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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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2019 – present      Society of Fellows Postdoctoral Fellow. Dartmouth College.

## EDUCATION

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2019                  PhD. Linguistics. Michigan State University.  
Dissertation: *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.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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2018 – 2019        Facilitator. Michigan State University Linguistics Department Writing and Accountability Group.

2018                  R Statistics Bootcamp. May 14-18. 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.

## PUBLICATIONS

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\* indicates refereed; † indicates selective invitation

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

In prep              Nesbitt, Monica. The impact of dialect attrition on feature specification.

- \*†Under review Nesbitt, Monica. From an Indicator to a Marker: Urban dialect loss in Michigan.
- \*Under revision Nesbitt, Monica. The social life of TRAP in Lansing, MI.
- \*Forthcoming Nesbitt, Monica, Suzanne Evans Wagner and Alexander Mason. 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.
- †2018 Nesbitt, Monica. Economic change and the decline of Raised TRAP in Lansing, MI. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected Papers from NAW 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 NAW 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.

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2019 *Gradually changing their minds: The impact of internal social change on local phonology in Lansing, MI*. Boston University Linguistics Colloquium Series. September 30.

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

- 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*. 175<sup>th</sup> 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 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

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- 2019 Michigan State University College of Arts and Letters Dissertation Completion Fellowship. \$8,000.
- 2018 Michigan State University Graduate School Writing Fellowship. \$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.
- Cultural Heritage Initiative Fellowship. Michigan State University. \$4,000.
- American Dialect Society Research Travel Grant. \$500.

## TEACHING POSITIONS

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### Michigan State University

- 2018, 2019 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—2018 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)  
 Instructor. *Listening/Speaking, Level 3*. English Language Institute. (Spring)  
 2013 Substitute. *Grammar/Writing, Levels 2-4*. English Language Institute. (Fall)  
 Substitute. *Listening/Speaking, Level 2*. English Language Institute. (Fall)  
 Substitute. *Reading, Level 4*. English Language Institute. (Fall)  
 2012 Teaching Assistant. EDUC5397. *Implementing and disseminating classroom research*. (Spring)

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

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- 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. [Managed and trained undergraduate research assistants, conducted sociolinguistic interviews with Lansing natives, transcribed interviews, and conducted data analysis.]  
 2011 - 2012 Graduate Research Assistant. Mind, Brain & Education Lab. UT Arlington. PI: Jodi Tommerdahl. [Managed lab schedule, transcribed natural language data of children and their parents, ran participants for the behavioral and EEG tasks of a study on probabilistic reasoning.]

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Professional Memberships

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

## Mentoring

2019	New Waves of Analyzing Variation 48 Student Travel Award mentor. [Matched as a mentor to a graduate student from a background that is underrepresented at NWAV, including first generation students, African Americans, First Nations, Latin@s and Native Americans]
2018 – 2019	Peer Mentor. Michigan State University Linguistics Graduate Program. [Provided guidance and support to a first-year graduate student in the program]

## Conference Organization

2020	Moderator of Organized Session: <i>Black Becoming for Language and Linguistics Researchers</i> . Linguistics Society of America 2020 annual meeting. New Orleans, LA.
2017	Organizing Chair. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State.
2016	Organizing Committee. 21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference. MSU.
2013	Organizing Committee. 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL. University of Texas at Arlington.

## Abstract Reviewer

2015-2019	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.

## Database Contributions

2012	<i>Childes</i> . <a href="http://childes.psy.cmu.edu/">http://childes.psy.cmu.edu/</a> . Transcribed and contributed to this collection 20 conversational audio recordings of children and their caregivers.
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## LANGUAGES

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

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request