

SKY ONOSSON

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Goals

- To find meaningful employment in the areas of education, research and language
- To establish a long-term career path

Education

Ph.D., Linguistics — University of Victoria, 2018

M.A., Linguistics — University of Manitoba, 2010

Skills & Proficiencies

Abilities & traits:

- Independent research including synthesis, analysis, and presentation
- Leading and supervising team projects
- Collaboration and partnership across disciplines and skillsets
- Statistical testing and data analysis
- Interviewing, recording, and analysis of speech
- Flexible, adaptable, and efficient

Software:

- Microsoft Office
- R (statistical data analysis)
- L^AT_EX(typesetting)
- Elan (multimedia annotation)
- Praat (speech audio analysis)
- Logic (digital audio workstation)

Languages:

- *French* (basic spoken, intermediate reading)
- *Brazilian Portuguese* (basic to intermediate)
- *Spanish* (basic to intermediate)

Employment

Associate Research Fellow — University of Manitoba (May 2019–June 2021)

- 2-year 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 — *Topics in Language Acquisition I*, Simon Fraser University (2021)

- A condensed, 2-week course with brief topic overview and focused project work on language acquisition involving the Hul'q'umi'num'-speaking community on Vancouver Island
- Responsible for all course content including lectures, assignments, and exams
- Course taught online due to Covid-19; all content adapted for online delivery

Course Instructor — *Phonetics & Phonology*, University of Winnipeg (2021; also previously taught in 2019, 2013, and 2011)

- Course focuses on the role and function of speech sounds in language
- Responsible for all course content including lectures, assignments, and exams
- Course taught online due to Covid-19; all content adapted for online delivery

Course Instructor — *Language Acquisition*, University of Manitoba (2020; also previously taught in 2015)

- Course examines how language is acquired by children from birth until pre-adulthood from a variety of viewpoints including biology, psychology, cognition, socialization, education, etc.
- Responsible for all course content including lectures, assignments, and exams
- Course taught online due to Covid-19; all content adapted for online delivery

Workshop Instructor — *Statistics for Linguistics*, University of Manitoba (2019–2020)

- Workshop series (mini-course) for graduate students and professors, focusing on application of statistical methods to linguistic research
- Responsible for all course content and planning

Course Instructor — *Language and the Media*, University of Manitoba (2019)

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

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

- Carried out acoustic and quantitative research on an acoustic (sound-based) speech corpus compiled by Dr. Nicole Rosen, covering a number of linguistic communities across the Canadian Prairie provinces
- Collaborated on academic presentations and scholarly articles

Research Assistant — *Victoria's Vowels Project*, University of Victoria (2013–2017)

- Carried out quantitative research on an acoustic speech corpus compiled by Dr. Alexandra D'Arcy (University of Victoria), covering speakers born throughout the 20th century in Victoria, B.C., Canada
- Co-authored an academic article in the *Journal of English Linguistics*

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

- Carried out linguistic analysis as a remote worker, as part of two distinct projects:
 1. Localized pronunciations of Canadian place-names for use in mapping software
 2. Classification of voice-search data according to linguistic function

Program Designer — *New Ways of Analyzing Variation*, Simon Fraser University (2016)

- Compiled and editing the conference handbook (100+ pages) for the pre-eminent academic conference in Sociolinguistics

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

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

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

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

- Course covers a general introduction to the major areas of academic research in Linguistics
- Responsible for all course content including lectures, assignments, and exams

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

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

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