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Employment

2020 -	**Michigan State University** Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Department of Linguistics and Languages
2018 - 2020	**Georgetown University** Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Learning and Development Lab

Education

PhD	**University of Pennsylvania** Linguistics, 2018 Dissertation: "Mechanisms of Phonological Change" Advisor: William Labov
MA	**University of Essex** Sociolinguistics, 2012
BA	**Calvin College** English Literature, Linguistics, 2010

Research and Teaching Interests: Sociolinguistics, Language Variation and Change, Phonology, Experimental Sociolinguistics, Acquisition of Variation, Quantitative methods.

Awards, recognition, honors & research support

2020	MSU CAL Undergraduate Research Initiative
2016–2018	NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (#1628408)
2018	University of Pennsylvania IDEAL Council Award for Structural Improvements in Diversity and Inclusion
2017–2018	Critical Speaking Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
2017	Student Abstract Bursary Prize, LAGB
2015–2017	SASgov Travel Grant
2013–2016	GAPSA Research Travel Award
2014	SAS Dean's Travel Subvention Grant
2013	NSF EAPSI Summer Research Grant to New Zealand (#1308902).
2013	Joseph M. Bennet Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania.
2012–2017	Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 5 years.
2011	Fulbright Postgraduate Fellowship to the University of Essex.

Publications

Under Review	**Betsy Sneller**, Suzanne Wagner, and Yongqing Ye. MI Diaries: Practical and ethical considerations.
Under Review	**Betsy Sneller**. Individuals in the crowd: Joint roles of structure and agency in the adoption of a sound change.
2020	Gareth Roberts and **Betsy Sneller**. Empirical foundations for an integrated study of language evolution. *Language Dynamics and Change.* 10(2): 188–229.
2020	**Betsy Sneller**. Phonological rule spreading across hostile lines: (TH)-fronting in Grays Ferry. *Language Variation and Change.* 32(1): 25–47.
2019	**Betsy Sneller**, Josef Fruehwald, and Charles Yang. Using the Tolerance Principle to predict phonological change. *Language Variation and Change.* 31(1): 1–20.
2019	**Betsy Sneller**. Allophonic systems as a variable within individual speakers. In Lightoot, D. (Ed.). *Variable properties in language: Their nature and acquisition.* Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.
2018	**Betsy Sneller** and Gareth Roberts. Why some behaviors spread while others don't: A laboratory simulation of dialect contact. *Cognition* 170:298–311.
2016	William Labov, Sabriya Fisher, Duna Gylfadottir, Anita Henderson and **Betsy Sneller**. Competing Systems in Philadelphia Phonology. *Language Variation and Change* 28(3): 273-305.
2014	**Betsy Sneller**. Using rate of change as a diagnostic of vowel phonologization. In Tuzzi, A., Benešová, M., and Macutek, J. (Eds.). *Recent Contributions to Quantitative Linguistics.* De Gruyter Mouton.

Proceedings

2020	**Betsy Sneller**. Where our Fathers are From: Place and Conflict in Sociolinguistic Borrowing. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 25.2.*
2016	**Betsy Sneller** and Gareth Roberts. Alien species and alienable traits: An artificial language game investigating the spread of cultural variants between antagonistic groups. In Papafragou, A., Grodner, D., Mirman, D., and Trueswell, J.C. (Eds.). *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.* Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.
2015	Sabriya Fisher, Hilary Prichard and **Betsy Sneller**. The apple doesnt fall far from the tree: Incremental change in Philadelphia families. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 21.2.*
2015	**Betsy Sneller** and Sabriya Fisher. When GET got noticed: The emerging salience of GET-passives. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 20.1.*

| 2014 | **Betsy Sneller**. Antagonistic contact and inverse affiliation: Appropriation of (TH)-fronting by White speakers in South Philadelphia. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 20.2.* |

Invited Talks

2021	University of Bamberg. *Social structure vs. personal agency in the adoption of a sound change.* Language Variation and Change speaker seires. May 2021.
2020	University of Michigan. *MI Diaries: Tracking language change during a pandemic.* Linguistics Department Colloquium. November 2020. With *Suzanne Wagner.*
2020	Edinburgh University. *Where our Fathers are From: Place and conflict in sociolinguistic borrowing.* Linguistics Society Lecture, September 23.
2020	Edinburgh University. *Acquisition of grammatical and sociolinguistic variation: Evidence from artificial language learning.* Centre for Language Evolution. April 21, 2020
2020	Westchester University. *Where our Fathers are From: Place and conflict in sociolinguistic borrowing.* Linguistics Department Colloquium. March 3, 2020.
2020	Michigan State University. *Phonological change via probabilistic variation.* Department of Linguistics, Germanic, Slavic, Asian, & African Languages, Feb. 15.
2020	Queen Mary University London. *Social meaning and language change.* Linguistics Department, Feb. 3.
2020	Georgetown University. *Ideology of place in the adoption of a sound change.* Speaker series, Jan. 20.
2019	University of Pennsylvania. *Acquisition of phonological variation: Evidence from artificial language.* Integrated Language Science and Technology seminar. Sept. 20.
2019	Linguistics Association of Great Britain. *Phonological change via probabilistic variation.* Queen Mary University London, Sept. 9-12.
2019	Stanford University. *Social meaning and language change: A multifaceted approach.* Linguistics Department, Feb. 8
2019	Stanford University. *Agency, structure, and sound change: Locating the individual within the community.* Linguistics Department, Feb 7
2019	Georgetown University. *Phonological change through competing grammars.* Phonology Lab Meeting, Jan 25.
2015	Michigan State University. *The systematic incrementation of a phonological change in Philadelphia.* MSU Sociolinguistics Talk, Feb. 5.

Selected Conference Presentations

2021	**Betsy Sneller**, Yongqing Ye, and Suzanne Wagner. *MI Diaries: Longitudinal data collection during Covid.* Paper presented in special panel on sociolinguistic research during Covid, LSA 2021.
2020	**Betsy Sneller** and Elissa Newport. *Acquisition of phonological and socially conditioned variation.* Poster presented at BUCLD 2020.
2019	**Betsy Sneller** and Elissa Newport. *The Acquisition of Phonological Variation: Evidence from artificial language learning.* Paper presented at BUCLD 44. Boston.
2019	**Betsy Sneller**. *There's no place like home: Ideology of place in the adoption of a sound change.* Paper presented at NWAV 48. Eugene.
2019	**Betsy Sneller**. *Individuals in the crowd: The joint roles of agency and structure in sound change.* Paper presented at UKLVC 12. London.
2019	**Betsy Sneller** and Gareth Roberts. *Indexicality, sociolinguistic awareness, and language change.* Poster presented at UKLVC 12. London.
2019	**Betsy Sneller**. *The role of social network and social identity in languge change.* Paper presented at LSA 93. New York City.
2018	**Betsy Sneller**. *Interracial conflict as a source of feature borrowing.* Paper presented at NWAV 47. New York City.
2018	**Betsy Sneller** and William Labov. *Does phonetic reversal lead to phonological reversal?.* Poster presented at NWAV 47. New York City.
2018	Gareth Roberts and **Betsy Sneller**. *How different kinds of social meaning affect the spread of linguistic variants: A laboratory-language approach.* Paper presented at Sociolinguistic, Psycholinguistic and Formal Perspectives on Meaning Conference. Paris.
2018	**Betsy Sneller**. *Using the Tolerance Principle as a diagnostic of phonological rules.* Poster presented at LSA 92. Salt Lake City.
2017	**Betsy Sneller**. *On the unobservability of structure: Perception of phonology vs. phonetics in experimental data.* Paper presented at LAGB 2017. Kent, September 2nd.
2017	**Betsy Sneller**. *Dialect contact in South Philadelphia: Indexing "street" with an outside variant.* Paper presented at UKLVC 11. Cardiff, August 30th.
2017	**Betsy Sneller**. *Intraspeaker competition of two allophonic subsystems.* Paper presented at LSA 91. Austin, Jan 8.
2017	Gareth Roberts and **Betsy Sneller**. *The role of indexicality in phonological feature adoption: A novel experimental approach.* Paper presented at LSA 91. Austin, Jan 8.
2016	**Betsy Sneller**, Josef Fruehwald, and Charles Yang. *The Nasal Invasion: Predicting systemic change in dialect contact.* Paper presented at NWAV 45. Vancouver, Nov 4.

2016	**Betsy Sneller** and Josef Fruehwald. *Evaluating the inevitability of phonological change: /ae/ in Philadelphia.* Paper presented at FWAV 3. New York, May 18.
2016	**Betsy Sneller**. *Retention of two phonological subsystems in adult speakers.* Paper presented at BLS 42. Berkeley, Feb 6.
2015	William Labov, Sabriya Fisher, Duna Gylfadottir, Anita Henderson, Hilary Prichard and **Betsy Sneller**. *The re-organization of short-a systems in Philadelphia.* Paper presented at NWAV 44. Toronto, Oct 23.
2015	**Betsy Sneller**. *A community divided: co-occurrence in salient feature shift.* Poster presented at UKLVC 10. York, Sep 2.
2015	**Betsy Sneller** and Sabriya Fisher. *The limits of the sociolinguistic monitor.* Paper presented at FWAV 2. Reykjavik, May 28.
2015	**Betsy Sneller** and Joel Wallenberg. *Allophonic emergence: three ways allophonic rules come to be.* Paper presented at FWAV 2. Reykjavik, May 28.
2015	Laura Walker, **Betsy Sneller** and Sabriya Fisher. *Untangling language attitudes from linguistic knowledge in self-reports of stigmatized speech.* Paper presented at PLC 39. Philadelphia, March 21.
2015	**Betsy Sneller**. *Phonotactics of (TH)-fronting in AAVE.* Paper presented at LSA 89. Portland, OR. Jan 11.
2014	**Betsy Sneller**. *Phonotactic simplification in borrowed (TH)-fronting.* Paper presented at NWAV 43. Chicago, Oct 24.

Teaching & Mentoring Experience

Fall 2020	LIN 424: Instructor, *Phonetics & Phonology*
Fall 2020	LIN 471: Instructor, *Sociolinguistics*
Spring 2020	LING 441: Instructor, *Phonology 1*
Spring 2018	LING 152: Instructor, *Language and Social Identity in the U.S.*
Fall 2017	LING 152: Instructor, *Language and Social Identity in the U.S.*
2016–2017	Undergraduate Research Mentor, NSF Project: *Mechanisms of Phonological Change*, PI: Meredith Tamminga and Betsy Sneller
2013–2015	Undergraduate Research Mentor, NSF project: *Influence of Higher Education on Local Phonology*, PI: William Labov
Summer 2015	Instructor, *Mini Course in R*
Fall 2014	LING 120: Teaching Assistant, *Speech Analysis*, Instructor: Tricia Irwin
Spring 2014	LING 102: Recitation Instructor, *Introduction to Sociolinguistics*, Instructor: Anita Henderson
Fall 2013	LING 001: Recitation Instructor, *Introduction to Linguistics*, Instructor: Rolf Noyer

University Service

2017–2018	Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access and Leadership (IDEAL) Council Deputy
2017–2018	GAPSA representative on University Council
2017	Chair of Equity and Access, GAPSA
2017	Penn representative to Legislative Action Days in Washington, DC
2015–2018	Finance Committee, GAPSA
2016–2017	Chair, Student Confronting Racism and White Privilege

Departmental and Professional Service

2021–	Reviewer, Language
2020–	Reviewer, Linguistics Vanguard
2019–	Reviewer, Cognition
2018–	Reviewer, Language Variation & Change
2016–2017	Volume Editor, Penn Working Papers in Linguistics 23.2
2015–2020	Reviewer, Penn Linguistics Conference
2015	Student rep, Search Committee for tenure-track position in Linguistics
2013–2014	Chair, Penn Linguistics Conference 38
2012–2017	Editor, Penn Working Papers in Linguistics
2012–2013	Organizing committee, Penn Linguistics Colloquium 37
2012	Sociolinguistic Outreach at the Franklin Institute
2012–2013	Social Chair, Linguistics Lab at Penn
2012	Student committee, Essex Language and Asylum Research Conference

References available upon request