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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad: sociophonetics, computational methods, language variation and change

Narrow: chain shifts, sociolinguistic cognition, computational sociolinguistics, corpus linguistics, speech perception, metalinguistic awareness, fieldwork, performance

EDUCATION

2021-2022 M.A. in Linguistics

2018-2022

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

GPA: 4.00/4.00

Thesis: Transgressing the binary: Gendered language practices on Twitter.

Advisor: Rob Voigt Reader: Annette D'Onofrio

B.S. in Linguistics and Communication Studies

summa cum laude, with Departmental Distinction

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

GPA: 3.98/4.00

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

I. D'Onofrio, A. & Senko, M. (*In prep*). "If you say /ʃəkɑgoʊ/, get the fuck out of my face": Variable discourses of localized authenticity in the Chicago vowel. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

2. Senko, M. & Voigt, R. (*To appear*). Transgressing the binary: A computational approach to gendered reference. In S. Burnett & F. Vigo (Eds.), *Battlefield linguistics: Contemporary contestations of language, gender, and sexuality.* DeGruytor Mouton.

Presentations

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 1. D'Onofrio, A. & Senko, M. (2022). "If you say /ʃəkagoʊ/, get the fuck out of my face": Variable discourses of localized authenticity in the Chicago vowel. Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 50*. 13-15 October, San Jose, CA.
- 2. Senko, M. & Voigt, R. (2022). Transgressing the binary: Gendered language practices on Twitter. Paper presented at *Lavender Languages and Linguistics* 28. 23-25 May, Catania, Italy.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022-2023	Taiwan English Teaching Assistantship	The Fulbright Program
2022	Lambda Pi Eta	Northwestern University
2021	Abraham Demoz Prize in Linguistics	Northwestern University
2018	Kaplan Humanities Scholar	Northwestern University

SKILLS

Languages English Mothertongue · Mandarin Proficient

Technical Basic: ETFX · Praat Intermediate: R · ELAN · Python

Professional Experience

2024-2025	Upper School Computer Science Teacher	Collegiate School
2023-2024	Content Teacher	Winston Preparatory School New York
2022-2023	Teacher of English as a Foreign Language	Fulbright Taiwan