

# Monica Nesbitt

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## EDUCATION

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- Expected 2019    PhD. Michigan State University.  
Qualifying Paper: *The Social Life of TRAP in Lansing, Michigan* (Fall 2017)  
Qualifying Paper: *Syllabic Affiliations and Ambisyllabic Consonants: Evidence from a Syllable Tracking Task* (Spring 2015)
- May 2013        Master of Arts. Linguistics. University of Texas, Arlington.
- Dec 2010        Bachelor of Arts. English. Boise State University.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Fall 2015 - Present        Graduate Teaching Assistant. Michigan State University.
- Fall 2014 - Spring 2015    Graduate Research Assistant. Sociolinguistics Lab. Michigan State University.
- Spring 2014                Instructor. English Language Institute. UT Arlington.
- Fall 2013                  Substitute Teacher. English Language Institute. UT Arlington.
- Spring 2012                Graduate Teaching Assistant. Curriculum and Instruction. UT Arlington.
- Fall 2011 - Spring 2012    Graduate Research Assistant. Mind, Brain & Education Lab. UT Arlington.
- Spring 2010 - Spring 2011    Teaching Assistant. English Language Center. Boise, ID.

## MANUSCRIPTS & PUBLICATIONS

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- to appear    Acoustic correlates to ambisyllabic representations in American English. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Proceedings of the Pennsylvania Linguistics Conference 41*. 24(1).
- 2016        Re-organization of the Northern Cities Shift in Michigan. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected Papers from NWAV 44*. 22(2). With Suzanne Evans Wagner, Alexander Mason, Erin Pevan & Matthew Savage.
- 2016        Do Deductive and Probabilistic Reasoning Abilities Decline in Older Adults? *Journal of Applied Biobehavioral Research*. 21(4). 225-236. With Jodi Tommerdahl, Mark Ricard, Will McKee, John Biggan, Christopher Ray & Robert Gatchel.
- 2016        Syllabic affiliations and ambisyllabic consonants: Evidence from a Syllable Tracking Task. [manuscript available upon request]

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP TALKS

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- 2017 *A Rust Belt Dialect Feature: Economic Change and the Decline of Raised TRAP in Lansing, MI*. Paper. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 46. Madison, Wisconsin. November 2-5.
- 2017 *Acoustic Correlates to Syllabic Representations in American English*. Paper. Pennsylvania Linguistics Conference 41. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. March 24-26.
- 2016 *Dialect Leveling Across the US: Evidence of the Third Dialect Shift in the Inland North*. Paper. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45. Vancouver, Canada. November 3-6. With Alex Mason.
- 2016 *Rising above the level of awareness: The Northern Cities Shift in Lower Michigan*. Workshop talk. Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State. East Lansing, MI. February 27-28.
- 2016 *Ambisyllabic consonants are codas: Evidence from a syllable tracking task*. Paper. Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. Washington, DC. January 8-10. With Karthik Durvasula.
- 2016 *Re-organization of the Northern Cities Shift in Michigan*. Paper. Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society. Washington, DC. January 8-10. With Suzanne Evans Wagner, Alex Mason, Erin Pevan and Matt Savage.
- 2016 *Ignorant and annoying: Inland Northerners' attitudes towards NCS*. Poster. Annual meeting of the American Dialect Society. Washington, DC. January 8-10. With Suzanne Evans Wagner, Alex Mason, Erin Pevan and Matt Savage.
- 2015 *Reversal and re-organization of the Northern Cities Shift in Michigan*. Paper. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44. Toronto, Canada. October 22-25. With Suzanne Evans Wagner, Alex Mason, Erin Pevan and Matt Savage.
- 2015 *Ignorant and annoying: Inland Northerners' attitudes towards NCS short-o*. Paper. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44. Toronto, Canada. October 22-25. With Suzanne Evans Wagner, Alex Mason, Erin Pevan and Matt Savage.
- 2013 *The Aging Mind: Physical Fitness and Deductive and Probabilistic Reasoning in Community Dwelling Older Adults*. Paper. The Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. New Orleans, LA. Nov. With John Biggan, Bill McKee and Jodi Tommerdahl.
- 2011 *Compliment Me: Identity and Ideology in Practicing Politeness*. Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Conference. Boise State University. Boise, ID. April. With Emily Walton.
- 2010 *Assessing Pre-Service Training at the English Learning Center for Refugees*. Service Learning Conference. Boise State University. Boise, ID. May.
- 2010 *Linguistic Features of Uzbek*. Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Conference. Boise State University. Boise, ID. April. With Emily Walton, Claire Ivins and Zachary Epsil.

## COURSES TAUGHT

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### Michigan State University

- 2018 Teaching Assistant. *LIN 231 Language across time, space, and social groups*. (Spring)  
2017 Teaching Assistant. *LIN 231c Tracing the globalization of Englishes*. (Fall)  
2014-2017 Instructor. *LIN 225 Language and Gender*. (Fall & Spring)

### University of Arlington, Texas

- 2014 Instructor. *Reading, Level 6*. English Language Institute. (Spring)  
2014 Instructor. *Listening/Speaking, Level 3*. English Language Institute. (Spring)  
2013 Substitute. *Grammar/Writing, Levels 2-4*. English Language Institute. (Fall)  
2013 Substitute. *Listening/Speaking, Level 2*. English Language Institute. (Fall)  
2013 Substitute. *Reading, Level 4*. English Language Institute. (Fall)  
2012 Teaching Assistant. *EDUC5397. Implementing and disseminating classroom research*. (Spring)

## FUNDING

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- 2017 Cultural Heritage Initiative Summer Fellowship. Michigan State University. \$1,000.  
2017 Department of Linguistics and Languages Summer Fellowship. Michigan State University. \$4,500.  
2016 New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45 Student Travel Grant. \$700.  
2016 Cultural Heritage Initiative Fellowship. Michigan State University. \$4,000.  
2016 Department of Linguistics and Languages Summer Fellowship. Michigan State University. \$4,500.  
2016 American Dialect Society Research Travel Grant. \$500.  
2012 Frankie S. Hansell Endowed Scholarship. University of Texas, Arlington. \$1,500.

## SERVICE TO THE FIELD

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### Database Contributions

- 2012 *Childes*. <http://childes.psy.cmu.edu/>

### Clubs/Organizations

- 2016 - Present President. Linguistics Student Organization. Michigan State University.  
2015 - Present Member. American Dialect Society.  
2015 - Present Member. Linguistics Society of America.  
2015 - 2016 Vice President. Linguistics Student Organization. Michigan State University.  
2012 - 2013 Vice President. Lingua. University of Texas at Arlington.  
2011 - 2013 Member. Black Student Association. University of Texas at Arlington.

2009 - 2011 Vice President & Co-founder. Boise State Linguistics Association. Boise State University.

### **Conference Organizing Committees**

2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State. (organizing chair).  
2016 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference. Michigan State University  
2013 20<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL.  
University of Texas at Arlington.

### **Abstract Reviewer**

2015-Present Great Lakes Expo for Experimental and Formal Undergraduate Linguistics. Michigan State University.  
2013 20<sup>th</sup> annual University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL.  
University of Texas at Arlington.  
2012 19<sup>th</sup> annual University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL.  
University of Texas at Arlington.

### **LANGUAGES**

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Human: English (native), Spanish (reading)  
Computer: Praat, R, ELAN, Psychopy, Plotnik, FAVE, CLAN, JavaScript, HTML, CSS