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Research Interests

Language variation and change; sociophonetics; computational methodologies in phonetics; laboratory phonology; language and sexuality; dynamics of speech production/perception; speech recognition

Education

2016 - Present

University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. student, Linguistics

2014 - 2016

North Carolina State University
M.A., English - Linguistics
Capstone Title: Social and Structural Constraints on a Phonetically-Motivated Change in Progress: (str) Retraction in Raleigh, NC
Capstone Advisor: Dr. Jeff Mielke

Summer 2015

LSA Linguistic Institute
University of Chicago

2010-2014

North Carolina State University
Valedictorian & Summa Cum Laude
B.A., Spanish Language and Lit.
Minor, Linguistics

Publications

2018

Inkelas, Sharon, and **Eric Wilbanks**. Directionality effects via distance-based penalty scaling. *Proceedings of the 2017 Annual Meeting on Phonology*, ed. by Gillian Gallagher, Maria Gouskova, and Sora Yin. Washington, DC: Linguistics Society of America. <https://journals.linguisticsociety.org/proceedings/index.php/amphonology/article/view/4256>.

2018

Wilbanks, Eric. Variationist Research in the South: Current Perspectives and Future Directions. *Language Variety in the New South: Contemporary perspectives on change and variation*, ed. by Jeffrey Reaser, Eric Wilbanks, Karissa Wojcik, and Walt Wolfram, 397-415. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press.

- 2018 Reaser, Jeffrey; **Eric Wilbanks**; Karissa Wojcik; and Walt Wolfram (eds.). *Language Variety in the New South: Contemporary perspectives on change and variation*. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press.
- 2017 **Wilbanks, Eric**. Social and Structural Constraints on a Phonetically-Motivated Change in Progress: (str) Retraction in Raleigh, NC. *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* 23.1.33.
- 2016 **Wilbanks, Eric**, and Brooke Wallig. The Past, Present, and Future of Variationist Sociolinguistics. Review of *Making Waves: The Story of Variationist Sociolinguistics* by Sali Tagliamonte. *American Speech* 91.4 517-531.

Research Positions

- Summer 2017 **Graduate Research Assistant**
UC Berkeley - Dr. Justin Davidson
Development of forced alignment protocol for Spanish natural language data
- Summer 2015 - Fall 2016 **Graduate Research Assistant**
NCSU - Dr. Jeff Mielke
Running participants through perception and production experiments; Processing and Analyzing Ultrasound PCA data; Giving lectures in graduate laboratory phonology class; Force aligning and processing audio data
- Summer 2015 **Graduate Research Assistant**
NCSU - Dr. Robin Dodsworth
Organizing, processing, and force-aligning subsets of a corpus of sociolinguistic interviews conducted in Raleigh, NC

Selected Presentations

- September 2017 Inkelas, Sharon, and **Eric Wilbanks**. 2017. Directionality Effects via Distance-Based Penalty Scaling. Presented at the *Annual Meeting on Phonology*. New York, New York.
- November 2016 Magloughlin, Lyra, and **Eric Wilbanks**. 2016. An Apparent Time Study of (str) Retraction and /tr/-/dr/ Affrication in Raleigh, NC English. Presented at *NWAV 45*. Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- July 2016 **Wilbanks, Eric**. 2016. Spectral Trajectories of Spanish /s/: Temporal Variability, Vowel Context, and Duration. Presented at *LabPhon 15*. Ithaca, NY. (poster)
- July 2016 Magloughlin, Lyra, and **Eric Wilbanks**. 2016. An Apparent Time Study of Turbulent Sounds in Raleigh, NC English. Presented at *LabPhon 15*. Ithaca, NY. (poster)
- March 2016 **Wilbanks, Eric**. 2016. (str) Retraction in Raleigh: "Identical" Variants Implicated in Two Separate Sound Changes. *Penn Linguistics Conference 40*. Philadelphia, PA.
- October 2015 **Wilbanks, Eric**. 2015. The Development of FASE (Forced Alignment System for Español) and implications for sociolinguistic research. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44*. Toronto, Canada.

May 2015	Wilbanks, Eric. 2015. The Role of Social Information in Cognitive Processing: Sex and Sexuality. <i>Acoustical Society of America 169th Meeting</i> . Pittsburgh, PA. (poster)
October 2013	Wilbanks, Eric. 2013. Pitch and VOT as Factors in the Perception of Sexual Identity and Masculinity in Male Speech. <i>New Ways of Analyzing Variation</i> 42. Pittsburgh, PA.

Teaching Positions

Spring 2019	Endangered Languages: What we lose when we lose a language Instructor UC Berkeley
Fall 2018	Phonetics - Graduate Student Instructor UC Berkeley - Dr. Keith Johnson Preparation and instruction of materials in discussion sections, grading of assignments and exams
Summer 2018	Introduction to Psycholinguistics - Instructor UC Berkeley
Spring 2018	Introduction to Linguistic Science - Graduate Student Instructor UC Berkeley - Dr. Lev Michael Preparation and instruction of materials in discussion sections, grading of assignments and exams
Fall 2017	Language and Linguistics - Graduate Student Instructor UC Berkeley - Dr. Richard Rhodes Preparation and instruction of materials in discussion sections, grading of assignments and exams
Fall 2017	Introduction to Psycholinguistics - Reader UC Berkeley - Dr. Susanne Gahl Grading of assignments, quizzes, and exams
Summer 2017	Introduction to Linguistic Science - Reader UC Berkeley - Kenny Baclawski Grading of assignments, quizzes, and exams
Spring 2017	Language and Communication Disorders - Reader UC Berkeley - Dr. Susanne Gahl Grading of assignments, quizzes, and exams
Spring 2015	Introduction to Linguistics - Teaching Assistant NCSU - Dr. Chris Carignan Assisting with grading and general logistics; Development and teaching of guest lectures; Advising students in after-class review sessions
Fall 2014	History of English - Teaching Assistant NCSU - Dr. Erik Thomas Assisting with grading and general logistics; Development and teaching of guest lectures; Advising students in after-class review sessions

Honors and Awards

2016	Distinguished Capstone Award. NCSU Department of English.
2016	First place poster award (Humanities) at 11 th annual NC State Graduate Research Symposium. Raleigh, NC. "SHtriking" Change in Raleigh's Speech: Acoustic Analysis of (str) Retraction.
2015	LSA Linguistic Institute Fellowship

Skills

Languages	English (<i>Native</i>); Spanish (<i>Advanced</i>)
Software	R; Python; Git; L ^A T _E X; PsychoPy; Praat; HTK Speech Recognition Toolkit
Laboratory	Acoustic analysis; Forced Alignment; Ultrasound; EGG; Perception experiment design

Workshops Given

May 12 2016	Forced Alignment in Linguistic Research: Workshop and Applications University of Texas, Austin
January 29 2016	Applying Forced Alignment in Linguistic Research University of Arizona
September 18 2015	Praat Scripting Basics - with Amy Hemmeter North Carolina State University
August 28 2015	Twitter Data Analysis in R North Carolina State University
November 21 2014	L ^A T _E X Typesetting - with Dr. Jeff Mielke North Carolina State University

Service and Outreach

2017 - 2018	Berkeley Linguistics Society Organizing Committee Conference organization and logistics for the 44 th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society
2015	Conference Organization Committee & Technology Support 4 th Meeting of <i>Language and Variation in the South</i> concurrent with the 82 nd Meeting of the <i>Southeastern Conference on Linguistics</i> . Hosted by North Carolina State University, April 9-11, 2015.
2015	Language Variation Curriculum Instruction 8 th grade Social Studies, Ocracoke School; Ocracoke Island, North Carolina; March 9-12
2014 - 2015	The Language and Life Project Language variation and identity outreach at the North Carolina State Fair

Memberships

Association for Laboratory Phonology
Linguistic Society of America
Southeastern Conference on Linguistics