

# Claire Henderson

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## EDUCATION

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**Georgetown University** 2024 – present  
Ph.D., Linguistics  
Sociolinguistics concentration

**McGill University** 2021 – 2023  
M.A., Linguistics  
• Thesis: *Niagara English: Language variation and diffusion on the U.S.-Canada border*  
(Supervisor: Charles Boberg)

**McGill University** 2016 – 2020  
B.A., Linguistics & Psychology  
Distinction

## 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 Nycz. More on the menu than just p/æ/sta and p/ɑ/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**. 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 NWAV 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/ɑ/sta: Phonetic gradience in second dialect acquisition. Paper presented at NWAV 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/ɑ/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 NWAV 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

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### Research Assistant

Georgetown University  
Supervisor: Jennifer Nycz

January 2026 – May 2026

### Research Assistant

Georgetown University  
Supervisor: Jennifer Nycz

September 2024 – December 2024

### Research Assistant

McGill University  
Supervisor: Charles Boberg

September 2023 – August 2024

**Research Assistant**  
Trent University Language & Cognition Lab  
Supervisor: Nancie Im-Bolter

May 2020 – August 2024

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Language** Spring 2025  
Georgetown University

**Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Linguistics** Winter 2023  
McGill University

**Teaching Assistant: Phonetics 1** Fall 2022  
McGill University

**Writing Feedback Specialist** February 2021 – August 2021  
Studiosity

**Course Assistant** October 2020 – January 2021  
Trent University Durham GTA

**Tutor** February 2020 – August 2020  
McGill University Tutorial Service

## 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