

# SKY ONOSSON

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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## EDUCATION

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- 2018 | **Ph.D. Linguistics**, University of Victoria. Advisors: Dr. Sonya Bird & Dr. Alexandra D'Arcy.  
*An acoustic study of diphthong-raising in three dialects of North American English*
- 2010 | **M.A. Linguistics**, University of Manitoba. Advisor: Dr. Robert Hagiwara.  
*Canadian Raising in Manitoba: Acoustic effects of articulatory phasing and lexical frequency*
- 1994 | **B.A. Linguistics and Asian Studies**, University of Manitoba

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Phonetics, phonology, phonetics-phonology interface, sociolinguistics, sociophonetics, dialectology, ethno-linguistics, vowel dynamics, computational linguistics, research methods, field methods, Canadian English, Brazilian Portuguese, Caribbean Englishes, Indigenous languages of the Americas

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- Vowel production and variation in Manitoba:** Investigation of vowel production differences in Manitoba with a focus on ethnolinguistic variation; data drawn from Dr. Nicole Rosen's (U. Manitoba) *Language in the Prairies Project*.
- Diphthong production in North America:** Investigation of production differences in diphthongs across North American English dialects, and development of innovative methodology for comparing complex acoustic and articulatory trajectories.
- Variation in contemporary Brazilian Portuguese:** Collection and analysis of a large multimedia corpus of interviews with urban middle-school children in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; with Christiani P. Thompson (U. Saskatchewan).
- Hul'q'umi'num' vowels:** Acoustic descriptions of vowel production in the Coast Salish language *Hul'q'umi'num'* as part of revitalization efforts; with Dr. Sonya Bird (U. Victoria).
- Media Lengua diphthongs:** A study of dynamic vowel production in the Ecuadorian mixed language *Media Lengua*, with a focus on differences associated with each of the lexical source languages, *Quechua* and *Spanish*; with Dr. Jesse Stewart (U. Saskatchewan).

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Onosson, S. & Bird, S. (2019). **Differences in Diphthong Production Between L1 and L2 Speakers of Hul'q'umi'num'**. *Proceedings of the 19th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Melbourne, Australia 2019*. [https://assta.org/proceedings/ICPhS2019/papers/ICPhS\\_1033.pdf](https://assta.org/proceedings/ICPhS2019/papers/ICPhS_1033.pdf)
- Onosson, S., Rosen, N. & Li, L. (2019). **Ethnolinguistic Differentiation and the Canadian Shift**. *Proceedings of the 19th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Melbourne, Australia 2019*. [https://assta.org/proceedings/ICPhS2019/papers/ICPhS\\_417.pdf](https://assta.org/proceedings/ICPhS2019/papers/ICPhS_417.pdf)
- Roeder, R., Onosson, S. & D'Arcy, A. (2018). **Joining the western region: Sociophonetic shift in Victoria**. *Journal of English Linguistics*, 46(2). <http://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/9XHQEmlCD9arUdyMaxwK/full>
- Onosson, S. (2018). **An acoustic study of diphthong-raising in three dialects of North American English**. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Victoria. <https://dspace.library.uvic.ca/handle/1828/9274>

- Bird, S., Wang, Q., Onosson, S. & Benner, A. (2015). *Acoustic Phonetics Lab Manual*.  
[http://www.uvic.ca/humanities/linguistics/assets/docs/LabManual\\_2015.pdf](http://www.uvic.ca/humanities/linguistics/assets/docs/LabManual_2015.pdf)
- Onosson, S. (2014). **The prosodic structure of Canadian Raising**. *Proceedings of the 2014 annual conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association*.  
<http://cla-acl.ca/wp-content/uploads/Onosson-2014.pdf>
- Nogita, A. & Onosson, S. (2014). **Episodes about the IPA vowel chart and a suggestion for a new diacritic**. *Working Papers of the Linguistics Circle of the University of Victoria*, 24(1).  
<http://journals.uvic.ca/index.php/WPLC/article/view/13244/4099>
- Onosson, S. (2010). **Canadian raising in Manitoba: Acoustic effects of articulatory phasing and lexical frequency**. Master's thesis, University of Manitoba.  
<https://mspace.lib.umanitoba.ca/handle/1993/4260>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Onosson, S. & Rosen, N. (2020). **"Ethnolinguistic Vowel Differentiation In Winnipeg, Canada."** *Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society*, New Orleans.
- Onosson, S. & Bird, S. (2019). **"Differences in Diphthong Production Between L1 and L2 Speakers of Hul'q'umi'num'."** *International Congress of Phonetic Sciences 2019*, Melbourne.
- Onosson, S., Rosen, N. & Li, L. (2019). **"Ethnolinguistic Differentiation and the Canadian Shift."** *International Congress of Phonetic Sciences 2019*, Melbourne.
- Onosson, S. & Bird, S. (2019). **"Acoustic Phonetics and Language Revitalization in the Hul'q'umi'num' Community."** *Prairie Workshop on Languages and Linguistics V*, U. of Winnipeg.
- Roeder, R. & Onosson, S. (2018). **"Best practices in automatic vowel production analysis."** *Sociolinguistics Symposium 22*, University of Auckland.
- Onosson, S. (2017). **"Canadian Raising or Canadian Shortening? Comparing and contrasting dynamic models of vowel duration."** *Workshop on Dynamic Modeling in Phonetics & Phonology*, University of Chicago.
- Thompson, C.P. & Onosson, S. (2016). **"Urban youth in Rio de Janeiro: Contemporary linguistic variation in Brazilian Portuguese."** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45*, Vancouver.
- Onosson, S. (2016). **"Yod variation in Victoria, B.C.: An acoustic-centred approach."** *Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society*, Washington D.C.
- Onosson, S., Roeder, R. & D'Arcy, A. (2015). **"Simultaneous innovation and conservation: Unpacking Victorias vowels."** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44*, University of Toronto.
- Rosen, N., Onosson, S. & Li, L. (2015). **"There's a new ethnolect in town: Vowel patterning of Filipino English in Winnipeg."** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44*, University of Toronto.
- Onosson, S., Roeder, R. & D'Arcy, A. (2015). **"City, province or region: What do the vowels of Victoria tell us?"** *Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society*, Portland OR.
- Onosson, S. (2014). **"The prosodic structure of Canadian Raising."** *Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association*, Brock University.
- Onosson, S. (2014). **"Analyzing complex vowel articulations from acoustic data."** *Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics*, University of Victoria.

## INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- Workshop on Statistics for Linguistics**. (2019). University of Manitoba.
- Acoustic Phonetics & Language Revitalization in the Hul'q'umi'num' Community**. (2019). Simon Fraser University.
- Phonation and Complex Vowel Analysis**. (2014). Guest lecture: Acoustic Phonetics, U. Victoria.
- Seminal Papers in Historical Linguistics**. (2014). Historical and Comparative Linguistics, University of Victoria.

**The Acoustics of Canadian Raising.** (2011). Interdisciplinary Linguistics Colloquium, U. Winnipeg.

## TEACHING

**Acoustic Phonetics**, LING 380 (Lab Instructor), University of Victoria (2014)

**Cognitive Neuroscience of Linguistics**, LING 370C (Teaching Assistant), U. Victoria (2014)

**General Phonetics**, LING 138 (Teaching Assistant), University of Manitoba (2007)

**Introduction to Linguistics**, LING-1001, University of Winnipeg (2011)

**Language Acquisition**, LING/PSYC 3860, University of Manitoba (2015)

**Language and Gender**, LING 142 (Teaching Assistant), University of Manitoba (2006)

**Language and the Media**, LING-1620, University of Manitoba (2019)

**Phonetics & Phonology**, LING-2001/ANTH-2401/ENGL-2803, U. Winnipeg (2012, 2013, 2019)

*Primary course instructor/lecturer, unless otherwise noted*

## GRANTS & AWARDS

|           |   |           |
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| 2019–2021 | Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada #756-2019-0627                           | \$90,000  |
| 2019      | International Phonetic Association Travel Bursary   | GBP £600  |
| 2019      | University of Manitoba Arts Endowment Fund  | \$1,800   |
| 2017–2018 | University of Victoria President's Research Scholarship   | \$4,000   |
| 2015–2018 | Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada #767-2015-1048 | \$105,000 |
| 2016–2017 | University of Victoria President's Research Scholarship   | \$4,000   |
| 2016      | Robert W. Ford Graduate Scholarship   | \$1,700   |
| 2016      | Alexander & Helen Stafford MacCarthy Muir Grad. Scholarship   | \$550     |
| 2016      | American Dialect Society Student Travel Grant   | USD \$500 |
| 2016      | University of Victoria Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Grant   | \$600     |
| 2015      | University of Victoria Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Grant   | \$600     |
| 2014–2015 | University of Victoria Graduate Award   | \$6,000   |
| 2014–2015 | Henry & Michiko Warkentyne Graduate Scholarship in Linguistics  | \$775     |
| 2014      | University of Victoria Graduate Award   | \$5,000   |
| 2013–2014 | University of Victoria Fellowship   | \$16,500  |
| 2013–2014 | University of Victoria Outstanding Graduate Entrance Award  | \$5,000   |

*Canadian funds unless otherwise noted*

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## SERVICE & RESEARCH SUPPORT

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| 2018–2019 | Research Assistant, <i>Language in the Prairies Project</i> . Principal investigator: Dr. N. Rosen, University of Manitoba                                      |
| 2013–2017 | Research Assistant, <i>Victoria's Vowels</i> . Principal investigator: Dr. A. D'Arcy, University of Victoria  |
| 2016      | Organizing Committee: <i>New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45</i> , University of Victoria / Simon Fraser University. Program booklet editor and designer.        |
| 2015      | Organizing Committee: <i>31st Annual NorthWest Linguistics Conference</i> , U. Victoria   |
| 2015      | Editor: <i>Working Papers of the Linguistics Circle of the University of Victoria: Proceedings of the 31st annual NorthWest Linguistics Conference</i> , 25(2). |
| 2014      | Editor: <i>Working Papers of the Linguistics Circle of the University of Victoria: Tribute to John Esling</i> , 24(1).  |
| 2003–2004 | Research Assistant, <i>X's X Project</i> . Principal investigator: Dr. J. Ghomeshi, University of Manitoba  |

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## PRESS & MEDIA

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Sanderson, D. (2014). "Finding our voice: A primer on the Manitoba dialect." *The Winnipeg Free Press*. August 30, 2014.

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## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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| 2014–2016 | <i>Linguistic Consultant</i> , GSD (Google)   |
| 2008–2009 | <i>Freelance Writer</i> , Technologies for Learning Group, Winnipeg MB  |
| 2001–2002 | <i>English (EFL) Teacher</i> , Oh Sungsik English Club, Yeongwol, South Korea   |
| 1990—     | <i>Freelance Musician &amp; bassist/keyboardist</i> in Juno-nominated Virgin (Canada) recording artists, <i>The New Meanies</i> |

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- The International Phonetic Association
- The Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars
- The American Dialect Society
- The Linguistic Society of America
- The Canadian Linguistic Association
- The Society for Caribbean Linguistics

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## TECHNOLOGY

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Proficient in the use of:

- R and RStudio
- Praat
- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- Microsoft Office
- various professional audio-recording hardware and software, including Logic and ProTools

LANGUAGES STUDIED

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*French*: basic (spoken) to intermediate (reading)

*Brazilian Portuguese* and *Spanish*: basic to intermediate

*Japanese* and *Mandarin*: intermediate but unused

*Korean* and *Hindi*: vestigial

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