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PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

- Expected 2019 PhD. Michigan State University. Advisor: Suzanne E Wagner
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.

APPOINTMENTS

- Fall 2015 - Present Graduate Teaching Assistant. Linguistics Department. Michigan State University.
- Fall 2014 - Spring 2015 Project Manager. The Influence of Higher Education on Local Phonology Project (NSF #1251437). 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.

PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS

* indicates refereed; † indicates selective invitation

* Nesbitt, Monica. Under review. The social life of TRAP in Lansing, MI.

* Nesbitt, Monica, Suzanne Evans Wagner and Alexander Mason. To appear. Movement toward the Low-Back-Merger Shift in Lansing, MI. In *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

† Nesbitt, Monica. To appear. Economic change and the decline of Raised TRAP in urban Lansing, MI. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected Papers from NWAV 46*. 24.1.

- † Nesbitt, Monica. 2018. Acoustic correlates to ambisyllabic representations in American English. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Proceedings of the Pennsylvania Linguistics Conference 41*. 24.1.
- † Wagner, Suzanne Evans, Alexander Mason, Monica Nesbitt, Erin Pevan and Matt Savage. 2016. 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.
- * Tommerdahl, Jodi, Will McKee, Monica Nesbitt, Mark D. Ricard, John R. Biggan, Christopher T. Ray & Robert J. Gatchel. 2016. Do Deductive and Probabilistic Reasoning Abilities Decline in Older Adults? *Journal of Applied Biobehavioral Research*. 21.4. 225-236.
- Nesbitt, Monica. ms. Syllabic affiliations and ambisyllabic consonants: Evidence from a Syllable Tracking Task. [manuscript available upon request]

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

- 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 11. [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 Linguistics 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 Evans Wagner, Alex Mason, Erin Pevan 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.

TEACHING POSITIONS

Michigan State University

- 2018 Teaching Assistant. IAH 231c *Language across time, space, and social groups*. (Spring)
- 2017 Teaching Assistant. IAH 231c *Tracing the globalization of Englishes*. (Fall)
- 2015-2017 Teaching Assistant (and sole instructor). LIN 225 *Language and Gender*. (Fall & Spring)
- 2015 -Present Teaching Assistant. *Harry Potter and the Secrets of British English*. Offered as part of Michigan State University's Grandparents, a summer outreach program for 8-12 year olds and their grandparents.

University of Texas, Arlington

- 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)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

- 2019 Michigan State University College of Arts and Letters Dissertation Completion Fellowship. \$8,000.
- 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.
- 2016 American Dialect Society Research Travel Grant. \$500.
- 2012 Frankie S. Hansell Endowed Scholarship. University of Texas, Arlington. \$1,500.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Memberships

2017 - Present Member. Acoustical Society of America.
 2015 - Present Member. American Dialect Society.
 2015 - Present Member. Linguistic Society of America.

University-Internal Memberships

2016 - 2017 President. Linguistics Student Organization. Michigan State University.
 2015 - Present 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 Organizing Committees

2017 2nd Annual Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State. (organizing chair).
 2016 21st Annual Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference. Michigan State University.
 2013 20th 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 20th annual University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL. University of Texas at Arlington.
 2012 19th annual University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL. University of Texas at Arlington.

Database Contributions

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

Selected Professional Development Opportunities

2018 R Statistics Bootcamp. May 14-18, 2018. Instructor: Stephan Th. Gries.
 2017 Workshop on Guidelines for Statistical Reporting of Multivariate Analysis. NWAV 46. Instructors: William Labov, Robin Dodsworth, Josef Fruehwald, John Paolillo, James Stanford, Sali Tagliamonte & Rena Torres Cacoullos.

LANGUAGES

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

REFERENCES

Available upon request