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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2021 - present Assistant Professor. Department of Linguistics. Indiana University.
2019 - 2021 Postdoctoral Researcher and Instructor. 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 at Arlington.
2010 Bachelor of Arts. English. Boise State University.

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates refereed; † indicates selective invitation

- †in press Nesbitt, Monica and James N. Stanford. New England English. Wiley Encyclopedia of World Englishes.
†*2022 Nesbitt, Monica and Akiah Watts. Socially distanced but virtually connected: pandemic fieldwork with Black Bostonians. *Linguistics Vanguard*. <https://doi.org/10.1515/lingvan-2021-0049>
*†2021 Nesbitt, Monica. From an Indicator to a Marker: Urban dialect loss in Michigan. In Arne Ziegler, Stefanie Edler, & Georg Oberdorfer (eds.), *Urban Matters. Current approaches in variationist sociolinguistics* 27:159-177. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company.
*2021 Nesbitt, Monica and James N. Stanford. Structure, Chronology, and Local Social Meaning of a Supra-Local Vowel Shift: Emergence of the Low-Back Merger Shift in New England. *Language Variation and Change*. 33: 1-27. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954394521000168>

- *2021 Tommerdahl, Jodi, John Biggan, Fred McKee, Monica Nesbitt and Christopher Ray. The Relationship between Physical Fitness and Reasoning in Community-Dwelling Older Adults. *Activities, Adaptation & Aging*. [online first] <https://doi.org/10.1080/01924788.2021.1910150>
- *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): 332-370. <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: Duke University Press. Publication of the American Dialect Society 104(1): 144-165. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00031283-8032979>
- †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.

In Preparation

Roberts, Julie and Monica Nesbitt. Language change in and out of isolation: Glottalization in Vermont.

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

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

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

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2020-2021 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Venture Funding. Dartmouth College. \$12,000
- 2019 College of Arts and Letters Dissertation Completion Fellowship. MSU. \$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.

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.

- 2022 *A nationwide study of the low-back-merger shift.* American Dialect Society. January 6-9. With James N. Stanford and Rolando Coto-Solano.
- 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.

TEACHING

Indiana University

Undergraduate

Introduction to 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)

Undergraduate Research Assistants

2020 – Present Eastern Massachusetts Life and Language Project x 9. Sociolinguistic fieldwork project employing research assistants from groups underrepresented in the academy and linguistics.

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.]

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Mar 7, 2022 [Giving voice to people who have been left out](#). Dartmouth News.
- Feb 17, 2022 [You are how you sound](#). Say that again? Podcast. The Christian Science Monitor.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2021 - Present Indiana University New Faculty Learning Community.
- 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 Research Assistant. Mind, Brain & Education Lab. UT Arlington. PI: Jodi Tommerdahl.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Committees

- 2020 - Present Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics. Linguistics Society of America.

Institutional Committees

- 2022 IU Department of Linguistics Graduate Admissions Committee.

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
- 2013 Organizing Committee. 20th Annual University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL. University of Texas at Arlington.

Reviewing

Journals & Publishers

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

Conference & Workshop Proposals

New Ways of Analyzing Variation (2021); 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)

Guest Lectures/Class Panels

How to do research - L 501 Research Methods; Instructor: Anne Bunker (Spring 2021)

Database Contributions

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

MEMBERSHIPS

Professional

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

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.

LANGUAGES

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

REFERENCES

Available upon request