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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 /z̥/**. *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_-9lyZAgmiccQYXiccQYXYj9zBi_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
- 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
- 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
- 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>
- Onosson, S. (2018). **An acoustic study of diphthong-raising in three dialects of North American English**. University 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.github.io

Invited Talks and Workshops

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

Teaching

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

Instructor/lecturer, unless otherwise noted

Grants & Awards

2019–2021	Postdoctoral Fellowship #756-2019-0627, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	\$90,000
2020	Arts Endowment Fund , University of Manitoba	\$1,754
2020	Dean's Office Research Fund , University of Manitoba	\$500
2019	Travel Bursary , International Phonetic Association	GBP £600
2019	Arts Endowment Fund , University of Manitoba	\$1,800

2015–2018	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship #767-2015-1048, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	\$105,000
2017	President's Research Scholarship , University of Victoria	\$4,000
2016	President's Research Scholarship , University of Victoria	\$4,000
2016	Robert W. Ford Graduate Scholarship , University of Victoria	\$1,700
2016	Alexander & Helen Stafford MacCarthy Muir Graduate Scholarship , University of Victoria	\$550
2016	Student Travel Grant , American Dialect Society	USD \$500
2016	Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Grant , University of Victoria	\$600
2015	Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Grant , University of Victoria	\$600
2014	Graduate Award , University of Victoria	\$6,000
2014	Henry & Michiko Warkentyne Graduate Scholarship in Linguistics , University of Victoria	\$775
2014	Graduate Award , University of Victoria	\$5,000
2013	Fellowship , University of Victoria	\$16,500
2013	Outstanding Graduate Entrance Award , University of Victoria	\$5,000

Canadian funds unless otherwise noted

Service & Research Support

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

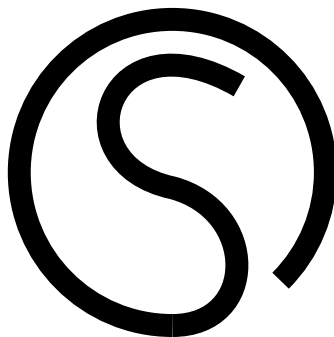
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Software

- L^AT_EX
- R / RStudio
- Praat
- SQL / Oracle
- Python
- 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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