Michael Senko

PhD Student in Linguistics

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad: sociophonetics, computational methods, language variation and change
Narrow: sociolinguistic cognition, speech perception, metalinguistic awareness, stereotype

EDUCATION

2025-	**Ph.D. in Linguistics**	STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Advisors: Rob Podesva & Meghan Sumner

2021-2022	**M.A. in Linguistics**	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Thesis: Transgressing the binary: Gendered language practices on Twitter.
Advisor: Rob Voigt **Reader:** Annette D'Onofrio

2018-2022	**B.S. in Linguistics and Communication Studies**	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

summa cum laude, with Departmental Distinction

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

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

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

2025-	EDGE Doctoral Fellowship	STANFORD VPGE
2022-2023	Taiwan English Teaching Assistantship	THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM
2022	Conference Travel Grant	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
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* · **Taiwanese** *Beginner*
Technical	**Basic:** ELAN · Praat **Intermediate:** R · Python · Java · LaTeX

TEACHING

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