

# SKY ONOSSON, Ph.D.

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## GOALS

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- To find meaningful employment in a field related to my skills and experience
- To establish a long-term career path
- To ensure the health and happiness of my family, and myself

## EDUCATION

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2018	Ph.D. <i>Linguistics</i> , University of Victoria
2010	M.A. <i>Linguistics</i> , University of Manitoba

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Associate Research Fellow** (May 2019–April 2021): University of 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** (Upcoming: Winter 2021): *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

**Course Instructor** (Upcoming: Fall 2020): *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** (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** (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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## SKILLS & TRAINING

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### Software:

- R (statistical data analysis)
- Microsoft Office
- Praat (speech audio analysis)
- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X(typesetting)
- Various digital audio workstations: Logic, ProTools, etc.

### 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. & Stewart, J. (submitted, under review). **The effects of language contact on non-native vowel sequences in lexical borrowings: The case of Media Lengua.** *Language and Speech*.
- Onosson, S. (submitted, under review). **Prevelar front-vowel merger in Winnipeg English.** *Journal of English Linguistics*.
- Bird, S. & Onosson, S. (submitted, under review). **A phonetic investigation of Tihqotin /z/ and pharyngealized /z/.**  *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*.
- 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*. [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*. [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). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0075424217753987>
- 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.** <https://dspace.library.uvic.ca/handle/1828/11288>
- 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>

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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2020	University of Manitoba Arts Endowment Fund	\$1,754
—	University of Manitoba Faculty of Arts Deans Office Research Fund	\$500
2019	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada #756-2019-0627	\$90,000
—	International Phonetic Association Travel Bursary	GBP £600
—	University of Manitoba Arts Endowment Fund	\$1,800
2017	University of Victoria President's Research Scholarship	\$4,000
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—	Robert W. Ford Graduate Scholarship	\$1,700
—	Alexander & Helen Stafford MacCarthy Muir Grad. Scholarship	\$550
—	American Dialect Society Student Travel Grant	USD \$500
—	University of Victoria Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Grant	\$600
2015	Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	\$105,000
—	University of Victoria Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Grant	\$600
2014	University of Victoria Graduate Award	\$6,000
—	Henry & Michiko Warkentyne Graduate Scholarship in Linguistics	\$775
—	University of Victoria Graduate Award	\$5,000
2013	University of Victoria Fellowship	\$16,500
—	University of Victoria Outstanding Graduate Entrance Award	\$5,000

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