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EDUCATION

2018	Ph.D. Linguistics, University of Victoria
2010	M.A. Linguistics, University of Manitoba

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Research Fellow (May 2019–): *Languages in the Prairies Project*, University of Manitoba

- Position funded by highly-competitive national competition through Canada’s Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (see Grants & Awards section below)
- Responsible for compilation of corpus of sociolinguistic interviews in Winnipeg, data analysis, presentation and publication of research outcomes at academic conferences and journals

Course Instructor (Jan.–Apr. 2019): *Language and the Media*, University of Manitoba

- Responsible for all course content including lectures, assignments, and exams
- Course focuses on examining the role of language in media content such as movies, news, etc.

Course Instructor (Jan.–Apr. 2019): *Phonetics & Phonology*, University of Winnipeg

- Responsible for all course content including lectures, assignments, and exams
- Course focuses on the role and function of speech sounds in language

Research Assistant (2018–2019): *Languages in the Prairies Project*, University of Manitoba

- Carried out computer-based research on an acoustic (sound-based) speech corpus compiled by Dr. Nicole Rosen, covering a number of communities across the Canadian Prairie provinces
- Collaborated on an academic paper currently in preparation

Research Assistant (2013–2017): *Victoria’s Vowels Project*, University of Victoria

- Carried out computer-based research on an acoustic speech corpus compiled by Dr. Alexandra D’Arcy, covering speakers born throughout the 20th century in Victoria, B.C., Canada
- Collaborated on an academic paper published in the *Journal of English Linguistics* (2018)

Linguistic Consultant (2014–2016): *GSD Project*, Google

- Carried out linguistic analysis across multiple datasets, under two basic categories:
 1. Transcribed localized pronunciations of Canadian place-names for use in mapping software
 2. Classified numbers in voice-search data according to function, e.g. *currency*, *addresses*, etc.

Organizing Committee Member (2016): *New Ways of Analyzing Variation #45*, Vancouver

- World’s pre-eminent academic conference in Sociolinguistics
- Responsible for compiling and editing complete conference handbook (100+ pages)

Course Instructor (2015): *Language Acquisition*, University of Manitoba

- Responsible for all course content including lectures, assignments, and exams
- Course examines how language is acquired by children from birth until pre-adulthood

Laboratory Instructor (2014): *Acoustic Phonetics*, University of Victoria

- Supervised students carrying out computer-based recording & analysis of human speech, and marked assignments as part of a course on the acoustic properties of speech sounds

Teaching Assistant (2014): *Cognitive Neuroscience of Linguistics*, University of Victoria

- Marked assignments & exams as part of a course examining the physical, neuroscience-based analysis of all aspects of human language

Course Instructor (2011–2013): *Phonetics & Phonology*, University of Winnipeg

- Responsible for all course content including lectures, assignments, and exams
- Course focuses on the role and function of speech sounds in language

Course Instructor (2011): *Introduction to Linguistics*, University of Winnipeg

- Responsible for all course content including lectures, assignments, and exams
- General introduction to all aspects of academic research in Linguistics

Freelance Writer (2008–2009): Technologies for Learning Group, Winnipeg

- Carried out independent research on various aspects of international trade and governance as part of an online course for Canadian businesses seeking to develop new trade opportunities

VOLUNTEER WORK

Organizing Committee Member (2015): *NorthWest Linguistics Conference*, U. Victoria

- NWLC is a completely student-run academic conference run by and held in rotation at four universities in Washington State and British Columbia, Canada

Editor (2014–2015): *Working Papers of the Linguistics Circle of the University of Victoria*

- Selected and edited papers submitted to an annual online student-based academic journal

SKILLS & TRAINING

Software: R (statistical data analysis), Microsoft Office, various audio platforms (Logic, Pro-Tools, etc.), Praat (speech audio analysis), L^AT_EX(typesetting)

Languages: *French* (basic spoken, intermediate reading); *Brazilian Portuguese* (basic to intermediate); *Spanish* (basic to intermediate).

General skills and traits:

- Analysis of recorded speech audio
- Carry out independent research on assigned topics
- Synthesis, analysis & presentation of research
- Lead and supervise team projects
- Collaboration and partnership across disciplines and skillsets
- Carry out statistical testing and analysis of data
- Audio & video recording and interviewing
- Flexible, adaptable, efficient and responsive to management/supervision

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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.*

Onosson, S., Rosen, N. & Li, L. (2019). **Ethnolinguistic Differentiation and the Canadian Shift.** *Proceedings of the 19th ICPHS, Melbourne, Australia 2019.*

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/9XHQEmICD9arUdyMaxwK/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
- 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 U. 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>

MEDIA

- Sanderson, D. (2014). "Finding our voice: A primer on the Manitoba dialect." *The Winnipeg Free Press*. August 30, 2014.
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/finding-our-voice-273288101.html>

GRANTS & AWARDS

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	\$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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