

Claire Henderson

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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Ph.D., Linguistics Sociolinguistics concentration	2024 – present
McGill University M.A., Linguistics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis: <i>Niagara English: Language variation and diffusion on the U.S.-Canada border</i> (Supervisor: Charles Boberg)	2021 – 2023
McGill University B.A., Linguistics & Psychology Distinction	2016 – 2020

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

- in press* Boberg, Charles, **Claire Henderson**, and Jackson Mundie. A New Survey of Canadian English: Fifty years of language change. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*.
- in press* Boberg, Charles, **Claire Henderson**, and Jackson Mundie. Regional variation in the New Survey of Canadian English. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*.

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

- in press* **Henderson, Claire** and Jennifer Nyocz. More on the menu than just p/æ/sta and p/a/sta: Phonetic gradience in second dialect acquisition. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 32.1: Proceedings of the 49th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*.
- 2023 **Henderson, Claire.** Maintenance of Canadian English near the American border. In *Proceedings of the 2023 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association*.
- 2023 **Henderson, Claire.** Antipassives in Kirundi: What is going -an?. In *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics: Proceedings of the 2022 Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (Ba-TOM 1)*.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 **Henderson, Claire.** Current changes underway in Canadian English. Paper presented at American Dialect Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 8-11.

- 2025 **Henderson, Claire.** Dialect diffusion: Canadian Raising in Niagara, NY. Paper presented at NNAV 53, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, November 5-7.
- 2025 **Henderson, Claire** and Jennifer Nycz. More on the menu than just p/æ/sta and p/a/sta: Phonetic gradience in second dialect acquisition. Paper presented at NNAV 53, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, November 5-7.
- 2025 **Henderson, Claire** and Charles Boberg. Regional Variation in the New Survey of Canadian English. Paper presented at the Canadian Linguistics Association annual conference, Montreal, June 3-5.
- 2025 **Henderson, Claire** and Jennifer Nycz. More on the menu than just p/æ/sta and p/a/sta: Phonetic gradience in second dialect acquisition. Paper presented at Penn Linguistics Conference 49, Philadelphia, April 5-6.
- 2025 **Henderson, Claire** and Charles Boberg. Canadian English: Fifty years of language change. Paper presented at American Dialect Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Jan. 9-12.
- 2024 **Henderson, Claire.** Phonetic diffusion in the Niagara border region. Paper presented at American Dialect Society Annual Meeting, New York City, Jan. 4-7.
- 2023 **Henderson, Claire.** How do you say *pasta*? Foreign (a) in Canada. Paper presented at NNAV 51, Queens College CUNY, Oct. 13-15.
- 2023 **Henderson, Claire.** Maintenance of Canadian English near the American border. Paper presented at the Canadian Linguistic Association annual conference, York University, May 31-June 2.
- 2023 **Henderson, Claire.** Geolinguistic diffusion near the Niagara border. Paper presented at the American Dialect Society Annual Meeting, Denver, Jan. 5-8.
- 2022 **Henderson, Claire.** Antipassives in Kirundi: What is going -*an*? Paper presented at the Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (Ba-TOM 1), University of Toronto Scarborough, May 27-28.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant January 2026 – May 2026
 Georgetown University
 Supervisor: Jennifer Nycz

Research Assistant September 2024 – December 2024
 Georgetown University
 Supervisor: Jennifer Nycz

- Foreign (a) pronunciation by mobile Canadians and Americans

Research Assistant September 2023 – August 2024
 McGill University
 Supervisor: Charles Boberg

- The New Survey of Canadian English

Research Assistant May 2020 – August 2024
Trent University Language & Cognition Lab
Supervisor: Nancie Im-Bolter
• Children's narrative skills, figurative language use, social cognition, executive function

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant: Sounds of Language Georgetown University	Fall 2025
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Language Georgetown University	Spring 2025
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Linguistics McGill University	Winter 2023
Teaching Assistant: Phonetics 1 McGill University	Fall 2022
Writing Feedback Specialist Studiosity	February 2021 – August 2021
Course Assistant Trent University Durham GTA	October 2020 – January 2021
Tutor McGill University Tutorial Service	February 2020 – August 2020

GRANTS & AWARDS

American Dialect Society Presidential Honorary Membership Award	2026
Georgetown Conference Travel Grant	Fall 2025
Georgetown Conference Travel Grant	Spring 2025
American Dialect Society Student Travel Award	2025
Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's	2022 – 2023
FRQSC Master's Scholarship	2022 – 2023
Dean's Honour List	2017 – 2018
J.W. McConnell Scholarship	2016 – 2017

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Treasurer, Graduate Linguistics Student Association.	May 2025 – present
Language Science Fair activity volunteer, Planet Word.	May 2025
Georgetown University Round Table session chair.	February 2025
Phonetics & Phonology reading group organizer, McGill University.	2022 – 2023
Proceedings paper reviewer, Ba-TOM 1 (Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics).	2022