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## Current Positions

- 2023— **Adjunct Professor**, Linguistics, University of Victoria  
2022— **Research Officer**, Government of British Columbia

## Education

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

## Publications

- Bird, S. & Onosson, S. (2023). **A phonetic case study of T̥silhqot'in /z/ and /zʰ/**. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*, 53(3), pp. 835–868. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0025100322000093>
- Stewart, J. & Onosson, S. (2023). **Cotopaxi Media Lengua vowels: A preliminary analysis**. *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Prague 2023*. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/15U2l2y4\\_-9lyZAgmiccQYXYj9zBi\\_CAu/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15U2l2y4_-9lyZAgmiccQYXYj9zBi_CAu/view)
- Onosson, S. & Stewart, J. (2023). **Vowel raising in Cotopaxi Quichuan languages**. *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Prague 2023*. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/15U2l2y4\\_-9lyZAgmiccQYXYj9zBi\\_CAu/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15U2l2y4_-9lyZAgmiccQYXYj9zBi_CAu/view)
- Onosson, S. (2022). **Prevelar vowel raising and merger in Manitoba English**. *Journal of English Linguistics*, 50(3), pp. 247–280. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00754242221109856>
- Onosson, S. & Stewart, J. (2021). **A multi-method approach to correlate identification in acoustic data: The case of Media Lengua**. *Laboratory Phonology*, 12(1):13, pp. 1–30. <https://doi.org/10.5334/labphon.291>
- Onosson, S. & Stewart, J. (2021). **The effects of language contact on non-native vowel sequences in lexical borrowings: The case of Media Lengua**. *Language and Speech*, 67(2), pp. 498–527. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00238309211014911>
- 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*, pp. 984–988. [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*, pp. 368–372. [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), pp. 87–112. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0075424217753987>

## Publications (non-peer-reviewed)

- Onosson, S. (2018). **An acoustic study of diphthong-raising in three dialects of North American English**. Uni-

- versity of Victoria doctoral dissertation. <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 conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association*. <https://cla-acl.artsci.utoronto.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), pp. 8–9. <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**. University of Manitoba master's thesis. <https://mspace.lib.umanitoba.ca/handle/1993/4260>

## Conference Presentations

- Stewart, J. & Onosson, S. (2023). **Cotopaxi Media Lengua vowels: A preliminary analysis**. *20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Prague 2023*.
- Onosson, S. & Stewart, J. (2023). **Vowel raising in Cotopaxi Quichuan languages**. *20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Prague 2023*.
- Thompson, C. & Onosson, S. (2021). **Phonetic change in the grammaticalization of Brazilian Portuguese *tipo***. *Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association*.
- Onosson, S. (2020). **TRAP-raising and the Canadian/Low-Back-Merger Shift in Prairie English**. *Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association*, Western University, London ON. Declined: COVID-19.
- Onosson, S. & Stewart, J. (2020). **The effects of language contact on non-native diphthongs in lexical borrowings: The case of Media Lengua and Quichua**. *Annual Meeting of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics*, New Orleans LA.
- Onosson, S. & Rosen, N. (2020). **Ethnolinguistic Vowel Differentiation In Winnipeg, Canada**. *Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society*, New Orleans LA.
- 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, Australia.
- Onosson, S., Rosen, N. & Li, L. (2019). **Ethnolinguistic Differentiation and the Canadian Shift**. *International Congress of Phonetic Sciences 2019*, Melbourne, Australia.
- Onosson, S. & Bird, S. (2019). **Acoustic Phonetics and Language Revitalization in the Hul'q'umi'num' Community**. *Prairie Workshop on Languages and Linguistics V*, University 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. & Onosson, S. (2016). **Urban youth in Rio de Janeiro: Contemporary linguistic variation in Brazilian Portuguese**. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45*, Simon Fraser University.
- 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 Victoria's 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.

Presentation slides can be retrieved from [Onosson.com](http://Onosson.com)

## Invited Talks and Workshops

2019	<b>Workshop on Statistics for Linguistics</b> (workshop series)	U. Manitoba
2019	<b>Exploring ethnolinguistic variation in Manitoba English through the Languages in the Prairies Project</b>	U. Manitoba
2019	<b>Acoustic Phonetics &amp; Language Revitalization in the Hul'q'umi'num' Community</b>	Simon Fraser
2014	<b>Phonation and Complex Vowel Analysis</b>	U. Victoria
2014	<b>Seminal Papers in Historical Linguistics</b> (lecture series)	U. Victoria
2011	<b>The Acoustics of Canadian Raising</b>	U. Winnipeg

## Teaching

2022	<b>Phonetics and Phonology</b> LING-2001/ANTH-2401/ENGL-2803	U. Winnipeg
2022	<b>Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary</b> RHET-1105	U. Winnipeg
2022	<b>Academic Writing: Humanities</b> RHET-1101	U. Winnipeg
2021	<b>Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary</b> RHET-1105	U. Winnipeg
2021	<b>Topics in Linguistics: Practical Statistics for Linguistics</b> LING 4920	U. Manitoba
2021	<b>Child Language Development</b> LING/PSYC 3860	U. Manitoba
2021	<b>Topics in Linguistics: Hul'q'umi'num' Language Acquisition</b> LING 480	Simon Fraser
2021	<b>Phonetics and Phonology</b> LING-2001/ANTH-2401/ENGL-2803	U. Winnipeg
2020	<b>Language Acquisition / Child Language Development</b> LING/PSYC 3860	U. Manitoba
2019	<b>Language and the Media</b> LING 1620	U. Manitoba
2019	<b>Phonetics and Phonology</b> LING-2001/ANTH-2401/ENGL-2803	U. Winnipeg
2015	<b>Language Acquisition / Child Language Development</b> LING/PSYC 3860	U. Manitoba
2014	<b>Acoustic Phonetics</b> LING 380 (Lab Instructor)	U. Victoria
2014	<b>Cognitive Neuroscience of Linguistics</b> LING 370C (Teaching Assistant)	U. Victoria
2013	<b>Phonetics and Phonology</b> LING-2001/ANTH-2401/ENGL-2803	U. Winnipeg
2012	<b>Phonetics and Phonology</b> LING-2001/ANTH-2401/ENGL-2803	U. Winnipeg
2011	<b>Introduction to Linguistics</b> LING-1001	U. Winnipeg
2007	<b>General Phonetics</b> LING 138 (Teaching Assistant)	U. Manitoba
2006	<b>Language and Gender</b> LING 142 (Teaching Assistant)	U. Manitoba

*Instructor/lecturer, unless otherwise noted*

## Grants & Awards

2019–2021	<b>Postdoctoral Fellowship #756-2019-0627</b> , Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	\$90,000
2020	<b>Arts Endowment Fund</b> , University of Manitoba	\$1,754
2020	<b>Dean's Office Research Fund</b> , University of Manitoba	\$500
2019	<b>Travel Bursary</b> , International Phonetic Association	GBP £600
2019	<b>Arts Endowment Fund</b> , University of Manitoba	\$1,800
2015–2018	<b>Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship #767-2015-1048</b> , Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	\$105,000
2017	<b>President's Research Scholarship</b> , University of Victoria	\$4,000
2016	<b>President's Research Scholarship</b> , University of Victoria	\$4,000
2016	<b>Robert W. Ford Graduate Scholarship</b> , University of Victoria	\$1,700
2016	<b>Alexander &amp; Helen Stafford MacCarthy Muir Graduate Scholarship</b> , University of Victoria	\$550
2016	<b>Student Travel Grant</b> , American Dialect Society	USD \$500
2016	<b>Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Grant</b> , University of Victoria	\$600
2015	<b>Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Grant</b> , University of Victoria	\$600
2014	<b>Graduate Award</b> , University of Victoria	\$6,000
2014	<b>Henry &amp; Michiko Warkentyne Graduate Scholarship in Linguistics</b> , University of Victoria	\$775
2014	<b>Graduate Award</b> , University of Victoria	\$5,000
2013	<b>Fellowship</b> , University of Victoria	\$16,500
2013	<b>Outstanding Graduate Entrance Award</b> , University of Victoria	\$5,000

*Canadian funds unless otherwise noted*

## Service & Research Support

2025	<b>Peer reviewer</b> , <i>Journal of English Linguistics</i>	
2022	<b>Peer reviewer</b> , <i>Journal of the International Phonetic Association</i>	
2021	<b>Peer reviewer</b> , <i>Language and Linguistics Compass</i>	
2021	<b>Peer reviewer</b> , <i>Laboratory Phonology</i>	
2021	<b>Peer reviewer</b> , <i>Journal of the International Phonetic Association</i>	
2020–2021	<b>Coordinator</b> , <i>Coding for Linguistics Discussion Group</i>	U. Manitoba
2020	<b>Peer reviewer</b> , <i>Language Variation and Change</i>	
2020	<b>Peer reviewer</b> , <i>Glossa: A journal for linguistics</i>	
2018–2019	<b>Research assistant</b> , <i>Languages in the Prairies Project</i> , Dr. Nicole Rosen	U. Manitoba
2013–2017	<b>Research assistant</b> , <i>Victoria English Project</i> , Dr. Alexandra D'Arcy	U. Victoria
2016	<b>Program booklet editor and designer</b> , <i>New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45</i>	
2015	<b>Organizing committee</b> , <i>31st Annual North West Linguistics Conference</i>	
2014–2015	<b>Editor</b> , <i>Working Papers of the Linguistics Circle of the University of Victoria</i>	
2003–2004	<b>Research Assistant</b> , <i>X's X Project</i> , Dr. Jila Ghomeshi	U. Manitoba

## Other Work Experience

- 2014–2016    **Linguistic Consultant**, Google  
2008–2009    **Freelance Writer**, Technologies for Learning Group, Winnipeg MB  
2001–2002    **English (EFL) Teacher**, Oh Sungsik English Club, Yeongwol, South Korea

## Press & Media

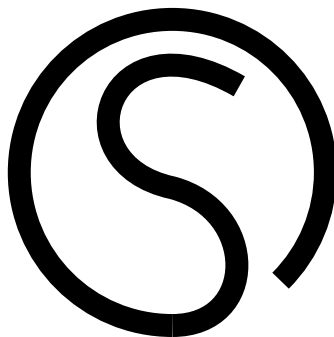
Sanderson, D. (2014). “**Finding our voice: A primer on the Manitoba dialect.**” *The Winnipeg Free Press*. August 30, 2014. Last accessed: November 9, 2017. <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/finding-our-voice-273288101.html>

## Software

- R / RStudio
- Praat
- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- SQL / Oracle
- Microsoft Office
- Logic Pro X

## Languages Studied

- *French, Portuguese & Spanish*: intermediate
- *Japanese*: intermediate but lapsed
- *Korean, Mandarin & German*: basic
- *Hindi*: vestigial



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