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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

2018-2022

B.S. in Linguistics and Communication Studies

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

summa cum laude, with Departmental Distinction

GPA: 3.98/4.00

2021-2022

M.A. in Linguistics

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

GPA: 4.00/4.00

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

Advisor: Rob Voigt **Reader:** Annette D'Onofrio

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. D'Onofrio, A. & **Senko, M.** (*In prep*). "If you say /ʃəkəɡoʊ/, 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*. DeGruyter Mouton.

PRESENTATIONS

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. D'Onofrio, A. & **Senko, M.** (2022). "If you say /ʃəkəɡoʊ/, 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 *Mother tongue* · **Mandarin** *Proficient*

Technical

Basic: \LaTeX · Praat **Intermediate:** R · ELAN · PythonPROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-2023

Teacher of English as a Foreign Language

FULBRIGHT TAIWAN

2023-2024

Content Teacher

WINSTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL NEW YORK

2024-2025

Upper School Computer Science Teacher

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL