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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., Linguistics

2014-2016

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

Summer 2015

LSA Linguistics Institute
University of Chicago

2010-2014

North Carolina State University
B.A., Spanish Language and Lit.
Minor, Linguistics

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 Lab. Phon. class; Force aligning and processing audio data;

Spring 2015 - Fall 2016

LAVIS IV Support and Volume Editing
NCSU - Drs. Jeffrey Reaser & Walt Wolfram

Development of conference website and abstract booklet; Abstract review and program organization; General conference logistics and support; Review of submitted articles for inclusion in published proceedings;

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;

Publications

Submitted

Ronquest, Rebecca; Michnowicz, Jim; **Wilbanks, Eric**; and Claudia Cortés. Examining the (mini-) variable swarm in the Spanish of the Southeast.

Accepted

Wilbanks, Eric. Variationist Research in the South: Current Perspectives and Future Directions.

To appear in *Language Variety in the New South: Change and Variation*.

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.

Edited Volumes

Accepted

Reaser, Jeffrey; **Wilbanks, Eric**; Wojcik, Karissa; and Walt Wolfram (eds.). In preparation. *Language Variety in the New South: Change and Variation*.

Book Reviews

Accepted

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. Accepted to *American Speech*.

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.

November 2016

Carvalho, Ana M.; Yaeger-Dror, Malcah; Ramírez Martínez, Marta; Rodríguez, Miriam; and **Eric Wilbanks**. 2016. Call Grandma! Collecting and analyzing intergenerational telephone conversations. Presented at NWAV 45. Vancouver, BC, Canada. (poster)

October 2016

Michnowicz, Jim; Ronquest, Rebecca; and **Eric Wilbanks**. 2016. Examining the (mini-) variable swarm in the Spanish of the Southeast. Presented at the *2016 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium*. Washington, D.C.

July 2016	Wilbanks, Eric. 2016. Spectral Trajectories of Spanish /s/: Temporal Variability, Vowel Context, and Duration. Presented at <i>LabPhon 15</i> . Ithaca, NY. (poster).
July 2016	Magloughlin, Lyra, and Eric Wilbanks. 2016. An Apparent Time Study of Turbulent Sounds in Raleigh, NC English. Presented at <i>LabPhon 15</i> . Ithaca, NY. (poster).
March 2016	Wilbanks, Eric. 2016. "SHtriking" Change in Raleigh's Speech: Acoustic Analysis of (str) Retraction. <i>11th annual NC State Graduate Research Symposium</i> . Raleigh NC. (poster).
March 2016	Wilbanks, Eric. 2016. (str) Retraction in Raleigh: "Identical" Variants Implicated in Two Separate Sound Changes. <i>Penn Linguistics Conference 40</i> . Philadelphia, PA.
February 2016	Wilbanks, Eric. 2016. Spectral Trajectories of Spanish /s/: Temporal variability and vowel coarticulatory forces. <i>Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina (SLINKI) 2016</i> . Charleston, SC.
October 2015	Wilbanks, Eric. 2015. The Development of FASE (Forced Alignment System for Español) and implications for sociolinguistic research. <i>New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44</i> . 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).
March 2015	Wilbanks, Eric. 2015. "Us" vs. "Them": Conceptualizing Identity in the Socio-Spatial Domain. <i>6th annual NCSU Association of English Graduate Students Conference</i> . Raleigh NC.
March 2015	Wilbanks, Eric. 2015. The Role of Social Information in Cognitive Processing: Sex and Sexuality. <i>10th annual NC State Graduate Research Symposium</i> . Raleigh, NC. (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 42</i> . Pittsburgh, PA.
April 2013	Wilbanks, Eric. 2013. Pitch and VOT as Factors in the Perception of Sexual Identity and Masculinity in Male Speech. <i>22nd annual NC State Undergraduate Research Symposium</i> . Raleigh, NC. (poster).

Teaching Positions

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
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 11th *annual NC State Graduate Research Symposium*. Raleigh, NC. "SHtriking" Change in Raleigh's Speech: Acoustic Analysis of (str) Retraction.

2015

Linguistics Institute Fellowship, Chicago 2015

Skills

Languages

English (*Native*); Spanish (*Advanced*)

Software

R statistical package; HTK Speech Recognition Toolkit
L^AT_EX; PsychoPy Suite; Praat; Python; Shell scripting

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^AT_EX Typesetting - with Dr. Jeff Mielke
North Carolina State University

Engagement and Outreach

2015

Conference Organization Committee & Technology Support
4th Meeting of *Language and Variation in the South* concurrent with the
82nd Meeting of the *Southeastern Conference on Linguistics*
Hosted by North Carolina State University, *April 9-11, 2015*

2015

Language Variation Curriculum Instruction
8th grade Social Studies, Ocracoke School
Ocracoke Island, North Carolina; *March 9-12*

Memberships

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