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Primary Research Interests: Sociophonetic consequences of dialect contact, the relationship between phonetic/phonological theory and sound change, the phonetics-phonology interface, geolinguistic diffusion of accent features, ethnic identity and language use, and statistical best practices in sociophonetics

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2006 Dept. of Linguistics, Michigan State University (East Lansing, Michigan)
Dissertation advisor: Dennis R. Preston
Dissertation title: *Ethnicity and Sound Change: Mexican American Accommodation to the Northern Cities Shift in Lansing, Michigan*
- M.A. 2001 Dept. of Linguistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- B.A. 1989 International Relations, French Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduated with Distinction

APPOINTMENTS

- 2015-present Associate Professor of Linguistics
University of North Carolina at Charlotte, English Department
- 2009-2015 Assistant Professor of Linguistics
University of North Carolina at Charlotte, English Department
- 2008-2009 Visiting Assistant Professor of Linguistics
University of North Carolina at Charlotte, English Department
- 2006-2008 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Language Variation and Change
University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics
- Fall 2004 Visiting Lecturer in Linguistics
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of English

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants

- 2010-2011 Dialect Diversity in Charlotte, North Carolina. Faculty Research Grant. University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
- 2007-2008 Sound Change in Canadian English. Research grant. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Institutional Grant (SIG). #484134.
- 2006 American Dialect Society Student Travel Grant
- 2001 Michigan State University recruitment grant

Fellowships

- 2006-2008 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Toronto
- Summer 2006 Michigan State University Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Awards and Scholarships

- 2013-2014 Frances Lumsden Gwynn Award, research funding (UNCC)
- 2013 Junior Faculty Development Award leave, 1 semester (UNCC)
- 2012 One of 3 finalists for Postdoctoral Research Associate position in the Phonetics Laboratory, Oxford University, for ESRC-funded project entitled “Word Joins in Real-Life Speech: A Large Corpus-Based Study” (John Coleman, PI)
- 2006-2009 Honorary Presidential Membership in American Dialect Society
- Summer 2004 Fulbright-Hayes Group Project Abroad scholarship to Tanzania
- 2003-2004 Year-long Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) scholarship, Swahili (MSU)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Roeder, Rebecca. 2014. "The Canadian Shift in Non-Urban Southeastern Ontario: Transmission or Diffusion?" *Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics* 20, 060012. Available at: <http://scitation.aip.org/content/asa/journal/poma/14/1/10.1121/1.4866376>
- Roeder, Rebecca and Matt Hunt Gardner. 2013. "The Phonology of the Canadian Shift Revisited: Thunder Bay and Cape Breton." *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 19,2: Article 18. Available at: <http://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol19/iss2/18>
- Roeder, Rebecca. 2012. "The Canadian Shift in Two Ontario Cities." Special Issue of *World Englishes: Autonomy and Homogeneity in Canadian English* 31,4: 478-492. Guest editors Stefan Dollinger and Sandra Clarke.
- Roeder, Rebecca. 2012. "Definite Article Reduction and the Obligatory Contour Principle in York English." *Transactions of the Philological Society* 110,2: 225-240.
- Roeder, Rebecca and Lidia-Gabriela Jarmasz. 2010. "The Canadian Shift in Toronto." *Revue canadienne de linguistique/Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 55,3: 387-404.
- Roeder, Rebecca. 2010. "Northern Cities Mexican American English: Vowel Production and Perception." Special Issue of *American Speech: Accommodation to the Locally Dominant Norm* 85,2: 163-184. Guest editors Malcah Yaeger-Dror and Thomas Purnell.
- Tagliamonte, Sali and Rebecca Roeder. 2009. "Variation in the English Definite Article: Socio-Historical Linguistics in t' Speech Community." *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 13,4: 435-471.
- Preston, Dennis, Jaclyn Ocumpaugh and Rebecca Roeder. 2009. "L1 and L2 accents: Where the Action Is." *Lengua y migración/Language and Migration* 2,1: 5-20.
- Ocumpaugh, Jaclyn and Rebecca Roeder. 2007. "Hispanic English in context: Accommodation to other available norms in urban Michigan." *Linguistica Atlantica* 27/28: 71-75.
- Higgins, Christina, Mary Thompson, and Rebecca Roeder. 2003. "In Search of a Profound Answer: Mainstream Scripts and the Marginalization of Advanced-Track Urban Students." *Linguistics and Education* 14,2: 195-220.

Book Chapters

- Roeder, Rebecca. 2010. "Effects of consonantal context on the pronunciation of /æ/ in the English of speakers of Mexican heritage from south central Michigan." In *A Reader in Sociophonetics*, Nancy Niedzielski and Dennis R. Preston (eds). Mouton de Gruyter.

Roeder, Rebecca. 2004. "Language in the Mid-Atlantic region." In *Encyclopedia Series American Regional Cultures*, Robert Marzec (ed.). Westport, CT: Greenwood, 255-284.

Additional Publications

Roeder, Rebecca. 2015. Review of Charles Boberg, *The English language in Canada: Status, history and comparative analysis*, and Sandra Clarke, *Dialects of English: Newfoundland and Labrador English*, *World Englishes* 34,3: 502-504.

Roeder, Rebecca. 2014. "Talking about Accent: The Canadian Shift and Canadian Raising." *Contact Magazine: Teachers of English as a Second Language Association of Ontario* 40,4: 26-30.

Roeder, Rebecca. 2012. "South of the border with the Canadian Shift." Invited blog entry for *Strathy Language Unit Blog*, April 20, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

Asahi, Yoshiyuki, Stephanie Kelly, and Rebecca Roeder. 2009. Report on the 13th International Conference on Methods in Dialectology, University of Leeds, England, August 4-8. *Dialectologia* 2: 113-126. [joint authors, listed alphabetically]

Roeder, Rebecca. 2009. "The effects of phonetic environment on English /æ/ among speakers of Mexican heritage in Michigan." *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics* 31.

Roeder, Rebecca and Lidia-Gabriela Jarmasz. 2009. "The lax vowel subsystem in Canadian English revisited." *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics* 31.

Roeder, Rebecca. 2009. "Lexical exceptionality in Yorkshire English." *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics* 30.

Higgins, Christina, Rebecca Roeder, and Mary Thompson. 2001. "Critical Thinking and Practices of Participation: Mainstreaming ESL Students into the Classroom Community." *University of Wisconsin-Madison Working Papers in Linguistics*, 2: 29-47.

Works in Progress

Roeder, Rebecca and Bryan Walden. Submitted for review. "Conflict and Community: Spanish in the Linguistic Landscape of Charlotte, NC."

Roeder, Rebecca, Sky Onosson and Alexandra D'Arcy. In preparation. "City, Province, or Region? Accent in Victoria, British Columbia."

Roeder, Rebecca, Matt Hunt Gardner, and Rebecca Childs. In preparation. "Internal and External Forces of Language Change in the Atlantic Provinces."

PRESENTATIONS**Conference Presentations**

- 2016 With Matt Hunt Gardner. "A Phonological Model of the Canadian Shift." Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 7-10.
- 2015 With Sky Onosson and Alexandra D'Arcy. "Simultaneous Innovation and Conservation: Unpacking Victoria's Vowels." *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 44, University of Toronto, October 22-25.
- 2015 "Conflict and Community: Spanish in the Linguistic Landscape of Charlotte, NC." Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics, Washington, D.C., March 13-15.
- 2015 With Sky Onosson and Alexandra D'Arcy. "City, Province, or Region? What Do the Vowels of Victoria English Tell Us?" American Dialect Society, Portland, OR, January 8-10.
- 2014 With Matt Hunt Gardner. "A Tale of Two Phonologies: English in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia." Southeastern Conference on Linguistics 81, Myrtle Beach, SC, March 27-29.
- 2013 With Matt Hunt Gardner. "Phonetics as a Complement to Phonology in the Canadian Shift." Poster presentation. 166th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Francisco, CA, December 2-6.
- 2012 With Matt Hunt Gardner. "The Phonology of the Canadian Shift: Thunder Bay and Cape Breton." Workshop on Canadian English: Linguistic Variation in Space and Time, York University, Toronto, November 23.
- 2012 With Matt Hunt Gardner. "The Phonology of the Canadian Shift: Thunder Bay and Industrial Cape Breton." *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 41, Indiana University, Bloomington, October 25-28.
- 2012 "Active Homogeneity: The Canadian Shift in Ontario." Poster presentation. Sociolinguistics Symposium 19, Freie Universität, Berlin, August 21-24.
- 2011 "The Canadian Shift in Ontario: Transmission and Diffusion." Poster presentation. 162nd Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, CA, October 31-November 4.
- 2011 "Geolinguistic Diffusion of the Canadian Shift near Toronto?" *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 40, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., October 27-30.
- 2010 "The Phonetics-Phonology Interface in the Canadian Shift." *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 39, San Antonio, TX, November 4-6.

- 2010 “Diffusion and dispersion in the Canadian Shift.” Change and Variation in Canada IV, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland, June 19-20.
- 2009 “Northern Cities Chicano English: Evidence from vowel production and perception.” Midwest Modern Language Association, St. Louis, MO, November 12-15.
- 2008 “Definite Article Reduction (DAR) and the Obligatory Contour Principle.” 13th International Conference on Methods in Dialectology, University of Leeds, England, August 4-8.
- 2008 “Shifts and splits: The Canadian Shift as a catalyst for phonemic change.” Change and Variation in Canada II, University of Ottawa, Ontario, June 21-22.
- 2008 “Definite article reduction: Phonological conditioning of a zero form.” Linguistic Society of America, Chicago, IL, January 3-6.
- 2007 With Sali Tagliamonte. "Variation in the definite article: Exploring the sociophonetics of its form and function." *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 36, Philadelphia, PA, October 11-14.
- 2007 With Lidia-Gabriela Jarmasz. "The Canadian Shift in Toronto." *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 36. Philadelphia, PA, October 11-14.
- 2007 “Understanding Lansing: Mexican American listeners in Michigan.” American Dialect Society, Anaheim, CA, January 4-6.
- 2006 “The Northern Cities Shift and Chicano English in Lansing, MI.” American Dialect Society, Albuquerque, NM, January 6-7.
- 2006 With Jaclyn Ocumpaugh. “Influences of contact on Latino English in Michigan.” Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, January 5-8.
- 2005 “Chicano English in Michigan.” *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 34, New York, NY, October 20-23.
- 2005 With Jaclyn Ocumpaugh. “Hispanic English in context: Accommodation to other available norms in urban Michigan.” 12th International Conference on Methods in Dialectology, Université de Moncton, New Brunswick, August 1-5.
- 2005 “Speaking Chicana across generations: A case study in Michigan.” 14th World Congress of Applied Linguistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, July 24-29.
- 2004 “Comparative Bantu vowel systems.” 35th Annual Conference for African Linguistics, Harvard University, Boston, MA, April 2-4.

- 2002 With Bartek Plichta. "Creaky voice as a sociophonetic variable in Lower Michigan." Michigan Linguistic Society, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 19.
- 2000 With Christina Higgins and Mary Thompson. "Case study: Do secondary school students in the U.S. need critical thinking skills to achieve?" Second Language Research Forum, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 7-10.

Invited Presentations

- 2014 "Understanding Accent: The Canadian Shift as Default." English Department, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, March 21.
- 2012 "DAR in York: Exploring the Phonetics." Phonetics Laboratory, University of Oxford, Oxford, England, February 6.
- 2011 "Vowel shifting in North America: Evidence from two case studies." Department of Linguistics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, January 28.
- 2009 "The production/perception interface in an immigrant speech community in the Midwest." English Department, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, February 23.
- 2009 Panelist for "The job market for linguists." American Dialect Society, San Francisco, CA, January 8-11. [Held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting].
- 2008 "Accent and Ethnicity: Mexican American English in the Midwest." Department of English, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, December 2.
- 2008 "English in the Canadian heartland: Vowel change in progress." Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto, February 1.
- 2007 "Regional dialects of North American English: Vowel patterns." Society of Linguistics Undergraduate Students (SLUGS), University of Toronto, November 22.
- 2007 "Definite article reduction: Phonological conditioning of a zero form." The Coronals Workshop, University of Toronto, November 9.
- 2007 "Do Mexican Americans in lower Michigan have a distinct dialect of English? Evidence from production and perception." Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa, January 24.
- 2007 "Do Mexican Americans in Lower Michigan have a distinct dialect? Evidence from production and perception." French Department, University of Western Ontario, January 18.

- 2007 “Do Mexican Americans in lower Michigan have a distinct dialect of English? Evidence from production and perception.” Program in Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, January 16.
- 2006 “Mexican American English and the Northern Cities Shift.” Spanish Microvariation Group, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Toronto, November 27.
- 2006 “Mexican American English and the Northern Cities Shift.” Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, Toronto, Ontario, April 17.
- 2006 “Accent and ethnicity.” Linguistics Department, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL, March 9.
- 2006 “Accent and ethnicity: The pronunciation of English vowels by Mexican Americans in Lansing, Michigan.” Department of English, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 27.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate AND Graduate/Undergraduate Mixed Courses

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Department of English (2008-present)

- ENGL 6161 Introduction to Linguistics (max 15 students)
 ENGL 6164 Comparative Language Analysis for Teachers (max 15 students)
 ENGL 4050/5050 Topics in English: Language and Diversity (max 25 students)
 ENGL 4161/5161 Modern English Grammar (max 25 students)
 ENGL 4260/5050 History of Global Englishes (max 25 students)

University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics (2006-2008)

- LIN 356/1156 Language Variation and Change: Theory and Analysis—Fall 2007 (10 students)
 LIN 479/1152 The Sociolinguistics of Immigration—Spring 2007 (13 students)

Graduate Student Directed Reading

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Department of English (2008-present)

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| Fall 2015 | Carrie Berkman (Topic: Substrate phonetic and phonological influence from L1 Arabic on the acquisition of English as a second language) |
| Spring 2013 | Megan Weaver (Topic: Development of Master’s Project on teaching language diversity in secondary schools in Appalachia) |
| Spring 2011 | Bryan Walden (Topic: Development of Master’s Project on Spanish in the Linguistic Landscape of Charlotte, NC) |
| Fall 2010 | Mark Underwood (Topic: Dialect variation and education) |
| Summer 2010 | Bryan Walden (Topic: Linguistic landscape and social theory) |

University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics

Summer 2007 Yumiko Gondaira (Topic: Discourse markers in Japanese)

Undergraduate-only Courses

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Department of English (2008-present)

LBST 2101 Language in the USA (max 45 students)

ENGL 3132 Introduction to Contemporary American English (max 70 students)

ENGL 3162 Language and the Virtual World (max 35 students)

University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics (2006-2008)

LIN 256 Sociolinguistic Patterns—Fall 2006 (45 students); Spring 2008 (85 students)

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of English (Visiting Lecturer, 2004)

ENG 330 English Phonology—Fall 2004 (20 students)

ENG 331 Language Variation in the United States—Fall 2004 (35 students)

University of Michigan-Flint, Department of English (Instructor, 2003-2006, on-line)

ENG 244 The Structure of English—3 semesters (30 students)

Michigan State University, Department of Linguistics (Doctoral Candidate, 2001-2006)

IAH 231C Language & Society—Spring 2006 (Teaching Assistant, 225 students)

ENG 302 Introduction to the English Language—Fall 2005 (Teaching Assistant, 100 students)

LIN 200 Introduction to Language—Spring 2003 (Graduate Instructor, 50 students)

IAH 231C Language and the Brain—Fall 2002 (Teaching Assistant, 225 students)

ENG 302 Introduction to the English Language—Spring 2002 (Graduate Instructor, 40 students)

IAH 201 The US & the World [Integrated Studies in the Arts and Humanities]—Fall 2001 (Graduate Instructor, 45 students)

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of English (Master's Student, 2000-2001)

LIN 101 Introduction to Language—2 semesters, 2000-2001 (Teaching Assistant, 200 students)

Undergraduate Independent Study/Internship/Honors

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, English Department

Fall 2014 Independent Study, “Challenges of limited proficiency English speakers in the United States court system,” Barbara Leach

Spring 2013 Independent Study, “Language use and genre in the virtual world,” Derik Brown and Leah Finch

Spring 2012 Internship in Sociophonetic Research Methods, Sarah Campbell
University Honors Program portfolio, Katherine Hahn

University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics

Fall 2007 Independent Study, “Canadian Raising in Thunder Bay, Ontario,” Elizabeth DiGiacomo

Teaching Awards

- 2012 Nominated for Professor of the Year Award
UNCC English Graduate Student Association (EGSA)

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Master's Project/Thesis Supervisor

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, English Department

- 2013 Program-Final Master's Project in Applied Linguistics, "Appalachian English for Appalachian students: Language variation education in secondary public schools," Megan Weaver
- 2011 Program-Final Master's Project in Applied Linguistics, "Spanish in the linguistic landscape of Charlotte, NC," Bryan Walden

University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics

- 2008 Master's Thesis in Linguistics, "Sociophonetic variation in the pronunciation of English liquids and interdental by Japanese L2 speakers of English in Canada," Yumiko Gondaira

Doctoral Thesis Committee Member

- 2012-14 External PhD Examiner, Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland, "Indigenous English in Canada: A case study of Nain, Nunatsiavut (Labrador)," Jennifer Thorburn (PhD, Linguistics, Spring 2014)

University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics

- 2006-2009 Member of doctoral committee, "A variationist approach to the role of register and language change in Canadian English," Bridget Jankowski (PhD, Linguistics, Fall 2013)
- 2006-2007 Member of doctoral committee, "Phonetic distinctiveness as a sociolinguistic variable," Kevin Heffernan (PhD, Linguistics, Spring 2007)

Other Graduate Committee Member

- 2015 External Master's Thesis reader, Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland, "Performing 'Up the Shore': A stylistic analysis of Newfoundland Irish English vowels in the Ferryland Dinner Theatre," Rachel Susan Grace Deal (MA expected December 2015)

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, English Department

- 2015 Program-Final Master's Project in English for Specific Purposes, "ESP portfolio: ITA communications course," Jerry Swisshelm
Master's Thesis in Creative Writing, "Flying in a Confined Space" (short story collection), Rhoda Lukens
- 2014 Master's Thesis in Applied Linguistics, "Humor and discourse," Laura Erturk
- 2012 Program-Final Master's Project in English for Specific Purposes, "Silence into talk: Preparing Japanese students for academic life at an American university," Toma Kusakawa
Master's Thesis in Applied Linguistics, "Playing to the Crowd: Audience Design in the Televised Trial of the Century," Kathleen Ledford
- 2011 Master's Thesis in Applied Linguistics, "Linguistic Human Rights and Mother Tongue Education," Laura Garskie

University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics

- 2007 Generals paper second reader, "Acoustic characteristics of uptalk patterns in Canadian English," Vanessa Shokeir

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Department Service

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, English Department

Committees

- Faculty Hiring Committee; member 2014-2015
Workload and Salary Committee; member 2013-2014; chair 2014-2015
Advisory Committee; member 2014-2015
Undergraduate Committee; member 2009-2011, 2014-2015
Awards Committee; member 2011-2012, 2013-2014
Graduate Committee; member 2012-2013
Department Review Committee; member 2010-2011, 2012-2013
Linguistics Faculty Committee; member 2008-present

Other

- 2015 Organizer for invited speaker event. Matthew Rascoff, Vice President of Learning Technology and Innovation, University of North Carolina General Administration. "Learning Innovation in the University of North Carolina system", April 24.
Co-organizer for Majors' Day panel on graduate school entry, March 24.
- 2013 Graduate Day panel member, speaking on the job search and applying to PhD programs in Linguistics, March 22.

- 2010 Organizer for invited speaker event. Gerard Van Herk, Canada Research Chair in Regional Language and Oral Text, Memorial University, NL. “Work that –S! Drag queens, gender, identity, and traditional Newfoundland English”, April 22.

University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics

Committees

- 2007 Member, Website Development Committee
2006-2008 Member, Computer Committee

Other

- 2007 Presenter for Workshop on the Linguistics Job Search, October 5.

Michigan State University, Department of Linguistics, Linguistics Student Organization

- 2002-2003, 2005 Student representative to faculty meetings
2002 Student Representative on university job search committee
2001-2003 Colloquium committee organizer

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Linguistic, Linguistics Student Organization

- 2001 Co-editor, *LSO Working Papers in Linguistics*
1998-2001 Various positions (Student Relations, Scribe, President)

University Service

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

- 2014-2017 UNC Charlotte delegate to the UNC Faculty Assembly (3-year term)
2015-2016 Member of Faculty Hiring Committee for interdisciplinary position in Digital Rhetoric and Media for College of Letters and Science
2015-2016 Member of UNC Charlotte Hearing Committee (faculty grievances)
2010 External Member of Faculty Hiring Committee for Head of Research Services position, Atkins Library

Service to Field

Article/Book Proposal/Abstract Reviewer

Editorial board member: *Strathy Student Working Papers on Canadian English* (2014), Digital journal accessible at <https://qspace.library.queensu.ca/handle/1974/7607>

Journals: *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, *Journal of English Linguistics*, *Language Variation and Change*, *Selected Proceedings for the 2011 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium*, *Sociolinguistic Studies*

Book Proposals: *Routledge* (2013), *Cambridge Scholars Publishing* (2013)

Conference abstracts: *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* (annually), *American Dialect Society* (2016) *Canadian Variation and Change* (2008), *International Conference on East Asian Linguistics* (2006)

Grant Proposal Reviewer

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2012, 2013)
National Science Foundation-Linguistics (2007, 2013)

Radio/TV/Newspaper interviews

Podcast interview, "A Trifling Place, Episode 9: And the Charlotte Accent is..." , Tasnim Shamma, WFAE Charlotte. Charlotte, NC. May 17, 2013.
Newspaper article citation, "Y'all ever wonder why Suthinas talk the way we do?" Elizabeth Leland, The Charlotte Observer. Charlotte, NC. June 17, 2012.
Radio interview, Morning Show. CBC Radio 2 101.7 FM, Thunder Bay, Ontario. July 2008.
Newspaper article, "We've got our own way to talk." Sarah Elizabeth Brown, The Chronicle Journal. Thunder Bay, Ontario. August 30, 2007.
Radio interview, TejanoMex Supershow, SuperHITS 103.7 COSY-FM. Interviewer: Gerry Aranda, Benton Harbor, MI. June 15, 2005.

Organization of Conferences and Workshops

Organizer of first annual conference on Canadian Variation and Change. University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics (May 5-6, 2007)
Organizer and presenter at workshop on the speech analysis software AKUSTYK. Michigan State University, Department of English (June 30, 2006)
Organizer of weekly academic survival skills workshops on behalf of the Committee for the Status of Women in Linguistics (COSWL), Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Summer Institute (June-August 2003 and 2005)

National/International Organization Committee Member

Committee for the Status of Women in Linguistics, Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
Workshop organizer for the LSA Summer Institute (2003, 2005)
Student representative (2003-2005)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork Experience

2012-present Digital recordings collected in Charlotte, North Carolina, metropolitan area for research on the impact of language/dialect contact and geolinguistic diffusion on accent. Tasks include project development, development of elicitation instruments, participant recruitment, training and supervision of research assistants, audio recording, interviewing, and acoustic analysis.

- 2007-2008 Digital recordings collected in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and Toronto, Ontario, for a study comparing regional vowel systems (54 speakers). Tasks included project development, development of elicitation instruments, participant recruitment, audio recording, interviewing, and acoustic analysis.
- 2004-2005, 2008 Acoustic and perceptual data collection for ongoing research on accommodation to local norms by Mexican American residents of Lansing, Michigan. (63 speakers). Tasks included project development, developing elicitation instruments, audio recording, interviewing, digitizing analog cassettes, transcribing and taking field notes. In 2005, research was funded through a National Science Foundation grant (#BCS-0444349) to study “Acquisition of Dialect Phonology by Non-English Language Background Speakers”. Primary investigator for NSF grant: Dennis R. Preston.
- 2004 Acoustic data collected for a study on variation in Bantu vowel systems. Tasks included developing elicitation instrument, audio recording, interviewing and transcribing. (3 speakers)
- 2002-2003 Acoustic data collected for a study on phonation type as a sociophonetic marker in Lower Michigan. Tasks included developing elicitation instrument, audio recording, interviewing and transcribing. (9 speakers)
- 1999-2000 Discourse analysis fieldwork on student-teacher interactions at an inner city high school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Tasks included video recording, interviewing, transcribing, and taking field notes. (roughly 100 participants). Research funded through the Project on Academic Language Socialization (PALS). Primary investigator: Jane Zuengler.

Project Assistantships

- 1999-2000 Project Assistant. Project on Academic Language Socialization (PALS). Wisconsin Center for Educational Research. English Department, UW-Madison.
- 1998-1999 Project Assistant. Dictionary of American Regional English (DARE). English Department, UW-Madison.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- 2011-present Southeastern Conference on Linguistics
- 2005-present Acoustical Society of America
- 2005-present American Dialect Society
- 2009-2010 Modern Language Association
- 2007-2010 Canadian Linguistic Association
- 2000-2009 Linguistic Society of America