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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Fall 2021-	Assistant Professor of Linguistics. Indiana University.
2019 - 2021	Postdoctoral Researcher and Instructor in Linguistics. Society of Fellows. Dartmouth College.
2013-2014	Instructor. English Language Institute. University of Texas at Arlington.

EDUCATION

2019	PhD. Linguistics. Michigan State University. *The impact of internal social change on local phonology* Committee: Suzanne E. Wagner (chair), Aaron J. Dinkin (San Diego State University), Karthik Durvasula, Yen-Hwei Lin, Anne Violin-Wigent
2013	Master of Arts. Linguistics. University of Texas, Arlington.
2010	Bachelor of Arts. English. Boise State University.

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates refereed; † indicates selective invitation

†*under review	Nesbitt, Monica and Akiah Watts. The Eastern Massachusetts Life and Language Project Goes Virtual: Utilizing Social Media and Videoconferencing for Linguistic Fieldwork. *Linguistics Vanguard.*
*in revision	Nesbitt, Monica and James N. Stanford. Regional dialect attrition and supralocal emergence in Western Massachusetts. *Language Variation and Change*.
*in revision	Roberts, Julie and Monica Nesbitt. Language change in and out of isolation: Glottalization in Vermont. *Language*.
*†forthcoming	Nesbitt, Monica. From an Indicator to a Marker: Accounting for urban dialect loss in Michigan. In Arne Ziegler, Stefanie Edler, Nina Kleczkowski & Georg Oberdorfer (eds.), *Urban Matters. Current Approaches of International Sociolinguistic Research (Studies in Language Variation).* Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
*2021	Nesbitt, Monica. The rise and fall of the Northern Cities Shift: Social and linguistic re-organization of TRAP in 20th century Lansing, Michigan. *American Speech* 96(3). https://doi.org/10.1215/00031283-8791754

*†2019   Nesbitt, Monica, Suzanne Evans Wagner and Alexander Mason. Movement toward the Low-Back-Merger Shift in Lansing, MI. In Kara Becker (ed.), *The Low-Back-Merger Shift -- Uniting the Canadian Vowel Shift, the California Vowel Shift, and Short Front Vowel Rotations Across North America.* Durham, NC: Publications of the American Dialect Society, Duke University Press.

†2018   Nesbitt, Monica. Economic change and the decline of Raised TRAP in Lansing, MI. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected Papers from NWAV 46.* 24.2. 66-76.

2018   Nesbitt, Monica. Acoustic correlates to ambisyllabic representations in American English. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics.* 24.1. 131-139.

†2016   Wagner, Suzanne Evans, Alexander Mason, Monica Nesbitt, Erin Pevan and Matt Savage. Reversal and Re-Organization of the Northern Cities Shift in Michigan. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected Papers from NWAV 44* 22.2. 171–179.

*2016   Tommerdahl, Jodi, Will McKee, Monica Nesbitt, Mark D. Ricard, John R. Biggan, Christopher T. Ray and Robert J. Gatchel. Do Deductive and Probabilistic Reasoning Abilities Decline in Older Adults? *Journal of Applied Biobehavioral Research.* 21.4. 225-236.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPERATION

in prep   Nesbitt, Monica. Less in[tense]: The impact of dialect attrition on feature specification in Michigan.

in prep   Nesbitt, Monica. Allophonic Emergence: Gradual development of nasal allophony in Lansing, MI

in prep   Nesbitt, Monica. Ambisyllabic consonants are codas in American English: Evidence from perception and production.

†in prep   Stanford, James N. and Monica Nesbitt. New England English. Wiley Encyclopedia of World Englishes.

INVITED TALKS

2020   *Exploring the impact of deindustrialization on dialect diversity in the US.* Indiana University. Bloomington, IN. February 26.

2019   *The impact of internal social change on local phonology in Lansing, MI.* Boston University Linguistics Colloquium Series. September 30.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*All submissions were papers accepted as talks unless otherwise indicated.

2021   *Eastern Massachusetts Life and Language in the COVID-19 Era.* Workshop on Sociolinguistic research in the time of COVID-19: Methods, Ethics, Theory, Betsy Sneller et al. 95TH Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Virtual. January 7-10. With James N. Stanford, Akiah Watts and George Stain.

2019   *Slowly changing their minds: Evidence of Gradual Phonologization in Michigan.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 48. Eugene, Oregon. October 10-12.

2019   *Pioneering a dialect shift in the Pioneer Valley: Evidence for the Low-Back-Merger Shift in Western Massachusetts.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 48. Eugene, Oregon. October 10-12. With James N. Stanford.

2018   *Loss of an urban-rural distinction in Michigan.* Urban Language Conference. Graz, Austria. November 3-5.

2018   *Changing accents changes syllables: The effect of diachronic phonetic change on syllabic representations in the Inland North.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 47. New York, New York. October 18 - 21.

2018   *Loss of the local dialect in Lansing, MI.* PhonFest. Indiana University, Bloomington. May 29 - June 2. [poster]

2018   *Shifting from the shift: Loss of dialect distinction in the US.* 175th Acoustical Society of America meeting. Minneapolis, Wisconsin. May 7-11. [poster]

2017   *A Rust Belt Dialect Feature: Economic Change and the Decline of Raised TRAP in Lansing, MI.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 46. Madison, Wisconsin. November 2-5.

2017   *Acoustic Correlates to Syllabic Representations in American English.* 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.* 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.* Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, DC. January 8-10. With Karthik Durvasula.

2016   *Ignorant and annoying: Inland Northerners' attitudes towards NCS. Annual meeting of the American Dialect Society.* Washington, DC. January 8-10. With Suzanne Evans Wagner, Alex Mason, Erin Pevan and Matt Savage. [poster]

2016   *Re-organization of the Northern Cities Shift in Michigan.* 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.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44. Toronto, Canada. October 22-25. With Suzanne Wagner, Alex Mason, and Matt Savage.

2015   *Ignorant and annoying: Inland Northerners' attitudes towards NCS short-o.* 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.* The Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. New Orleans, LA. Nov. With John Biggan, Bill McKee and Jodi Tommerdahl.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2020-2021	Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Venture Funding. Dartmouth College. $12,000
2019	College of Arts and Letters Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Michigan State University. $8,000
2018	Graduate School Writing Fellowship. Michigan State University. $2,000.
2018	New Ways of Analyzing Variation 47 Student Travel Grant. $700.
2018	Linguistic Society of America Diversity Travel Award. Honorable Mention.
2017	Cultural Heritage Initiative Summer Fellowship. Michigan State University. $1,000.
2016, -17, -18	Linguistics Department Summer Research 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.

TEACHING

Indiana University

  Undergraduate
    Sociolinguistics (Fall 2021)
    Field Methods in Sociolinguistics (Spring 2022)
  Graduate
    Sociolinguistics (Spring 2022)

Dartmouth College

  Language and Ethnicity (Fall 2020)

Michigan State University

  Language across time, space, and social groups. Teaching Assistant (Spring 2018, Spring 2019)
  Tracing the globalization of Englishes. Teaching Assistant (Fall 2017)
  Harry Potter and the Secrets of British English. Teaching Assistant (Summer 2015, 2017)
  Language and Gender. Teaching Assistant and sole instructor (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

University of Texas, Arlington

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

MENTORING

2019   New Waves of Analyzing Variation 48 Student Travel Award mentor. [Matched as mentor to an outstanding graduate student from a group underrepresented in linguistics, e.g. first generation, African American, First Nations, Latin@ and Native American scholars.]

2018 – 2019   Peer Mentor. Michigan State University Linguistics Graduate Program. [Matched as a mentor to a first-year linguistics graduate student.]

Undergraduate Student Research Assistants

2020 – 2021   Eastern Massachusetts Life and Language Project x7

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2019 - Present   Member. National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity.

2018   R Statistics Bootcamp. May 14-18. Instructor: Stephan Th. Gries.

2014 - 2015   Project Manager. The Influence of Higher Education on Local Phonology Project (NSF #1251437). Michigan State University. Co-PIs: William Labov and Suzanne E. Wagner.

2011 - 2012   Graduate Research Assistant. Mind, Brain & Education Lab. UT Arlington. PI: Jodi Tommerdahl.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Memberships

2020 - Present   Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics. Linguistics Society of America.
2019 - Present   New York Academy of Sciences.
2017 - Present   Acoustical Society of America.
2015 - Present   American Dialect Society.

2015 - Present   Linguistic Society of America.

Institutional Memberships

2016 - 2017   President. Linguistics Student Organization. Michigan State University.
2015 - 2019   Member. Linguistics Student Organization. Michigan State University.
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 Organization

2020   Organizer. New England Variationists Symposium (NEVS). Dartmouth College. [canceled due to COVID-19]
2020   Moderator of organized panel: *Black Becoming for Language and Linguistics Researchers*. Linguistics Society of America 2020 annual meeting. New Orleans, LA.
2017   Organizing Chair. 2nd Annual Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State.
2016   Organizing Committee. 21st Annual Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference. MSU.
2013   Organizing Committee. 20th Annual University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL. University of Texas at Arlington.

Reviewing

Journals and publishers
American Speech (2021), Routledge (2020), Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews – Cognitive Science (2020)

Conference and Workshop Paper Proposals
Annual Conference on African Linguistics (2020); Great Lakes Expo for Experimental and Formal Undergraduate Linguistics (2015, 2016, 2018, 2019); University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL (2012, 2013)

Database Contributions

2012   *Childes*. http://childes.psy.cmu.edu/ . Transcribed and contributed to this collection 20 conversational audio recordings of children and their caregivers.

LANGUAGES

Human: English (native)**,** Spanish (reading)
Computer: R, Python, Praat, ELAN, Plotnik, PsychoPy, CLAN, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

REFERENCES

Available upon request