

# 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** 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 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/a/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/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 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

- Foreign (a) pronunciation by mobile Canadians and Americans

### Research Assistant

McGill University  
Supervisor: Charles Boberg

September 2023 – August 2024

- The New Survey of Canadian English

**Research Assistant**

May 2020 – August 2024

Trent University Language &amp; Cognition Lab

Supervisor: Nancie Im-Bolter

- Children's narrative skills, figurative language use, social cognition, executive function

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Teaching Assistant: Sounds of Language**

Fall 2025

Georgetown University

**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 &amp; Phonology reading group organizer, McGill University.

2022 – 2023

Proceedings paper reviewer, Ba-TOM 1 (Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics).

2022