition. NWAV 43, Chicago.
- Nycz, Jennifer and Lauren Hall-Lew. 2013. Best practices in measuring vowel merger. 166th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Francisco.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2012. Frequency and social meaning in dialect change. Linguistic Society of America, Portland.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2011. Frequency effects on second dialect acquisition. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 40, Georgetown University.
- Docherty, Gerard, Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2011. Variation in Voice Onset Time along the Scottish-English border. The 17th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS XVII), Hong Kong.
- De Decker, Paul and Jennifer Nycz. 2011. Digital recording options for geographically remote informants. *Methods in Dialectology* 14, University of Western Ontario.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2010. The phonetics/phonology distinction in second dialect acquisition by adults. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 39, University of Texas-San Antonio.
- Nycz, Jennifer. 2010. Changing words or changing rules? What second dialect acquisition can tell us about phonological representation. The 34th International LAUD Symposium on Cognitive Sociolinguistics, University of Landau.
- De Decker, Paul and Jennifer Nycz. 2010. New media technology as sociophonetic data collection tools. *Experimental Approaches to Perception and Production of Language Variation*, University of Groningen.
- Docherty, Gerard, Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2010. The effects of a border: A detailed examination of production, attitude and perception. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 39, University of Texas-San Antonio.
- De Decker, Paul and Jennifer Nycz. 2010. For the record: which digital media are good enough for sociophonetic analysis? *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 39, University of Texas-San Antonio.
- Docherty, Gerard, Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2010. Linguistic variation and identity: Sound change along a national border. *Workshop on Sound Change*, Universitat Autnoma de Barcelona.
- Docherty, Gerard, Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2010. Dialect contact and phonological change at the variety and speaker level. The 18th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester.

Docherty, Gerard, Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2010. Linguistic variation, geography, and identity: Sound change along a national border. The 4th Northern Englishes Workshop, University of Sheffield.

Docherty, Gerard, Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2010. Speaker awareness, differential use of linguistic variables and the expression of identity. The 34th International LAUD Symposium on Cognitive Sociolinguistics, University of Landau.

Honorof, Douglas, Mark K. Tiede, Aaron P. Schultz, Jennifer Nycz, and Céline Y. C. Chang. 2010. Mandarin /r/ in three space: comparing structural MRI and ultrasound reconstructions. Ultrafast V, Haskins Laboratories.

Bulgin, James, Paul De Decker and Jennifer Nycz. 2010. Reliability of formant measurements from lossy compressed audio. The British Association of Academic Phoneticians Colloquium, University of Westminster.

Docherty, Gerard, Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2010. Voice Onset Time and the Scottish Vowel Length Rule along the Scottish-English border. The British Association of Academic Phoneticians Colloquium, University of Westminster.

Docherty, Gerard, Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2010. Accent and identity on the Scottish English border. Borders & Identities Conference, Newcastle University.

Docherty, Gerard, Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2009. Variation and change in /r/ in the Scottish/English borderland. The 7th UK Language Variation and Change Conference, Newcastle University.

Docherty, Gerard, Dominic Watt, Carmen Llamas, Damien Hall, and Jennifer Nycz. 2009. The Scottish/English borderland: Phonological production, perception and attitude. The 5th International Conference on Language Variation in Europe, University of Copenhagen.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2008. Acquiring phonological features of a second dialect: Canadians [kʔt] in New York. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 37, Rice University.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2007. Two repairs in one grammar? A unified OT account of obligatory epenthesis and variable t/d deletion in English. *Workshop on Variation, Gradience and Frequency in Phonology*, Stanford University.

De Decker, Paul and Jennifer Nycz. 2006. A new way of analyzing vowels: Comparing formant contours using smoothing spline ANOVA. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 35, Ohio State University.

De Decker, Paul and Jennifer Nycz. 2005. What lies beneath? Studying variation using ultrasound technology. *Methods in Dialectology XII*, Université de Moncton, Canada.

De Decker, Paul and Jennifer Nycz. 2005. Are tense [æ]s really tense? An ultrasound study. *29th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, University of Pennsylvania.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2004. The dynamics of near-merger: Accounting for gradience in phonology. *Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe XIII*, University of Tromsø, Norway.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2004. Short term accommodation and a new mechanism of merger: Dialect contact and the low back vowel distinction. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 33, University of Michigan.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2003. Global faithfulness and choice of repair. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 32, University of Pennsylvania.

Nycz, Jennifer. 2003. Functional unity and choice of repair: The preceding segment effect on epenthesis and t/d deletion. The Long Island Sound Meeting, SUNY Stony Brook.

Antilla, Arto, Vivienne Fong, Stefan Benus and Jennifer Nycz. 2003. Deriving consonant cluster phonotactics: Evidence from Singapore English. *The North Eastern Linguistics Society* 34, SUNY Stony Brook.

GRANTS

External

BCS-2041126, National Science Foundation: *Doctoral Dissertation Research: Production, Perception, and Acquisition of New Dialect Features by Speakers Moving Between Two Regions*, to support the doctoral dissertation research of Yoojin Kang, \$11,235. Award period: 02/15/2021–07/31/2022.

BCS-2017415, National Science Foundation: *Conference: Georgetown University Round Table 2021 on Dialect Contact*. \$22,842. Award period: 09/01/2020–02/28/2022.

BCS-1651108, National Science Foundation: *Second Dialect Acquisition and Stylistic Variation in Mobile Speakers*, \$217,477. Award period: 9/1/2017–2/28/2021.

BCS-1729018, National Science Foundation: *Doctoral Dissertation Research: Child Acquisition of Sociolinguistic Variation*, to support the doctoral dissertation research of Shannon Mooney, \$18,660. Award period: 9/1/2017–8/31/2019.

Internal

Summer Salary Supplement: Funds to support completion of *Second Dialect Acquisition: Theory and Methods*. Summer 2023.

Global Engagement Faculty Grant: Funds for travel to ICLaVE in Leeuwarden. Fall 2018.

Summer Academic Research Grant, *Variation in a new dialect: How mobile speakers use regional dialect features to express place identity*. Summer 2016.

Competitive Grant-In-Aid, *Developing a novel task for the collection of spontaneous, naturalistic speech data*. Spring 2016.

Research Infrastructure Award, Funds to purchase a sound-attenuated booth for the Linguistic Lab. Fall 2013.

Summer Academic Research Grant, *Cognitive factors and individual differences in speech accommodation: A pilot study*. Summer 2013.

International Research Collaboration Grant, *Dialect contact and dialect change in a university setting*. (with Daniel Ezra Johnson). Summer 2013.

Professional Memberships

The Linguistic Society of America
The American Dialect Society
The Association for Laboratory Phonology
The International Phonetics Association
The British Association of Academic Phoneticians

Conference & Workshop Organization

Georgetown University Round Table 2022: Dialect Contact (Georgetown University)
Borders and Identities Conference, 2009-2010 (University of York/Newcastle University)
New Ways of Analyzing Variation 34, 2004-2006 (New York University)
CUNY/SUNY/NYU Linguistics Conference, 2004-2005 (New York University)
Novel Data Workshop, 2003-2004 (New York University)

Committees, Panels, & Editorial Boards

LSA Executive Committee (at-large member), beginning January 2024.
Edinburgh Sociolinguistics (book series) Editorial Board, Summer 2022-present.
LSA First Gen Access and Equity Committee, Fall 2021-present.
NSF Linguistics Panel, Spring 2021-Spring 2023.
LSA Social Media Committee Chair, Spring 2021-Spring 2022.
LSA Task Force on the Evaluation of Professional Conduct, Fall 2020.

Ad Hoc Peer Review

Book proposals: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge

Journals: Language Variation and Change, Journal of Phonetics, Language in Society, Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, Laboratory Phonology, Journal of English Linguistics, International Review of Applied Linguistics, Language and Linguistics Compass, American Speech, Journal of Linguistic Geography, English Language and Linguistics, Lingua (pre-Glossa), Linguistics Vanguard, Open Linguistics

Other Publications: Physics Today (editorial adviser)

Conferences: Linguistic Society of America, New Ways of Analyzing Variation, American Dialect Society, International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Georgetown University Round Table in Linguistics, Variation and Language Processing, LabPhon, Second Language Acquisition of Phonology

Funding bodies: National Science Foundation, The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research

University

Fall 2019-Spring 2024. College Executive Council member.
Spring 2021. College Executive Council Vice-Chair DEI Subcommittee member.
Fall 2020-Spring 2021. College Executive Council Vice-Chair.
Fall 2019-Spring 2021. College Executive Council Steering Committee member.
Spring 2020. College Executive Council Nominations & Elections Subcommittee member.
Spring 2018-Fall 2018. Main Campus Executive Faculty department representative.
Fall 2017-Spring 2018. Georgetown Scholarship Program faculty mentor.
Fall 2017-Spring 2018. College Executive Council member.

Fall 2015–Spring 2018. Internal Grant Review Committee member.
Spring 2016. Undergraduate Transfer Admissions Committee member.
Fall 2013–Fall 2014. Main Campus Executive Faculty department representative.
Spring 2014. Dissertation Bootcamp Invited Speaker.
Fall 2012. Faculty of Language and Linguistics job market clinic panelist

Department

Fall 2019–present. Director of Undergraduate Studies.
Summer 2022–present. Sociolinguistics Concentration Head.
Summer 2021–present. Department Social Media Committee member.
Fall 2012–present. Linguistics Lab Committee member.
Fall 2021–Spring 2023. Linguistics Lab Committee Chair.
Fall 2022–Spring 2023. African American Language Faculty Search Chair.
Summer 2020–Spring 2022. General Linguistics Concentration Head.
Summer 2020. Summer Sociophonetics Reading Group convener.
Fall 2016–Spring 2020. Variation Lab (student & faculty research group) convener.
Spring 2020. Linguistics Lab Committee Chair.
Fall 2019–Spring 2020. 21st Century Post-doctoral Fellowship search committee co-chair.
Fall 2015–Fall 2018. Faculty Merit Review Committee member.
Fall 2017–Spring 2018. Director of Undergraduate Studies.
Spring 2013–Summer 2018. Linguistics Lab Committee Chair.
Fall 2016–Spring 2017. Tenure-line Phonology search committee member.
Fall 2014. Sociolinguistics Concentration Head.
Spring 2014. Graduate Workshop: Writing a Conference Abstract.
Spring 2014. Graduate Workshop: Introduction to R.
Spring 2013. VAP Phonology search committee member.

TEACHING AT
GEORGETOWN

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Language (Spring 2014)
Sounds of Language (Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2016)
Language and Society (Fall 2018)
Senior Thesis Seminar (AYs 2017-2018, 2019-2020:2023-2024)

Undergraduate/Graduate Courses

Sociophonetics (Springs 2013:2014, 2016:2018, 2020, 2022)
Sociolinguistic Variation (Falls 2012:2017, 2019:2023)

Graduate Courses

Sociolinguistic Field Methods (Spring 2024)
Seminar: Advanced Methods in Sociophonetics (Spring 2023)
Seminar: Language Variation and Place (Spring 2021)
Seminar: Sociophonetics and Phonological Theory (Fall 2018)
Seminar: Style and Stylistic Variation (Spring 2017)
Seminar: Language Variation and Change Over the Lifespan (Spring 2015)

Seminar: Variation in Optimality Theory (Spring 2013)
Variation Analysis (Fall 2013)

TEACHING
ELSEWHERE

University of Chicago (Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute), Chicago, IL
Sociophonetics (co-taught with Lauren Hall-Lew) (Summer 2015)

Reed College, Portland, OR

Phonology (Spring 2012)
Quantitative Methods in Linguistic Research (Spring 2012)
Linguistic Accommodation (Spring 2012)
Phonetics (Fall 2011)
Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (co-taught with Matt Pearson) (Fall 2011)

University of York, York UK

Introduction to Language Variation and Change (co-taught with Damien Hall) (Spring 2010)
Research in Language Variation and Change (co-taught with Dominic Watt) (Spring 2010)

New York University, New York, NY

Language (Introduction to Linguistics) (Summer 2004)

GRADUATE
STUDENT
MENTORING

Dissertation Chair

Hana Altalhi (2024): *Dialect Variation and Change in the Huthail Arabic dialect*.
Khalid Alharbi (2023): *The Social Meanings of Affrication in Saudi Arabia: A Perception Approach*. Assistant Professor at Al-Jouf University.
Yoojin Kang (2022): *Acquisition of New Dialect Features by Seoul and Kyungsang Korean Speakers: Social and Attitudinal Factors Influencing Production*.
Shannon Mooney (2020): *Child Acquisition of Sociolinguistic Variation*. Data Scientist at Coursera.
Sean Simpson (2019, with Amir Zeldes): *A Multi-Factorial, Sociolinguistically Grounded Approach to Automated Speaker Profiling*. Senior Linguist at Google.
Jessica Grieser (2015, with Natalie Schilling): *“There Are No Secrets in Southeast:” Gentrification and the Language of Multiple Blacknesses in Southeast Washington D.C.*. Associate Professor of Linguistics at The University of Michigan.

Dissertation Committee Member

Jorge E. Ramos (in progress): *(De)coloring accent perception: An investigation of face primes and attitudes towards Standard American and Spanish-accented English*.
Minnie Quartey Annan (2023): *“When I was coming up, it was called the Chocolate City:” Phonological Variation, Narrative Discourse, and Identity Construction among Speakers of African American Language in Washington, DC*. Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives for Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington.
Gorka Basterretxea (2023): *Linguistic Transfer in Basque Spanish: Gender Agreement Production and Attitudes*. Assistant Teaching Professor at Northeastern University starting Fall 2023.

Amelia Becker (2023): *The effect of iconicity on phonetic and phonological processes in American Sign Language*. Post-doctoral researcher at Boston University's Center on Sign Language and Deaf Education.

Christiana McGrady (2023): *The phonetics and phonology of Alaskan Russian: the dying dialect of a forgotten people*. Analyst with the Department of Defense.

Alexandra Pfiffner (2021): *Cue-based features: Modeling change and variation in the voicing contrasts of Minnesotan English, Afrikaans, and Dutch*. Lecturer in Phonetics at UC Berkeley.

Maddie Oakley (2021): *Articulating non-native vowel contrasts*. NSF SPRF post doc at North Carolina State University.

Jahurul Islam (2019): *Phonetics and phonology of breathy-voiced stops: Evidence from production, perception, alternation, and learnability*. Lecturer at the University of British Columbia.

Jonathan Havenhill (2018): *The phonological implications of audiovisual speech perception*. Assistant Professor at The University of Hong Kong.

Stacy Petersen (2018): *Accounting for diphthongs: Duration as contrast in vowel dispersion theory*. Computational Linguist at MITRE.

Mari Sakai (2017): *(Dis)Connecting perception and production: Training adult native speakers of Spanish on the English /i/-/ɪ/ distinction*. Lecturer at the Georgetown University Law Center and Speech Consultant at Sakai Speech Consulting.

Sinae Lee (2016): *Quantitative and qualitative approach towards the language of Washington DC: Vowels and narratives*. Assistant Professor at Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

Masters Thesis Mentor

Sarah Bellavance (2021): *Sociolinguistic creaky voice in young speakers*.

Elizabeth Schar (2018): *Linguistic expression of gender by queer female-at-birth speakers in DC*.

Rebecca Childress (2016): *A linguistic analysis of the media's construction of rape*.

SENIOR THESIS MENTORING

Georgetown University

Abigail Sherburne (2014): *Farming for Features: Rhotic Variations and Identity in Maine Agricultural Communities*.

Anna Drabek (2013): *Linguistic Identity in Advertising: Multinational Corporations and the Bilingual Context of Belgium*.

Reed College

Kathleen Aston (2012): *Aero-Tactile Stimuli and Speech Perception*.

Jenny Calvert-Warren (2012): *Acoustic Features and Subjective Perception of Vocal Gender*.

Sasha Puchalski (2012): *Acoustic Analysis of Conversational Coordination*.

Nina Umont (2012): *Prosodic Features of Narrative-Style Jokes*.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2015. Georgetown University Junior Faculty Research Fellowship.

2007. NYU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Dissertation Fellowship.

2007. NYU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Fellow.

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