

# Claire Henderson

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## EDUCATION

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

## PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

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- 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

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- 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

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- 2026 **Henderson, Claire** and Charles Boberg. 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

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

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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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

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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