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Associate Professor and Sociolinguistics Laboratory Director,
University of Washington, Department of Linguistics

Areas of research: *Sociolinguistics (dialect contact, interethnic contact, social network theory, sociophonetics, language ideology, language attitudes, development of sociolinguistic competence in children), Acoustic phonetics (Vowel inherent spectral change, spectral and temporal characteristics of vowels), Creole linguistics (Jamaican Creole phonetics and phonology)*

Education

- 1999 **PhD Linguistics**, University of Michigan
Thesis title: "A Sociophonetic Analysis of Jamaican Vowels." Nominee:
Horace H. Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award.
Co-chairs: Patrice Speeter Beddor, A. Lesley Milroy
- 1990 **B.A.**, Houghton College, NY
Communication, Creative Writing (English literature emphasis); Spanish minor.
summa cum laude

Academic Employment

- 2019-present **External Examiner in Linguistics and Phonetics**, University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica
- 2006-present **Associate Professor**, University of Washington
- 2006-09 **Howard and Frances Nostrand Endowed Professor of Language and Cultural Competence.**
- 2005-present **Director**, Sociolinguistics Laboratory, University of Washington
- 1999-2006 **Assistant Professor**, University of Washington, Department of Linguistics
- 2002 **Visiting Research Fellow**, University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica
- 2002 **Affiliate**, iLabs (formerly Center for Mind, Brain and Learning), University of Washington
- 1994-7 **Editorial Assistant**, *Journal of Phonetics*
- 1994 **Research Assistant**, (P. Beddor, Principal Investigator): cross-linguistic phonetic study of coarticulation in speakers of English and Shona, U of Michigan
- 1994 **Research Assistant**, English Language Institute, U of Michigan: study of the influence of genre-based instruction on the reading strategies of 11 ESL students (S. Hyon, PI)

1990-92 **Instructor**, Delaware Valley Literacy Council, Upper Darby, PA: English as a Second Language (earned ESL certificate)

Research Grants and Contracts

- 2019 *"The Social Networks of Ethnic Minority Speakers,"* National Science Foundation. \$319,000 USD. Role: PI (BCS-1844350)
- 2012 *"Dialect Evolution and Ongoing Variable Linguistic Input: Production and Perception of the English spoken in the Pacific Northwest,"* National Science Foundation. \$250,000 USD. Role: PI (BCS-1147678)
- 2007 *"Dialect Evolution and Ongoing Variable Linguistic Input: English in the Pacific Northwest 200 years after Lewis and Clark,"* National Science Foundation. Award Amount: \$97,000 USD. Role: PI (BCS-0643374)
- 2007 *"How strict is the "mother tongue"? Using Dialects to Probe Early Speech Perception and Word Recognition".* Australian Research Council/National Institute of the Humanities Research Grant (Drs. Catherine Best and Christine Kitamura, co-PIs). \$1.4million USD. Role: consultant.
- 2005 Curriculum Development Award, African Studies Minor, University of Washington. \$2,000. LING455: Areal Linguistics.
- 2003 Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington. \$40,000. "Spectral Overlap Assessment Metric: vowel analysis and 3-D graphical representation". Software development (<http://vois3d.com>) Role: PI.
- 2002 Center for Mind, Brain and Learning, University of Washington (now i-Labs). \$101,788. "Intraspeaker variability in Motherese, Hyperspeech and the Lombard Reflex" (Co-PI with Richard Wright, Department of Linguistics)
- 2002 Junior Faculty Development Grant, University of Washington. \$30,000. Investigation of intra-speaker variability in Jamaican Creole. Role: Principal Investigator
- 2000 Curriculum Development Grant, University of Washington. \$27,722 Role: co-awardee (with Julia Herschensohn, Karen Zagona, and Richard Wright)
- 2000 "Intrinsic f0 in Jamaican Creole". Faculty Fellows Undergraduate Research Assistantship Award, University of Washington. \$1,000. Role: PI
- 1999 Allen Endowment Award, University of Washington. \$10,000. Grant to supplement the holdings of the Sociolinguistics laboratory with electronic corpora.

Publications

Edited Volumes:

2020

Fridland, V., Wassink, A. B., Kendall, T., and Hall-Lew, L. (forthcoming, 2020) *Speech in the Western States, vol 3: understudied dialects. Publications of the American Dialect Society.*

2019

Buchstaller, I. and Blake, R. (2019) *The Routledge Companion to the Work of John Rickford*. New York: Routledge. Part III: The Political Ramifications of Linguistic Heterogeneity. (Section Editor) <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429427886>

2018

Fridland, V., Kendall, T., Wassink, A. B. and Evans, B. (2018) *Speech in the Western States, vol 2: the mountain West*. Publications of the American Dialect Society.

2017

Fridland, V., Kendall, T., Wassink, A. B. and Evans, B. (2017) *Speech in the Western States, vol 1: the coastal states*. Publications of the American Dialect Society 101, No. 1.

Chapters in Edited Collections:

2020

Wassink, A.B. and Hargus, S. (forthcoming) "Heritage Language and Features and the Yakima English Dialect". In, *Speech in the Western States, vol 3: understudied dialects* (V. Fridland, A. Wassink, T. Kendall and L. Hall-Lew, eds). Publications of the American Dialect Society 103. Durham: Duke UP.

Wassink, A. B. (2020) "Where Sociolinguistics and Speech Science Meet: The physiological and acoustic consequences of underbite in a multilectal speaker of African-American English." In Buchstaller, I. and Blake, R. *The Routledge Companion to the Work of John Rickford*. New York: Routledge.

2019

Wassink, A. B. (2019) English in the Evergreen State. In K. Denham and A. Lobeck (eds.) *Northwest Voices*, Corvallis: Oregon State University Press.

2017

Wassink, A. B. The Vowels of Washington State (2017) In *Speech in the Western States: vol. 1: the coastal states* (Fridland, V. Kendall, T. Wassink, A.B. and Evans, B., eds.). Publications of the American Dialect Society. Duke University Press.

2011

di Paolo, M., Yaeger-Dror, M. and Wassink, A. B. (2011) Analyzing Vowels, ch. 8. In, *Sociophonetics: A Student's Guide* (Marianna di Paolo and Malcah Yaeger Dror, eds.). London: Routledge.

2010

Wassink, A. B. (2010) "Growing up with two 'Black Languages': kinship and attitudes toward Jamaican Creole and African-American English", ch. 7. In Lanehart, S. (ed.) *African American Women's Language: Discourse, Education and Identity*. Boston: Cambridge UP, pp. 127-140.

Thomas, E. R. and Wassink, A. B. (2010) "Variation and Identity in African American English", ch. 15. In, Watt, D. and Llamas, C. (eds.) *Language and Identities*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh UP.

2005

Wassink, A. B. (2005) "My Teacher Says...: Linguistic Competence and the Anglophone Creole Speaking Student." In Denham, K. and Lobeck, A. (eds.) *Language in the Schools: Integrating linguistic knowledge into K-12 teaching*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum. pp55-70

Refereed Articles:

2020

Wassink, A.B., Gansen, C., and Bartholomew, I. (submitted) Uneven success: automatic speech recognition and ethnicity-related dialects, *Speech Communication*.

2015

Wassink, A. B. (2015) "Sociolinguistic Patterns in Seattle English" *Language Variation and Change* 27(1): 31-58. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0954394514000234>

2010

Scanlon, M. and Wassink A. B. (2010) "African American English in Urban Seattle: accommodation and intra-speaker variation in the Pacific Northwest" *American Speech* 85(2), pp 205-224

2009

MacLeod, A.N., Stoel-Gammon, C. and Wassink, A. B. (2009) "Production of high vowels in Canadian English and Canadian French: a comparison of early bilingual and monolingual speakers." *Journal of Phonetics*, 37(4), pp 374-387

2008

Franklin, A., Stoel-Gammon, C. and Wassink, A. B. (2008) "Acoustic quantification of /i/-/ɪ/ overlap in children 21 to 33 months", *International Journal of Speech-Language Pathology* 10(5), pp1-14

2007

Wassink, A. B., Wright, R. A. and Franklin, A. (2007) "Intraspeaker variability in vowel production: an investigation of motherese, hyperspeech, and Lombard speech in Jamaican speakers," *Journal of Phonetics* 35(3), pp 363-379

2006

Wassink, A. B. (2006) "A geometric representation of spectral and temporal vowel features: Quantification of vowel overlap in three varieties," *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 119(4), pp 2334-2350

2004

Wassink, A. B. and Dyer, J. (2004) "Language Ideology and the Transmission of Phonological Change," *Journal of English Linguistics* 32(1), pp1-16

Wassink, A. B. and Curzan, A. (2004) "Addressing Ideologies Around African American English," *Journal of English Linguistics*, 32(3), pp 171-185

2001

Wassink, A. B. (2001) "Theme and Variation in Jamaican Vowels," *Language Variation and Change*, 13(2), pp 135-159

Dyer, J. and Wassink, A. B. (2001) "Taakin' Braad and Talking Broad: the changing indexicality of phonological variants," *Texas Linguistic Forum* 44(2). Austin: UT Austin, pp288-301 (equally co-authored)

1999

Beckford Wassink, A. (1999) "Historic Low Prestige and Seeds of Change: attitudes toward Jamaican Creole," *Language in Society*, 28(1), pp57-92

Articles Under Revision

Under revision

Wassink, A. B. (under revision for *Language in Society*) "Ethnic Homophily, Localness and Participation in Regional Linguistic Change: the social networks of minority ethnicity speakers in Washington State"

Wassink, A. B. (under revision for *Journal of Sociolinguistics*) "The Social and Referential Networks of Japanese-Americans in Washington State"

Conference Proceedings, Full Paper Review:

2020

Wassink, A. B. and Chartier, N. (2020) "Insufficient documentation in contemporary dialectology: the case of Washington State." In, *Essays in the history of dialect studies. From ancient Greece to modern dialectology* (Raf Van Rooy, ed.): 157:165. Münster: Nodus Publikationen - Wissenschaftlicher Verlag. ISBN: 978-3-89323-022-8.

2010

Scanlon, M. and Wassink, A. B. (2010) "Using Acoustic Trajectory Information in Studies of Merger", *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*

Anthologized Work:

2006

Beckford Wassink, A. (2006) "Historic Low Prestige and Seeds of Change: Attitudes toward Jamaican Creole," *Language in Society*, 28(1) (1999), Reprinted in *Academic Writing: An Introduction*, Calgary, AB: Broadview Press. To appear, Spring 2006

Editor, Journal Special Issues:

2004

Wassink, A. B. and Curzan, A. (2004, eds.) "African American English: Research Directions and Current Educational Questions (1998-present)," *Journal of English Linguistics*, 129 pp (equally co-edited)

Book Reviews:

Wassink, A.B. (2018) review of Dodsworth, R. and Benton, R. *New Approaches to Class and Network in Sociolinguistics*. London: Routledge.

Wassink, A. B. (2003) review of Meade, R. R. *Acquisition of Jamaican Phonology*, *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*, 19(1), pp177-187

Presentations

Invited Talks and Colloquia:

2020 (invited), Plenary address

Wassink, A.B. "Yakima English: phonological innovation or heritage language transfer?" to be presented as part of themed conference entitled "Laboratory Phonology on the Margins", Laboratory Phonology 17, Vancouver, British Columbia, July 6-8 2020.

2017, Donn F. Bailey invited lecture

Wassink, A.B. "Physiological and Linguistic Influences on the Speech of Rachel Jeantel," National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, April 6-8.

2017, Colloquium

Wassink, A.B. "The Social Networks of Minority Ethnicity Group Members in Washington State", University of Oregon Department of Linguistics, March 10.

2016

Wassink, A. B. "Reanalysis and Conventionalization of a Universal Phonetic Pattern in WA State English." University of California, Berkeley. 18 April, 2016.

2015, Plenary address

Wassink, A. B. "Dialect Evolution in the Pacific Northwest: reanalysis and conventionalization of a universal phonetic pattern." Invited plenary presented at the 89th Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (Portland)

2014

"Vowel raising in Washington State: What's the *bag* deal?" Invited Colloquium, Stanford University, April

2013

Phonetic Universals, Individual Variation and Linguistic Innovation in the American Pacific Northwest. Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, October.

2012

Participant, West Coast Dialect Summit, Stanford University, 26 July 2012. Penelope Eckert, organizer.

2009

"An exemplar-based account of the development of sociolinguistic competence in children" U of Washington Colloquium series, 19 February.

2008

"The development of sociolinguistic competence in children." U of Chicago Colloquium series, 4 December.

2007

"A child's-eye view: children's perception and production of phonological variation." Speech and Language Sciences Seminar, Newcastle University Phonetics Research Group, 29 November.

"(Post)Colonial assumptions in linguistic theory: system in Jamaican Creole Phonology", as part of workshop "English in a Global Context: Postcolonial Intersections in Literary and Linguistic Studies," Isabelle Buchstaller and Neelam Srivastava (organizers) 25 November. http://www.ncl.ac.uk/niassh/English_Global/programme.html

2005

"Modeling the tense~lax distinction in three varieties: perspectives on vowel volumes," University of Michigan, Department of Linguistics colloquium series, April.

2002

"The long and short of vowel distribution overlap," University of Washington Linguistics Colloquium, November.

"Language ideology and phonological change," Simon Fraser University Linguistics Colloquium, October.

"The changing indexicality of phonological variants in two language context situations," presented at "A Day in Sociolinguistics," University of the West Indies, May.

“Understanding variation in Jamaican vowel systems,” the University of the West Indies, April. Guest lecture for seminar (Lecturer A. Irvine)

“Variability in language production and perception: a cross-linguistic investigation of motherese, hyperspeech, and Lombard Speech,” the University of the West Indies, April.

2001

“Taakin braad and talking broad: the changing indexicality of phonological variants in two language contact situations,” Linguistics Colloquium, University of Washington, November.

2000

“Language, Culture and Misinterpreted Linguistic Cues,” University of Washington, Bothell, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, April; October, 2000 (Diane Gillespie, Instructor)

1999

“Culture and the Context of Colonization: the role of language attitudes in language demise or development,” University of Washington, Language and Rhetoric/Language Use and Acquisition Colloquium series, December.

“Language, Culture and Misinterpreted Linguistic Cues,” University of Washington, Bothell, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, October.

“Pidgins and Creoles: their sounds and structures,” University of Washington, Seattle, LING 200. July 1999. Talk given again in August, 1999.

1998

“A Tale of Two Tongues: Jamaican English and Jamaican Creole,” Center for the Education of Women, Ann Arbor, Michigan, February.

1997

“An Acoustic Phonetic Analysis of Jamaican Vowels,” University of the West Indies--Mona, Kingston, Jamaica, May.

“Why Do Non-standard Languages Persist?: Covert and overt attitudes toward Jamaican Creole,” University of Washington, Seattle, February.

1996

“Intercultural Communication Competence,” William Tyndale College, Farmington Hills, Michigan. COM 401-1: Cross-cultural communication, September.

1994

“Pidgins, Creoles, and ‘the New Englishes’,”, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, July.

1993-1998

Introductory lecture on Pidgins and Creoles, Linguistics 211, University of Michigan.

Refereed Conference Presentations:

2020

Wassink, A.B. (2020) Uneven Success: Automatic Speech Recognition and Ethnicity-related Dialects. Presented at the annual meeting American Association for the Advancement of Science, February 14, Seattle. (Panelists: Emily Bender, Rachael Tatman, moderator: Gina-Anne Levow).

2018

Wassink, A. B., Squizzero, R., Fellin, C. and Nichols, D.N. (2018) CLOx: automated transcription for sociolinguistic interviews. Presented at NWAV47, October 18, New York.

2017

Wassink, A. B. (2017) Where Sociolinguistics and Speech Science Meet: The physiological and acoustic consequences of underbite in a multilectal speaker of African-American English, presented at NWAV 46, Nov. 2, Madison WI.

Evans, B. E., Wassink, A. B. and Chartier, N. "Insufficient documentation in contemporary dialectology: the case of Washington State" Presentation at ICHoLS14 August 28-Sept 1, 2017. Paris, France."

2016

Wassink, A. B. "The Social Networks of Minority Ethnicity Group Members in Washington State". Presentation at the New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV45), Victoria, BC.

Wassink, A. B. "Network Connectedness of Japanese-Americans in Metropolitan Seattle". Presentation at the second meeting of the Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics (CWSL 2) April 23-24, Seattle.

2015

Wassink, A. B. "Vowel Raising in Washington State: the cat's out of the B(εg)!" presented as part of the panel "Western Speech." American Dialect Society. January, Portland.

2014

----"Vowel Raising in Washington State: What's the BAG deal?" Presented at the first meeting of the Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics (CWSL). March 1-2, 2014 (U of Victoria)

Busch, A., Taylor, G., and Wassink, A. B. "Physiological and Linguistic Influences on the speech of Rachel Jeantel", poster presented at the Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Washington, April.

Rickford, J., King, S., Wassink, A. B. "Aspects of the Testimony of Rachel Jeantel." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society, 4 Jan. 2014 (Minneapolis)

2013

Wassink, A. B. & Koops, C. K. "Quantifying and Interpreting Vowel Formant Trajectory Information". Invited workshop presentation at NWAV 42, October 17 (Pittsburgh).

Wassink, A.B., & Riebold, J. "Individual Variation and Linguistic Innovation in the American Pacific Northwest", Workshop on the Actuation of Sound Change. University of Chicago Linguistic Society, Chicago IL, April 17-18.

2011

Wassink, A. B. "Vowel Reduction and Merger in the Pacific Northwest", presented at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America (Seattle)

2009

Wassink, A.B., Squizzero, R., Schirra, R. and Conn J. "Effects of Style and Gender on Fronting and Raising of /e/, /e:/ and /ae/ before /g/ in Seattle English", presented at NWAV 38, Ottawa, ON Oct. 22-25, 2009

Scanlon, M. and Wassink, A. B. "Using Acoustic Trajectory Information in Studies of Merger", poster at NWAV 38, Ottawa, ON Oct. 22-25, 2009

2008

Scanlon, M. and Wassink, A. B. "Defining Communities from Outside: Social Networks and Dialect Contact in Seattle." Talking across borders: interdisciplinary approaches to historical questions. University of Washington, Department of History. April.

Wassink, A. B. "Growing up with two 'Black Languages': kinship and attitudes toward Jamaican Creole and African-American English", presented at African-American Women's Language conference, University of Texas-San Antonio, March 6-9, 2008 (Sonja Lanehart, organizer)

2007

Scanlon, M. and Wassink, A. B. "Network ties as conduits: contact and diffusion in Seattle," presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. January.

2005

Wassink, A. B. "Finding a network in Seattle: Variability in immigrant phonology and the ubiquity of weak network ties," presented at the 34th annual meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English, New York, NY, October.

Ingle, J. K., Wright, R. A., & Wassink, A. B. "Pacific Northwest vowels: A Seattle neighborhood dialect study," poster presented at the annual meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Vancouver BC, May.

2004

Franklin, A., Stoel-Gammon, C. & Wassink, A. B. "Quantification of 2-D and 3-D vowel overlap in children 21 to 33 months," poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Speech-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA October.

Carmichael, L., Wright, R. W. and Wassink, A. B. "Designing a Corpus of Interspeaker Variability," poster presented at the annual meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, CA, October.

Wassink, A. B. and Galvin, L. "Finding a Place in Seattle: dialect contact and change in Irish-English in America," presented at the 33rd annual meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English, Ann Arbor, MI, September.

2003

Wassink, A. B., Wright, R. A., Galvin, L., M., Franklin, A. D. "Intraspeaker variability in vowel production: an investigation of motherese, hyperspeech, and Lombard speech in Jamaican speakers," presented at the 8th International Congress of the Phonetic Sciences, Barcelona, Spain, August.

Wassink, A. B. "An Analytic Geometric Method for Quantifying Spectral and Temporal Overlap in Vowel Systems," presented at the 25th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Atlanta, GA, January.

Wassink, A. B. "Varieties of English in America: the Creole pieces of the puzzle," presented at the annual meeting of the American Dialect Society, Atlanta, GA, January.

2001

with J. Dyer, "Taakin' Broad and Talking Broad: changing indexicality of phonetic variants in two contact situations," presented at the 9th annual meeting of the Symposium About Language and Society, Austin, TX, April.

2000

"The vowel inventories of Jamaican Speakers," presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Languages, Chicago, January.

1999

Hagiwara, R., Wright, R., Wassink, A., Hargus, S., and Sterling, I. "An interactive Atlas of English vowels: design considerations," poster presented at the Acoustical Society of America, October, 1999.

1998

"Interacting spectral and temporal properties in Jamaican English and Jamaican Creole vowel production," poster presented at the annual meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Seattle, WA, June.

"Characterizing phonetic variation between Jamaican English and Creole vowels," presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New York, NY, January.

1996

"Guarded Pride: The social complexity and gender-grading of attitudes toward Jamaican Creole," presented at the 25th annual meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation, Las Vegas, NV, October.

1995

"My Teacher Says...': Attitudes of Jamaican students toward Jamaican Creole," presented at the 24th annual meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation, Philadelphia, PA October. Also presented at the Center for Afro-American and African Studies (CAAS), University of Michigan, October, 1995.

Linguistic Databases & Computer Software

Wassink, A.B., R. Squizzero, Fellin, C., and Nichols, D.N. (2018) Client Libraries Oxford (CLOx) [computer software]. <https://clox.ling.washington.edu>

English in the Pacific Northwest corpus: (123 GB, 193 hours) audio recordings, including transcriptions. (<http://zeos.ling.washington.edu/~PNWEnglish/>)

Vowel Trajectory Analysis Corpus, (10 MB) Demonstration corpus, with analysis scripts. Prepared for Invited Workshop "Best Practices in Sociophonetics", New Ways of Analyzing English (NWAV 2013) with Christian Koops, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque (<http://faculty.washington.edu/wassink/NWAV2013/>)

Wassink, A. B. (2006) Vowel Overlap Indication Software in 3D (VOIS3D) [computer software]. <http://depts.washington.edu/sociolab/Projects/VOIS3D1.htm>

Public Scholarship/Media Appearances

2019

Advertisements PNWE Yakima Herald, Seattle Times

2017

KUOW radio, "Why do some locals say 'Wershington' instead of 'Washington?' - KUOW" interview and blog post, Amy Rolph. March 15, 2017 (kuow.org/post/why-do-some-locals-say-wershington-instead-washington)

2014

KUOW radio, "Do Pacific Northwesterners Have an Accent?" interview on Pacific Northwest English project, Deborah Wang, Dec. 15 (<http://kuow.org/post/do-pacific-northwesterners-have-accent>). Story ranked #1 for all of 2014 on KUOW.

2012

King5 Television, “Is there a Seattle Accent”, <http://www.king5.com/news/local/Is-there-a-Seattle-accent-145861045.html>, April 2

2011

KPLU radio, “I Wonder Why” interview on Pacific Northwest English project, Bellamy Pailthorpe, Dec. 2

2005

KUOW radio, “Weekday” program—feature on Pacific Northwest English project, host Marcie Silman, May 26

Seattle Post-Intelligencer article, “Got a Northwest dialect? It’s creaky,” Tom Paulson, Friday, May 20—feature on Pacific Northwest dialect project and Acoustical Society poster presented in Vancouver BC

2003

Charles Osgood Show, Sunday January 5—Interviewed at the Linguistic Society of America regarding research in Pidgin and creole linguistics, Dialectology

2001

KBCS radio—feature on the Center for Mind, Brain, and Learning project, Intraspeaker variability in vowel production

2003

Invited Speaker, Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS), Seattle Chapter

1999

Outreach consultant. John Stanford International School, Seattle, Washington

University Committees, Duties and Service

Interdisciplinary Research Groups:

2015 Speech and Hearing Sciences Preceptor

2011-present WIRED (Women Investigating Race, Ethnicity and Diversity) Interdisciplinary faculty research collective, University of Washington

University Service:

2019 departmental representative for Linguistics, Departmental Diversity Leaders committee (GDC), Assoc. Dean for Diversity and Student Affairs, UW Graduate School

2010, 2014, 2019 Reviewer, Royalty Research Fund

2008-9 Member, internal review committee. English Department 10-year review.

2003 Member, Faculty Search Committee, Computational Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, University of Washington

2002-06 Department Liaison, Language Learning Center Technology Support Steering committee, University of Washington. Provide direction for the LLC Technology Support Specialist.

2000 Member, Library Focus Group: Future Directions, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington. Participant in task force on usefulness of library subscription to electronic journals in the Humanities.

Departmental Service:

2000-present Organizer, Sociolinguistics Brown Bag
 2015-16 Excellence in Research Committee
 2013-14 Chair, Web Committee
 2006-14 Co-chair, Diversity Committee
 2013, 10, 08, 16 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee
 2012 Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee
 2011-12 Co-Chair, Resources Committee
 2010-11 Teaching Assistant Selection Reform Committee
 2010 Linguistics Department self-study
 2006-7 Chair, Sociolinguistics faculty search committee
 2001 Department liaison, Language Learning Center Technical Support Steering Committee
 1999-06 Presenter, World Languages Day. Presentations offered include: “The History and Structure of African-American English,” “American Dialects”
 2000-01 Organizer, Abstract writing workshop, Phonetics/Phonology Lab group.
 1999, 2000 Organizer, Grants and Funding Information Workshop, University of Washington, Department of Linguistics. Developed graduate student funding database

2000-present **Sociolinguistics Laboratory Director**

Membership: The UW Sociolinguistics Laboratory, <http://depts.washington.edu/sociolab/index.htm>, is a significant research resource for UW Linguistics faculty (currently 3 members), graduate students (currently 10-15 members), undergraduate students (currently 2 members), both in Linguistics and other units (English, currently 1 member; Anthropology, 1; Romance Languages, and Literature, 1; American Ethnic Studies, 1, Speech and Hearing Sciences, 1). • **Research:** The lab has provided direct support to grant-funded research in which the lab director was P.I. or Co-P.I. (totalling \$3.8 million). • **Extracurricular training and undergraduate research:** The laboratory is regarded as a significant site of cutting edge research in the field of Sociolinguistics, particularly in the subdiscipline of Sociophonetics. Although best-known for our work in sociophonetics, a wide range of research areas of Sociolinguistics are supported, including: language and social networks, language shift and revitalization, language attitudes, morpho-syntactic and phonological variation, regional and ethnic dialect variation in American English, and phonological restructuring under dialect contact. Since 2006, eight undergraduate researchers have been trained in sociophonetic analysis for undergraduate research credit. • **Dissemination of research resources:** The laboratory website provides a gateway for dissemination of research reports conducted by laboratory members (e.g., links to the public website for the PNWE research study, <https://zeos.ling.washington.edu/~PNWEnglish>). The lab website also makes research tools available for the scholarly community (samples of our elicitation instruments, software tutorials, recommendations regarding statistical analysis, computer scripts and analysis programs that are used for conversational and acoustic analysis). • **Hosting of visiting scholars:** Since 2013, the UW Sociolinguistics laboratory has hosted scholars from: University of

Chicago, University of Victoria (British Columbia), York University (UK), Stanford University, The University of Oregon, Haskins Laboratories (Yale University), the University of Michigan, North Carolina State University, Roehampton University (UK). The laboratory director devoted time bi-weekly to meet with these scholars to provide training in data analysis techniques. • **Public scholarship:** Public scholarship has been advanced using laboratory resources: 1) four undergraduates received training in analysis of the features of African-American English, and training at the same time in the acoustic outcomes of Type III Malocclusion (underbite), in “Aspects of the Speech of Rachel Jeantel”, a collaborative project with Stanford Linguistics, featured at the UW Undergraduate Research Symposium. As part of this work, we produced narrow phonetic and corrected orthographic transcriptions of two full days of courtroom testimony in the manslaughter trial of George Zimmerman. 2) The English in the Pacific Northwest Study was featured on KUOW. Deborah Wang (reporter) acquired samples of the corpus from the laboratory to disseminate on the KUOW website created for the story.

Professional Awards, Offices, and Service

Professional Offices:

2020 Nominee, Linguistic Society of America Executive Committee
 2019-present Elected, Executive Committee, American Dialect Society
 2016-2019 Nominating Committee, Linguistic Society of America
 2010-2013 Technical Advisory Committee, Linguistic Society of America
 2013-present Steering committee, Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics (CWSL)
 2004-2009 Mentoring Program Steering Committee. Committee for Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL), Linguistic Society of America

Professional Awards:

2007 Nominee, Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Washington
 2001 Faculty Mentor Award, Ronald E. McNair Program, University of Washington

Service to the Field:

2014-present Editorial board, *Phonetica*.
 2010 Member, Working group to Draft Charter on Language Policy and Language Rights in the Creole Speaking Caribbean, "Creole and International Languages in the Education - Out of school issues"
 2005-2008 Advisory Panel for Linguistics, National Science Foundation

Professional Memberships:

WIRED Women Investigating, Race, Ethnicity and Diversity (U of Washington)
 Steering Committee, Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics
 Acoustical Society of America
 Linguistic Society of America
 Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics

Committee of Linguists of African Descent
Best Practices in Sociophonetics Working Group

Reviewer:

Journals: *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, Journal of English Linguistics, Journal of the International Phonetic Association, Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages, Journal of Phonetics, Phonetica, Phonology, Publications of the American Dialect Society, Speech Communication, American Speech, Journal of Sociolinguistics, Language Variation and Change, Language in Society*

Conferences: Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics, New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English, Linguistic Society of America, International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Symposium on the History of the English Language, Western Conference on Linguistics

Grant Agencies: National Science Foundation, UW Royalty Research Fund

Conference and Workshop Organizer:

2016 Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics (CWSL2), University of Washington

2014 Steering committee, Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics (CWSL1), University of Victoria, BC

2003, 2005 Breath of Life Workshop, University of Washington. (Co-Organizer with Alice Taff, University of Alaska, Fairbanks) Week-long series of sessions aimed to assist individuals, educators and linguistics professionals access the holdings of the University of Washington Libraries relevant to projects on revitalization of Native American languages.

2004 Language/culture/power colloquium series, University of Washington. \$6,500. Co-Organizer with Laada Bilaniuk, Department of Anthropology. Quarter-long series of talks bringing speakers from both within and outside UW to talk on current research into issues of language, culture and identity politics. Funded by the Arts and Sciences Exchange Program and the Simpson Center

Theses Directed and Co-directed

(*) Indicates student served as graduate or undergraduate research assistant on NSF funded research.

PhD:

Current:

Fitzmorris, Mary

*Jensen, Monica

*Scanlon, Michael

*Squizzero, Robert

Completed:

- Chartier, Nicole, Department of Linguistics (2020) You don't sound like you're from there: Mapping the phonetic vowel space of southeastern New Hampshire
- Conrod, Kirby, Department of Linguistics (2019, co-supervised with B. Citko) "Pronouns Raising and Emerging" (present employment: lecturer, Department of Linguistics, University of Washington)
- deJong, Amie (2019, co-supervised with E. Aldridge) "When change comes from within: The origin and diachronic development of 'positive' anymore from pre-Modern Scots to Modern North American English" (present employment: unknown)
- Freeman, Valerie, Department of Linguistics (2017) "The Phonetics of Stance-Taking" (present employment: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Oklahoma State University.)
- Kempell Jacinto, Wendy, Department of Linguistics (2015) "Language attitudes and bilingualism in Turkish-German popular film" (present employment: Interpretation and Translation Services Coordinator, Kaiser Permanente)
- *Oxley, Meghan, Department of Linguistics (2015) "Southern, Texan, or Both?: Southernness and Identity in Deer Park, Texas" (present employment: academic counselor, Earth and Space Sciences, U of Washington)
- *Riebold, John, Department of Linguistics (2015, co-supervised with Richard Wright) "The Social Distribution of a Regional Change: /æ, ɛ, eg/ in Washington State" (present employment: Senior Software Development Engineer at PitchBook Data)
- Stevenson, Jeffrey, (2007), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "The Sociolinguistic Variables of Chilean Voseo," (present employment: Trinity International University)
- Waltmunson, Jeremy, (2005, co-supervised with Richard Wright), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "The relative degree of difficulty of L2 Spanish /d,t,r,R/ by L1 English speakers: auditory and acoustic methods of defining pronunciation accuracy" (present employment: Riveted Kids, prior employment: senior manager, Microsoft)

PhD Committee Member, Reader or External Member:

Current:

Jones, Benjamin
Moroz, Anna

Completed:

Tatman, Rachael, Department of Linguistics (2017) "Modeling the Perceptual Learning of Novel Dialect Features" (present employment: data scientist, Kaggle)

Swan, Julia Thomas, Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago (2015) "Language ideologies, border effects and dialectal variation: evidence from /æ/, /au/ and /ai/ in Seattle WA and Vancouver, BC (present employment: asst. prof., San Jose State University)

Miller, Julia (2013) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington

Basta, Hidy (2010) Department of English, University of Washington

Gray, Audra (2010) School of Education, University of Washington

Baron, Akesha (Ph.D., 2006), Department of Anthropology, University of Washington.
" 'Women don't talk:' Gender and Codemixing in an Evangelical Tzotzil Village"

Carmichael, Lesley (Ph.D., 2005), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington.
 “Situation-based intonation pattern distribution in a corpus of American English”

Franklin, Amber, Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, University of Washington

Huang, Chia-Hui (Ph.D., 2003), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “A restructuring of case theory: evidence from s-selected case”

MacLeod, Andrea, (Ph.D., 2006) Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, University of Washington. “Production and perception of VOT and high vowels by bilingual and monolingual speakers of Canadian English and Canadian French”

Russi, Cinzia (Ph.D., 2003), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. The grammaticalization of Italian clitics”

Schwartz, Geoffrey (Ph.D., 2000), Slavic Languages and Literature, University of Washington. “The Lemko and Slavic palatalizations: an acoustic and perceptual approach to Historical phonology”

Shirai, Setsuko (Ph.D., 2004), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington.
 “Lexical effects in Japanese vowel reduction”

Webster, Gabriel (Ph.D., 2002), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington.
 “Toward a psychologically and computationally adequate model of speech perception”

Witteborn, Saskia (Ph.D., 2005), Department of Speech Communication, University of Washington. “Collective identities of people of Arab descent: an analysis of the situated expression of ethnic, panethnic, national, and religious identifications”

Graduate Faculty Representative:

Osman, Homira, College of Speech and Hearing Sciences

Sachi Schmidt-Hori (2012), Department of Asian Languages and Literatures, University of Washington

Gail Potter (Ph.D. 2010), Department of Statistics, University of Washington

Krista Gile (Ph.D. 2008), Department of Statistics, University of Washington

Karol Kooper (Ph.D. 2008) Department of English, University of Washington

Jean Escoz (Ph.D. 2008), Department of English, University of Washington

MA:

Completed:

Tobar, Luis (M.A. 2011) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “A Contact-based Study of Voseo and Attitudes Toward Voseo in the United States”

Ridenour, Jeffrey (M.A. 2009) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington.
 “The Mandative Subjunctive in American English: A sociolinguistic corpus study of morphosyntactic variation and style”

Kempell, Wendy (M.A. 2009), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington.
 “Spanish-English code-mixing in the Pacific Northwest”

Oxley, Meghan, (M.A. 2009) Department of Linguistics. “(ay) Monophthongization in Deer Park, Texas”

Scanlon, Michael, (M.A. 2007) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington
 “A Social network study of a Seattle neighborhood”

- Barrett, Benjamin (M.A. 2006), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington.
 “Language attitudes toward q̣ʷiq̣ʷidiččaḡ: the language of the Makah”
- Galvin, Lisa (M.A. 2004), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington.
 “Dubliners in Seattle: a sociophonetic analysis of Irish English in the US”
- Munson, Jeremy, (M.A. 2001) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington.
 “Formal pronunciation instruction for the beginning adult learner of Spanish:
 acoustic measures and criteria of accurate L2 phonology”
- Olson, Darik (M.A. 2004), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “Lone
 nouns in Spanish/English mixed discourse: code-switches or borrowings? A
 variationist analysis”
- Ring, Jessica (M.A., 2004), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “An
 historical and sociolinguistic analysis of the quotative verb be+like”
- Stevenson, Jeffrey (M.A., 2001), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington.
 “Spanish dialect preference and recognition abilities among university students”
- Wen, Chih-Chi (M.A., 2003), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington.
 “Phonological change in Atayal”
- *Manuela Rasing
 *Rachel Schirra
 *Robert Sykes

Undergraduate Honors Theses Supervised:

- Busch, Amy (B.A. 2014, Linguistics) “Physiological and Linguistic Influences on the
 speech of Rachel Jeantel”
- Samantha Sanches (B.A. 2013, Linguistics/Speech and Hearing Sciences) “Social
 Connectedness of Japanese-Americans in the Pacific Northwest: a
 sociolinguistic case study”
- Abigail Myers (B.A., 2012), Department of Linguistics (Romance Linguistics)
 “Dialectal Variation across Franco-Provençal (Arpitan)”
- Steven Heidenreich (B.A. completed 2011), Department of Linguistics (Romance
 Linguistics), University of Washington. “Pride and Prejudice: Narco-violence,
 the Gap and the Beginnings of Perceptual Dialectology in Mexico”
- *Jennifer Ingle (B.A. completed 2005), Department of Linguistics, University of
 Washington. “Pacific Northwest vowels: a Seattle neighborhood dialect study”
- *Alice Lemieux (B.A. completed 2005), Department of Linguistics, University of
 Washington “Pacific Northwest dialect study: Vancouver WA pilot study ”
- Jerry Cheng Liu (B.A. completed 2001) “The merger of *caught* and *cot*”

Undergraduate Research Assistants (NSF REU or for credit):

Emma Casper	Jessica Giang	Nathan Johnson
Sasha Cordier	Yasmine Hejazi	Bradly Knox
Rachel Ewen	Martin Horst	Anna Kunz
Shu-Heng Liu	Magnolia Pattison	Samantha Sanches
Phoebe Parsons	Collette Perry	

Undergraduate Research Projects Supervised:

Parsons, Phoebe (B.A. 2013, Linguistics)
Taylor, Griffin (B.A. 2014, Linguistics/Speech and Hearing Sciences)
Liu, Chang (B.A. 2014, Linguistics)

Ronald McNair Program Advisees:

Laronal, Kapi'olani (B.A. completed, 2002), University of Washington
Roberts, Christina (B.A. completed, 2001), University of Washington

Visiting Undergraduate Researchers:

Cooper-Finger, Rose, Scripps College

Courses Taught

University of Washington

Undergraduate/Graduate:

Advanced Sociolinguistics, LING 535
Advanced Linguistic Phonetics, LING 554
Bantu Base Afrika: Study Abroad, Multilingualism and Language Policy in South Africa (Durban, Johannesburg and Zululand), LING 234/490
Best Practices in Sociophonetics, LING 554
Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics, LING 450
Introduction to Linguistic Thought, LING 200
Language and Ethnicity, LING 234
Pidgin and Creole Languages, LING 430 (formerly 455)
R for Linguists
Sociolinguistics I, LING 432/532 ANTH 464
Sociolinguistics II, LING 433/533 (formerly 434)
Social Network Theory, LING 534

Graduate Seminars:

Phonetic Distance and Dynamics
Dialect Contact
Communities of Practice
Language and Identity
Computational Methods in Linguistics
Age-related Linguistic Change during the Lifespan
Communication Accommodation Theory
Just-noticeable Differences Superseminar

Independent Studies:

Social Network Analysis in Sociolinguistics
Bilingualism
Topics in Sociolinguistics
Sociolinguistic Fieldwork (LING499)

Service Teaching:

2013

June 2013. Instructor, The Development of Sociolinguistic Competence in Children. LSA Summer Institute, Ann Arbor, MI. (6-week course)

2011

Best Practices in Sociophonetics Workshop, LSA Summer Institute, Boulder, CO. Vowel Analysis. (1-week workshop)

2009

Invited panelist, LSA Summer Institute, Berkeley, CA. Cyberling Workshop. Storage, Retrieval, and Search working group. (2-day workshop)

2006

Invited Instructor, LSA Summer Institute, Stanford CA Taught course, “Creole Phonology: Prosody and Phonological Variation” in series “Theoretical and Applied Issues in Pidgin and Creole Linguistics” (6-week course)