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Research Interests

Broad: Phonetics, Sociolinguistics, Phonology, Language Contact
Narrow: Sociolinguistic Variation of Loanwords, Loanword Adaptation, Language Ideology, Variation in Phonological Theory, Phonetics/Phonology of Glides, Second Language Phonetics/Phonology

Education

2013 – PhD (ABD): Linguistics
New York University, New York, NY, USA
“A combined sociolinguistic and experimental phonetic approach to loanword variation and adaptation”

2011 – 2013 MS: Linguistics
Georgetown University, Washington, DC, USA
“The effect of L2 experience on phonetic form in loanword dissemination”

2006 – 2010 BA (double-major): Spanish; Modern World Languages: Japanese & Spanish
summa cum laude, University Honors Program
La Sierra University, Riverside, CA, USA

Studies Abroad: German (Summer 2009)
Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen, Austria
Japanese (Winter & Spring 2009)
KCP International Japanese Language School, Japan
Spanish (2007 – 2008 academic year)
Universidad Adventista del Plata, Argentina

Relevant Employment

2017 – 2018 Graduate Lead: Global Honors Seminar and Ghana Research-travel
Presidential Honors Scholars Program, NYU (under Renée Blake)

2015 – Graduate Employee Adjunct Instructor
Department of Linguistics, NYU

2015 Research Assistant: Vowels of Child-directed Speech
Department of Linguistics, NYU (under Frans Adriaans)

2014 Research Assistant: English Voiced Obstruents
Department of Linguistics, NYU (under Lisa Davidson)

- 2012 – 2013 Research Assistant: Setswana Phonetics
Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University (under Elizabeth Zsiga)
- 2010 – 2011 Academic Coach: Coaching and Advising
Center for Student Academic Success, La Sierra University
- 2009 – 2010 Teaching Assistant: Beginning Japanese (to Yoshimitsu Mineyama)
Department of World Languages, La Sierra University
- 2009 – 2010 Language Tutor: Beginning and Intermediate Spanish
Department of World Languages, La Sierra University

Papers

- (in press) Evidence and characterization of a glide-vowel distinction in American English. *Laboratory Phonology*.
- (in prep) Political loanword variation in American English: A reflection of ideological variation. In prep for submission to *American Speech*.
- 2015 A constraint-shifting account of loanword adaptation: Evidence from the early stages of dissemination. *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* 21(1).
- Influence of suprasegmental features on perceived ethnicity of American politicians. In The Scottish Consortium for ICPHS 2015 (ed.), *Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. Glasgow, UK: the University of Glasgow. (w/ Nicole Holliday)
- 2013 The effect of L2 experience on phonetic form in loanword dissemination. Master's Research Paper, Georgetown University.

Conference Presentations

- 2018 A political ideology with an accent. *Presentation to be given during the Five-minute Linguist public plenary event at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2018)*. Salt Lake City, UT, 4-7 January.
- Loanword variation and perception: A case of methodological choices and experimental outcomes. *Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2018)*. Salt Lake City, UT, 4-7 January.
- 2017 What it means when you say my name (right): Subjective evaluations of the linguistic reproduction of names. *Poster to be presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 46*. University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2-5 November. (w/ Anaïs Elkins, Renée Blake, Natalie Povilonis de Vilchez, Luciene Simões, and Matthew Stuck)
- Loanword variation as a result of social influences on loanword adaptation. *Paper presented at Phonetics and Phonology in Loanword Adaptation (PaPLA2017)*. University of Cologne, Germany, 11 June.
- Experimentally testing loanword adaptation as socially mediated phonetic imitation. *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2017)*. Austin, TX, 5-8 January.

- 2016 Practicing what the party preaches: Loanword variation, language contact, and politics. *Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 45*. Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, 3-6 November.
- Testing American English for a glide-vowel distinction: A classification by acoustic cues. *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2016)*. Washington, DC, 7-10 January.
- 2015 Beyond politicianspeak: Politically influenced variation of loanwords in the general public. *Paper presented at the annual SUNY/Yale/NYU/CUNY Linguistics conference (SYNC 2015)*. New York University, NY, 5 December.
- Acoustic cues to the [j]-[i] distinction in American English. *Paper presented at the 170th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America (ASA 170)*. Jacksonville, FL, 2-6 November.
- Influence of suprasegmental features on perceived ethnicity of American politicians. *Paper presented at the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS 2015)*. Glasgow, Scotland, 10-14 August. (w/ Nicole Holliday)
- Revisiting linguistic profiling: Testing accuracy and the influence of prosodic variables on listener judgments of ethnicity. *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2015)*. Portland, OR, 8-11 January. (w/ Nicole Holliday)
- 2014 “I said well who said *well*?” Attribution of the discourse marker *well* in quoted speech. *Paper presented at the annual SUNY/Yale/NYU/CUNY Linguistics conference (SYNC 2014)*. Stony Brook University, NY, 6 December.
- “She said {that/∅} she couldn’t take a complement”: Complementizer *that* omission in American English. *Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 43*. University of Chicago, IL, 23-26 October. (w/ Isaac Bleaman, Daniel Duncan, Shelley Feuer, Gregory Guy, and Matthew Stuck)
- A constraint-shifting account of loanword adaptation: Evidence from the early stages of dissemination. *Paper presented at the 38th annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium (PLC 38)*. University of Pennsylvania, PA, 28-30 March.
- A style-shifting account of loanword adaptation. *Paper presented at the Georgetown University Round Table of Languages and Linguistics (GURT 2014)*. Georgetown University, DC, 14-16 March.
- 2013 How do *you* say Latino? Spanish borrowed word pronunciation, voiced dental fricative fortition, and Latin@ identity in Washington, DC. *Paper presented at the Graduate Portuguese & Hispanic Symposium (GRAPHSY 2013)*. Georgetown University, DC, 22-23 March. (w/ Jonathan Mercer)

Teaching

- Adjunct Teaching: New York University:
- Global Honors Scholars Seminar (w/ Renée Blake, 2017 – 2018) including ‘international research-travel’ to Accra, Ghana
 - Language (w/ Maria Gouskova, Fall 2017)
 - Language and Society (w/ Laurel MacKenzie, Fall 2016)

Sex, Gender, and Language (w/ Carina Bauman, Spring 2016)
Sound and Language (w/ Lisa Davidson, Fall 2015)
Phonological Analysis (w/ Maria Gouskova, Spring 2015)

La Sierra University:

First Year Seminar (w/ Joel Haldeman, Fall 2010 & Winter 2011)
Beginning to Seek: Honors Seminar (w/ Douglas Clark, Fall 2010)

Thesis Advising: Anaïs Elkins (2017, w/ Renée Blake) “Implicit biases: Varying pronunciation of foreign names in American English”, NYU CAS Honors

Invited Lectures: “Workshop on Experimental Methods in Sociolinguistics” (Nov, 2016) for Sociolinguistic Field Methods, New York University

“La Fonología de los Préstamos en el Español y algunas Comparaciones con el Japonés” (27 May, 2014) for Spanish Applied Linguistics, La Sierra University

“About Loanwords and Phonological Theory” (4 June, 2013) for Spanish Applied Linguistics, La Sierra University

“Who’s Doing the Indexing?” (8 February, 2013) for Intro to Language, Georgetown University

Language Teaching: La Sierra University:

Teaching assistant, Beginning Japanese 1-3 (2009 – 2010)
Tutor, Beginning and Intermediate Spanish (2009 – 2010)

Other Teaching: Assistant Instructor (2006 – 2011), Shozen Riverside Martial Arts Self-Defense Session Leader (2010), Inner Strength, La Sierra University

Development: Linguistics Teaching Practicum (2012 – 2013 academic year) Georgetown University

Foreign Language Teaching Methodologies (Fall 2009)
La Sierra University

Service & Engagement

Professional: Organizing committee member, New Ways of Analyzing Variation 47 (2017 –)
Volunteer, Annual Meeting on Phonology (2017)
Abstract Reviewer, SUNY/Yale/NYU/CUNY Linguistics Conference (2015)
Volunteer, Northeastern Computational Phonology Meeting (2014)
Volunteer, Semantics and Linguistic Theory 24 (2014)
Volunteer and Session Chair, Georgetown University Round Table 2014 (2014)
Volunteer, Georgetown University Round Table 2012 (2012)
Abstract Reviewer, Georgetown University Round Table 2012 (2011)

Volunteer, *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 40 (2011)

University: New York University:

Group Facilitator, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Doctoral Student Orientation (2015)

President, Linguistics Association of NYU (2014-2015)

La Sierra University:

Facilitator, “LGBTQ&A” guest lecture series (2011)

Staff Sponsor, Students for Social Justice and Awareness (2011)

Curriculum sheet designing, Pre-Health Professions Program (2011)

Acting President, *Alpha Mu Gamma* National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society, La Sierra University *Gamma Tau* Chapter (2010)

Student Delegate, First Year Orientation Planning Committee (2007)

Other: Diction consultant, Khorikos Music (2014 –)

Guest, *Tell Me Something I Don't Know* podcast (2017)

Research and pronunciation consultant regarding Japanese terminology, Shozen Riverside Martial Arts (2009)

Awards, Honors, & Scholarships

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| 2017 | “Certificate of Impressive Knowledge”: winning contestant, <i>Tell Me Something I Don't Know</i> podcast |
| 2017 | Rising Star Alum award, La Sierra University College of Arts and Sciences |
| 2013 – 2018 | Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University |
| 2010 | Outstanding Graduating Senior: World Languages, La Sierra University |
| 2010 | Marguerite L. and D. Glenn Hilts World Languages Scholarship, La Sierra University |
| 2009 | Acceptance, <i>Alpha Mu Gamma</i> National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society, La Sierra University <i>Gamma Tau</i> Chapter |
| 2006 – 2010 | Dean's Academic Honor List, College of Arts and Sciences, La Sierra University |