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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa, 2000.

Thesis Title: "Present Accounted For: Prosody and Aspect in Early African American English"
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M.A., Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa, 1995.

M.A., Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, 1991.

B.A. (Honours, *cum laude*), Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto, 1989.

Current Position:

Full Professor, Linguistics, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, 2015-present.

Previous Positions:

Associate Professor, Linguistics, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, 2006-2015.

Assistant Professor, Linguistics, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, 2003-2006.

Assistant Professor, Linguistics, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University (Contractually Limited Appointment), 2000-2003.

Part-Time Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa, 1999.

Associate Information Developer, Toronto Software Solutions Laboratory, IBM, 1992-1995.

Invited Positions:

Visiting Professor, Universität Freiburg, Germany, October-December 2013.

Visiting Professor, LOT Summer School, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, June 2011.

Visiting Professor, Departamento de Lingüística, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil, February 2011.

Visiting Professor, Departamento de Lingüística, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil, March 2007.

Honours and Awards:

Visiting Research Fellowship, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 2013.

Visiting Research Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, 2006.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada [declined], 2000-2002.

Summer Graduate Research Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Ottawa, 1999.

Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1997-1999.

Academic Excellence Award, University of Ottawa, 1997-1999.

Entrance Scholarship, University of Ottawa, 1995-1997.

In-Course Scholarship, New College, University of Toronto, 1989.

In-Course Scholarship, New College, University of Toronto, 1988.

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION AND STANDING

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS AUTHORED: 3

BOOKS EDITED: 1

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS: 15

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS (REFEREED): 18

PAPERS IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (NON-REFEREED): 4

REVIEWS: 19

OTHER: 4

Books Authored:

Canadian English: A Sociolinguistic Introduction. New York and London: Routledge. 2015.

Bequia Talk (St Vincent and the Grenadines). London: Battlebridge Press. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff). 2013.

Variation in Linguistic Systems. New York and London: Routledge. 2010.

Books Edited:

Aspect in Grammatical Variation. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 2010.

Chapters in Books:

On the syntax-prosody interface in African American Language. In S. Lanehart, L. Green & J. Bloomquist (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of African American Language*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 387-402. 2015.

Bequia English. In J.P. Williams, E.W. Schneider, P. Trudgill, & D. Schreier (eds.), *Further Studies in the Lesser-Known Varieties of English*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 128-43. 2015. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Sociolinguistic practice among multilingual youth in Sweden and Canada. In J. Nortier & B.A. Svendsen (eds.), *Language, Youth and Identity in the 21st Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 290-306. 2015. (Co-authors: S. Boyd, M. Hoffman).

Subject and object pronoun use in Bequia (St Vincent & the Grenadines). In P. Prescod (ed.), *Language Issues in St Vincent and the Grenadines*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 67-85. 2015. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Contrasting patterns of agreement in three communities. In N. Dion, A. Lapierre & R. Torres Cacoullos (eds.), *Linguistic Variation: Confronting Fact and Theory*. New York/London: Routledge, 7-21. 2014.

Variation analysis. In R. Podesva & D. Sharma (eds.), *Research Methods in Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 440-59. 2014.

Studies of the community and the individual. In R. Bayley, R. Cameron & C. Lucas (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Sociolinguistics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 175-94. 2013. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Collocations in grammaticalization and variation. In H. Narrog (ed.), *Handbook of Grammaticalization*. Oxford University Press, 225-238. 2011. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullos).

Inherent variability and coexistent systems: Negation on Bequia. In L. Hinrichs & J. Farquharson (eds.), *Variation in the Caribbean: From Creole Continua to Individual Agency*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: Benjamins, 39-55. 2011. (Co-author: J. Sidnell).

Introduction. In J.A. Walker (ed.), *Aspect in Grammatical Variation*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 1-12. 2010.

Affairs of state: Defining and coding stativity in English and English-based creole. In J.A. Walker (ed.), *Aspect in Grammatical Variation*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 95-109. 2010.

Negation and the creole-origins hypothesis: Evidence from early African American English. In S. Poplack (ed.), *The English History of African American English*. Oxford: Blackwell, 109-40. 2000. (Co-author: D. Howe).

Rephrasing the copula: Contraction and zero in early African American English. In S. Poplack (ed.), *The English History of African American English*. Oxford: Blackwell, 35-72. 2000.

The phonology of Sango. In A. Kaye (ed.), *Phonologies of Asia and Africa*. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 861-80. 1997. (Co-author: W.J. Samarin).

Verb-marking in Sango predicate chains. In H. Pasch (ed.), *Sango: The National Official Language of the Central African Republic; Proceedings of the Colloquium "The Status and Uses of Sango in the Central African Republic"*. Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe, 113-28. 1994. (Co-author: W.J. Samarin).

Articles (Refereed):

A tale of two cities (and one vowel): Ethnolinguistic variation in Swedish. Accepted for publication in *Language Variation and Change*. (Co-authors: S. Boyd, J. Gross, T. Leinonen).

An existential problem: The sociolinguistic monitor and variation in existential constructions on Bequia (St Vincent and the Grenadines). *Language in Society* 42: 407-428. 2013. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Form, function, and frequency in phonological variation. *Language Variation and Change* 24(3): 397-414. 2012.

Reprinted in R. Bayley & R. Cameron (eds.), *Language Variation and Change: Critical Concepts in Linguistics*. London/New York: Routledge, 397-415. 2014.

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Ethnolects and the city: Ethnic orientation and linguistic variation in Toronto English. *Language Variation and Change* 22(1): 37-67. 2010. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

The present of the English future: Grammatical variation and collocations in discourse. *Language* 85(2): 321-54. 2009. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullos).

On the persistence of grammar in discourse formulas: A variationist study of *that*. *Linguistics* 47(1): 1-43. 2009. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullos).

The persistence of variation in individual grammars: Copula absence in ‘urban sojourners’ and their stay-at-home peers, Bequia (St Vincent and the Grenadines). *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 11(3): 346-66. 2007. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

“There’s bears back there”: Plural existentials and vernacular universals in (Quebec) English. *English World-Wide* 28(2): 147-66. 2007.

An English “like no other”? Language contact and change in Quebec. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 51(2): 185-213. 2006. (Co-authors: S. Poplack, R. Malcolmson).

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S marks the spot? Regional variation and early African American correspondence. *Language Variation and Change* 17(2): 113-31. 2005. (Co-author: G. Van Herk).

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A lack of agreement: Celtic syntax meets the (revised) Minimalist Program. *Cahiers linguistiques d'Ottawa* 25: 31-43. 1997.

Language death and decreolization: Two forms of language assimilation. *Antaeus* 1(1): 77-89. 1990.

Papers in Published Conference Proceedings (Non-Refereed):

The persistence of grammatical constraints: “Urban sojourners” from Bequia. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 12(2): 131-43. 2006. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

“We labors under a great deal of disadvantages”: Verbal -s in Early African American English. In S. Burrelle & S. Somesfalean (eds.), *Canadian Linguistic Association Annual Conference Proceedings 2002*. Montréal: Département de linguistique et de didactique des langues, Université du Québec à Montréal, 365-77. 2003. (Co-author: G. Van Herk).

Syntax or morphology? Optimality in synthetic compounds. In J. Jensen & G. Van Herk (eds.), *Canadian Linguistic Association Annual Conference Proceedings 2001*. Ottawa: Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa, 213-24. 2002.

The decreolization of Canadian English: Copula contraction and prosody. In J. Jensen & G. Van Herk, G. (eds.), *Canadian Linguistic Association Annual Conference Proceedings 1998*. Ottawa: Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa, 431-41. 1999. (Co-author: M.E. Meechan).

Reviews:

Review of N. Schilling (2013). *Sociolinguistic Fieldwork*. *Language* 90(3): 776-9. 2014.

Review of S. Tagliamonte (2012). *Roots of English: Exploring the History of Dialects*. *English Language and Linguistics*. 18(3): 568-72. 2014.

Review of B. Szmrecsanyi (2013). *Grammatical Variation in British English Dialects: A Study in Corpus-Based Dialectometry*. *ICAME Journal* 38: 216-220. 2014.

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Review of W. Maguire & A. McMahon (2011). *Analysing Variation in English*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *Diachronica* 29(4): 552-7. 2012.

Review of B. Anderson (2008). *Migration, Accommodation and Language Change: Language at the Intersection of Regional and Ethnic Identity*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. *Language in Society* 38: 526-9. 2009.

Review of S. Dollinger (2008). *New-Dialect Formation in Canada: Evidence from the English Modal Auxiliaries*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: Benjamins. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 13(2): 269-72. 2009.

Review of M. Aceto & J. Williams (eds). (2003). *Contact Englishes of the Eastern Caribbean*. *Anthropological Linguistics* 47(4): 450-2. 2006.

Review of J.K. Chambers, P. Trudgill & N. Schilling-Estes (eds.). (2002). *The Handbook of Language Variation and Change*. *Language* 80(3): 591-4. 2004.

Review of S. Lanehart (ed.) (2001), *Sociocultural and Historical Contexts of African-American English*. *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages* 19(2): 424-8. 2004.

Review of P. Muysken (2000), *Bilingual Speech: A Typology of Code-Mixing*. *Journal of Linguistics* 39(3): 678-83. 2003. (Co-author: S. Poplack).

Review of J. Algeo (ed.) (2001), *The Cambridge History of the English Language, Volume VI: English in North America*. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 48(1/2): 125-7. 2003.

Book notice of J. McWhorter (ed.) (2000), *Language Change and Language Contact in Pidgins and Creoles*. *Language* 78(3): 596-7. 2002.

Book notice of M. Hundt (1998), *New Zealand English Grammar: Fact or Fiction?* *Language* 78(3): 596. 2002.

Book notice of M. Görlach (1999), *English in Nineteenth-Century England: An Introduction*. *Language* 77(3): 608. 2001.

Review of C. Bernstein, R. Sabino, and T. Nunnally (eds.) (1997), *Language Variety in the South Revisited*. *The Carrier Pidgin* 25(3): 21-4. 1997.

Review of C. Myers-Scotton (1995), *Social Motivations for Code-Switching*. *Language* 73(4): 841-4. 1997.

Book notice of R. Young (1991), *Variation in Interlanguage Morphology*. *Language* 69(1): 227-8. 1993.

Review of I. Dimitracopoulou (1991), *Conversational Competence and Social Development*. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 1(2): 239-40. 1991.

Other Publications:

Fieldwork in immigrant communities. In C. Mallinson, B. Childs & G. Van Herk (eds.), *Data Collection in Sociolinguistics: Methods and Applications*. New York and London: Routledge, 80-3. (Co-author: M. Hoffman). 2013.

Copula variation. In K. Brown (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 2nd Edition. Oxford: Elsevier, 197-202. 2005.

Canada. In P. Strazny (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. New York: Fitzroy Dearborn, 169-71. 2005.

Language death. In P. Strazny (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. New York: Fitzroy Dearborn, 602-3. 2005.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (REFEREED): 79

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (NON-REFEREED): 56

Presentations at Professional Meetings (Refereed):

Ethnolinguistic variation in Toronto English: Possession and deontic modality. Linguistic Society of America, Washington, DC. January 1016. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

Modeling the speech community through multiple variables: Trees, networks and clades. Accepted for presentation at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44, Toronto, ON. October 2015. (Co-authors: M. Dunn, A. Daval-Markussen, M. Meyerhoff). (poster).

Challenges of diversity and identity in Toronto. The Sociolinguistics of Globalization: (De)centring and (de)standardization. The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. June 2015. (Co-authors: N. Nagy, M. Hoffman).

Perdendo a voz? Ohio State University Congress on Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics. Columbus, OH, April 2015. (Co-author: R. Beline Mendes).

Pivots of the Caribbean: A vowel merger in Bequia. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 43, Chicago, IL. October 2014. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

“Toronto has everything”, “Toronto’s got it all”: Ethnolinguistic dimensions of *have* in Toronto English. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 43, Chicago, IL. October 2014. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

The sociolinguistics of immigration in Toronto: Contact and identity. The First International Conference on the Sociolinguistics of Immigration, Rapallo, Italy. September 2014. (Co-authors: N. Nagy, M. Hoffman).

Mergers of the Caribbean: Low-back vowels in Bequia English. Change and Variation in Canada 8. Queen’s University, Kingston, ON. May 2014. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

The fork not taken: A vowel merger in Caribbean English. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Minneapolis, MN. January 2014. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Unstressed final vowels in São Paulo Portuguese: From devoicing to deletion? New Ways of Analyzing Variation 42, Pittsburgh, PA. October 2013. (Co-author: R. Beline Mendes).

Two sides of the Chinese diaspora: English and Cantonese in Toronto. Colloquium on Multilingualism in the Chinese Diaspora, International Symposium on Bilingualism 9, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. June 2013. (Co-authors: N. Nagy, M. Hoffman).

Variation and change in the vowels of multilingual Swedish youth. International Symposium on Bilingualism 9, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. June 2013. (Co-authors: C. Boyd, J. Gross, T. Leinonen).

Going, going, gone? Devoicing of unstressed final vowels in São Paulo Portuguese. 43rd Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages, CUNY, New York. April 2013. (Co-author: R. Beline Mendes).

Um destino tranquilo? Desvozeamento de vogais átonas no português de São Paulo. Congresso Internacional da Associação Brasileira de Linguística (ABRALIN) VII, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Natal, Brazil. January 2013. (Co-author: R. Beline Mendes).

Ethnolects at the intersection of phonological variables: Velar nasals in Toronto English. Linguistic Society of America, Boston, MA. January 2013.

Developing a project to study language variation, change and ethnic identity in Australian English. Annual meeting of the Australian Linguistic Society, University of Western Australia, Perth. December 2012. (Poster presentation). (Co-authors: A. Schembri, C. Travis).

Velar nasals in Toronto English. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 41, Indiana University. October 2012.

Contact in the city: Data and method in the study of ethnolinguistic variation. Sociolinguistics Symposium 19, Freie Universität Berlin. August 2012. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

Soundin(g(k)) ethnic in Toronto. Canadian Linguistic Association, Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo, Kitchener-Waterloo, ON. May 2012.

Community, continuity and change: Phonetic variation and ethnicity in Toronto English. Paper presented at the symposium session *New Perspectives on the Concept of Ethnolect*. Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, OR. January 2012. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

Enclaves and ethnolects in Toronto. Paper presented at the organized session *Ethnicity and English(es) in Four North American Cities*. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 40, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. October 2011. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

Sociolinguistic practice among multilingual youth in Sweden and Canada. *The Importance of Being Ethnolect: An International Perspective*. Colloquium at the Eighth International Symposium on Bilingualism, University of Oslo, Norway. June 2011. (Co-authors: S. Boyd, M. Hoffman).

Grammatical variation and the sociolinguistic monitor: Plural existentials in Toronto English. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 39, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX. November 2010.

Looking for agreement in the Eastern Caribbean: *s*-marking in Bequia. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Baltimore, MD. January 2010.

Heritage language variation and change in Toronto. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 38, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON. October 2009. (Co-authors: N. Nagy, A. Kochetov, Y. Kang). (poster).

Marking the past and the present in Bequia. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 38, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON. October 2009. (Co-authors: M. Meyerhoff, A. Daleszyska).

Focusing on the ‘in-between’: Linking regions, communities and individual speakers. Seventh U.K. Language Variation and Change Conference, University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, U.K. September 2009. (Co-authors: M. Meyerhoff, A. Daleszyska).

Tense-marking in Bequia. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Universität zu Köln, Köln, Germany. August 2009. (Co-authors: M. Meyerhoff, A. Daleszyska).

Language shift and ethnolinguistic variation in a multilingual context. Seventh International Symposium on Bilingualism, Universiteit Utrecht, Utrecht, Netherlands. July 2009. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

(Dis)agreement in the Eastern Caribbean: Evidence from Bequia. Eighth Creolistics Workshop, Justus-Liebig-Universität, Gießen, Germany. April 2009.

Variation in the use of existentials on Bequia (St Vincent and the Grenadines). Eighth Creolistics Workshop, Justus-Liebig-Universität, Gießen, Germany. April 2009. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Form, function, and frequency in phonology: (t/d)-deletion in Toronto. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 37, Rice University, Houston, TX. November 2008.

Grammatical variation and the sociolinguistic monitor: Existentials on Bequia (St Vincent and the Grenadines). *New Ways of Analyzing* 37, Rice University, Houston, TX. November 2008. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Above and beyond phonology in ethnolinguistic variation: Variable agreement and plural existentials in Toronto English. *Change and Variation in Canada II*, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON. June 2008.

On the role of frequency and the lexicon in phonological variation: (t/d)-deletion in Toronto English. Canadian Linguistic Association, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. June 2008. (poster).

On the social salience of grammatical variation: Existentials in Bequia (St Vincent and the Grenadines). Sociolinguistics Symposium 17, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands. April 2008. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Frequency and lexical effects in variation: (t/d)-deletion in Toronto English. *Change and Variation in Canada*, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. May 2007.

A etnia, o contacto entre línguas e a variação no inglês de Toronto. Congresso Internacional da Associação Brasileira de Linguística (ABRALIN) V, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil. March 2007. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

“As ethnic as we want to be”: Toward a quantification of ethnicity and language variation. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 35. Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. October 2006. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

Accommodation and ethnicity: Language contact in Toronto. Sociolinguistics Symposium 16. University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland. July 2006. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

The linguistic consequences of language shift: Evidence from Toronto. Canadian Linguistic Association. York University, Toronto, ON. May 2006. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

The persistence of grammatical constraints: The ‘urban sojourners’ of Bequia. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 34. New York University, New York, NY. October 2005. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Ethnolects and the city: Language and identity in Toronto. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 34. New York University, New York, NY. October 2005. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

Group convergence and individual divergence: Syntactic variation on Bequia. *U.K. Language Variation and Change* 5. University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, UK. September 2005. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Contact without convergence: Variation in the group and the individual on Bequia. Twelfth International Conference on Methods in Dialectology, Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB. August 2005. (Co-authors: M. Meyerhoff, J. Sidnell).

Contact in the city: Ethnicity and language in Toronto. Twelfth International Conference on Methods in Dialectology, Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB. August 2005. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

How Canadians disagree: Variation in English existentials. Canadian Linguistic Association. University of Western Ontario, London, ON. May 2005.

On the role of the (lexical) individual in grammatical variation: The future in Canadian English. *Canadian English in a Global Context*. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. January 2005. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullos).

Another look at the copula in Caribbean creoles. American Dialect Society. Oakland, CA. January 2005. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

“There’s bears back there”: Existentials and (non)agreement in Canadian English. Eighth Bilingual Workshop in Theoretical Linguistics. York University, Toronto, ON. December 2004.

Zero copula in the eastern Caribbean: Evidence from Bequia. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 33. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. September 2004. (Co-author: M. Meyerhoff).

Looking into the future in English and French. The role of minority status in language contact and change: The past and the future in Canada. Sociolinguistics Symposium 15. University of Newcastle, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, U.K. April 2004. (panelist). (Co-authors: S. Poplack, R. Torres Cacoullos).

Problems and method in the study of contact-induced change. The role of minority status in language contact and change: The past and the future in Canada. Sociolinguistics Symposium 15.

University of Newcastle, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, U.K. April 2004. (panelist). (First author: S. Poplack).

Tense and aspect in Bequia. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Boston, MA. January 2004. (Co-author: J. Sidnell).

Taking a complement ... variably. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 32. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. October 2003. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullos).

What's *that*? Canadian Linguistic Association. Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS. June 2003. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullos).

A majority language in minority guise: The future of Quebec English. Canadian Linguistic Association. Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS. June 2003. (Co-author: S. Poplack).

Variation, category strength and grammaticization: Agreement and the subject-type effect in English. Sixth Bilingual Workshop in Theoretical Linguistics. University of Toronto. December 2002.

An English "like no other"? Language contact and change in Québec. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 31. Stanford University, Stanford, CA. October 2002. (Co-author: S. Poplack). (poster).

"We labors under a great deal of disadvantages": Verbal *-s* in Early African American English. Canadian Linguistic Association. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. May 2002. (Co-author: G. Van Herk).

Before you say *-s*: Grammatical and prosodic constraints in Early African American English. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 30. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. October 2001.

The *ain't* constraint and Early African American English. Third U.K. Language Variation and Change Conference. University of York, York, U.K. July 2001.

Syntax or morphology? Synthetic compounds in Optimality Theory. Canadian Linguistic Association. Université Laval, Québec City, QC. May 2001.

Ain't misbehavin'? *Not*-contraction in Early African American English. American Dialect Society. Washington, DC. January 2001.

Optimality at the morphology-syntax interface: Evidence from synthetic compounds. Fourth Bilingual Workshop in Theoretical Linguistics. York University/University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. December 2000.

"Since my Last, things has Takeing quite an other aspect": Verbal *-s* in Early Liberian Settler English. American Dialect Society. Chicago, IL. January 2000. (Co-author: G. Van Herk).

The progressive's progress: A view from the present in Early African American English. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 28. Toronto, ON. October 1999.

Using the past to explain the present: Tense and temporal reference in Early African American English. Tenth International Conference on Methods in Dialectology, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NF. August 1999.

Prosodic variation and change in English auxiliaries. Workshop on Change in Prosodic Systems, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft. Universität Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany. February 1999.

Variability in optimal prosody: English auxiliaries. Montréal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop. McGill University, Montréal, QC. February 1999.

The decreolization of Canadian English: Copula contraction and prosody. Canadian Linguistic Association. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON. May 1998. (Co-author: M.E. Meechan).

Beyond zero copula: Evidence from early African American English. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. New York, NY. January 1998.

Rephrasing the copula: Contracted and zero copula in African Nova Scotian English. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 26. Université Laval, Québec City, QC. October 1997.

A lack of agreement: Celtic syntax meets the (revised) Minimalist Program. Ottawa-Carleton Linguistics Seminar. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON. October 1996.

The (r)-ful truth about African Nova Scotian English. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 24. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. October 1995.

Verb-marking in Sango predicate chains. International Colloquium on the Status and Uses of Sango in the Central African Republic. Universität Köln, Cologne, Germany. 1992. (Co-author: W.J. Samarin).

Children crafting creolized Sango. Sociolinguistics Symposium 9. University of Reading, Reading, U.K. April 1992. (Co-author: W.J. Samarin).

The phonology of urban young people's Sango. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Philadelphia, PA. January 1992. (Co-author: W.J. Samarin).

Politeness and the business telephone call. Northeastern Anthropological Association. Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON. March 1991.

Invited Presentations:

The sociolinguistic consequences of ethnolinguistic diversity. CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY. November 2015.

Ethnolinguistic diversity and sociolinguistic variation. La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia. February 2015.

Canadian English in the 21st century: Contact, continuity and change. Annual meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Linguistics Association, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB. October 2014. (keynote address).

Heritage Russian variation and change in Toronto. Международного междисциплинарного научного совещания: Билингвизм и Бикультурализм (International interdisciplinary scientific meeting: Bilingualism & Biculturalism). Perm State National Research University, Perm, Russia. April 2014. (First author: N. Nagy; co-authors: N. Aghdasi, D. Denis, Y.-J. Kang, A. Kochetov & A. Motut). (poster).

Ethnolects, identity and phonetic variation in Toronto English. Brock University. March 2014.

Sociolinguistic variation in the eastern Caribbean. York University. February 2014.

Grammatical variation in Bequia (St Vincent and the Grenadines). Universität Freiburg, Germany. December 2013.

Subject-verb agreement in English existentials: A cross-community comparison. Universität Bern, Switzerland. December 2013.

Variation and change in Toronto English – The role of multilingual speakers. University of Gothenburg, Sweden. October 2013.

Ethnicity, variation and social grouping in Toronto English. University of Western Australia. Perth, Australia. August 2013.

Language and ethnic identity in Toronto. Language and Identity Research Network. University of Sydney. August 2013.

Sociolinguistic variation in Bequia (St Vincent and the Grenadines). Australian National University. August 2013.

Exploring ethnolinguistic variation. Workshop on Quantitative Methods in Sociolinguistics. Australian National University. August 2013.

Ethnolects and the mystery of substrate transfer. Language Variation and Change in Australia, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia. July 2013.

Contact in the city: Variation and change in English and Cantonese in Toronto. University of Macau. June 2013.

Ethnolinguistic variation in Toronto English. University of Western Ontario. March 2013.

Language in Canada. University of Guelph. March 2013.

Sounding ethnic in Toronto: Variation, change and ethnicity. University of Western Ontario. March 2013.

Ethnolects and the mysteries of the substrate: Velar nasals in Toronto English. University of Toronto. March 2013.

Contact in the city: Phonetic variation and ethnic orientation in Toronto. Presented at the workshop Canadian English: Linguistic Variation in Time and Space. York University. November 2012. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

Ethnolects in Toronto English. Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. May 2012.

Grammatical variation in the Grenadines: Inherent variability and co-existent systems. University of Washington, Seattle, WA. May 2011.

The forest or the trees? Lexical and individual-speaker effects in linguistic variation. Change and Variation in Canada V, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC. May 2011. (keynote address).

Ethnicity, identity and language variation in Toronto English. First International Symposium on Immigrant Languages, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan. May 2011.

Multilingualism, ethnicity and linguistic variation. New York University, New York, NY. April 2011.

The individual and sociolinguistic variation; Methodological and interpretive challenges. New York University, New York, NY. April 2011. (workshop).

Investigating the English and English-based creole of the Eastern Caribbean. Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, QC. January 2011.

Phonological variation in Toronto English: Linguistic and social conditioning. McMaster University, Hamilton, ON. January 2011.

Ethnolinguistic variation in Toronto. Workshop on Dialect and Social Change in Urban Diasporic Communities. Queen Mary University of London, London, UK. July 2010. (Co-authors: M. Hoffman, N. Nagy).

English in a multilingual context. Centrum för Tvåspråkighetsforskning, Stockholms Universitet, Stockholm, Sweden. May 2010. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

Ethnic orientation and linguistic variation in Toronto English. Göteborgs Universitet, Gothenburg, Sweden. May 2010. (Co-author: M. Hoffman).

The analysis of linguistic variation. NJU-UU Linguistics Seminar, University of Nanjing, China. April 2010.

Grammatical variation on Bequia. Summer School in Sociolinguistics, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK. June 2009. (invited plenary).

Grammatical variation. Summer School in Sociolinguistics, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK. June 2009. (invited workshop).

The present of the future: Grammatical variation and collocations in English. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. March 2009. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullos).

Collocation, collocation, collocation: Discourse formulas in grammatical variation. Lexis lane: Exploring lexical constraints on variation. Workshop at Thirteenth International Conference on Methods in Dialectology, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK. August 2008. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullos). (panelist).

Grammatical variation, inherent variability, and coexistent systems. Workshop on Locating Variability: Formal Approaches, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Amherst, MA. April 2008.

“Not everybody speak the same”: Negation on Bequia. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. April 2008. (Co-author: J. Sidnell).

Ethnicity and English in Toronto. University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN. October 2007.

Frequency and lexical effects in phonological variation. University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN. October 2007.

Coexistent systems in the Caribbean: Evidence from Bequia. University of North Texas, Denton, TX. April 2007.

A variação etnolingüística no inglês de Toronto. Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil. March 2007.

Grammatical variation in the Grenadines. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON. January 2007.

Variation and linguistic systems: Zero copula on Bequia. Queen Mary University, London, UK. November 2006.

Contact and convergence in the eastern Caribbean: Zero copula on Bequia. University of Leeds, Leeds, UK. November 2006.

Varieties of English on Bequia (St Vincent and the Grenadines). Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK. November 2006.

Contact and convergence on Bequia: Evidence from zero copula. University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK. October 2006.

“Not everybody speak the same”: Linguistic variation on Bequia. University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK. September 2006.

Language contact and phonological variation in Toronto English. Recherches actuelles en sociolinguistique, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, QC. August 2006. (Co-author: M. Hoffman). (poster).

“Not everybody speak the same”: Linguistic variation and the individual on Bequia. Workshop on Variation in the Caribbean: From Creole Continua to Individual Agency. Sociolinguistics Symposium 16, University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland. July 2006. (Co-author: J. Sidnell). (panelist).

Toronto Workshop on Phonetics, Gender and Sexual Orientation. November 2005. (discussant).

How to take a complement in Canadian English. University of Edinburgh. April 2004. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullós).

How to take a complement in Canadian English. DLLL Lecture Series in Linguistics, York University, Toronto, ON. March 2004. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullos).

Traces of grammar in pragmatic formulas. University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. February 2004. (Co-author: R. Torres Cacoullos).

Prosodic phonology and linguistic variation: The status of /-s/ in Early African American English. Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil. May 2003.

Contextualizing variable concord: Evidence from Early African American English. University of Ulster, Belfast, U.K. May 2002.

Ethnicity as explanation in linguistic variation: Is it really black and white? Symposium on Ethnicity and Variation Studies. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 30. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. October 2001. (panelist).

“The Americans are Smart Industrious hardy people & fears Nothing”: Verbal *-s* on the eve of the American Revolution. Special session on Accountability in Reconstructing Verbal *-s*, Tenth International Conference on Methods in Dialectology, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NF. August 1999. (panelist).

Method in the madness of the copula. Symposium on Objectivity and Commitment in the Study of Early Black English, *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 26. Université Laval, Québec City, QC. October 1997. (panelist).

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada: Multilingualism and Ethnic Identity: An International Perspective. 2012-2015. (Principal Investigator).

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada: Language Contact, Linguistic Variation and Ethnic Identity in Toronto English. 2008-2011. (Principal Investigator).

Faculty of Arts, York University: Grammatical Variation and Ethnicity in Toronto English. 2007-2008.

Faculty of Arts, York University, \$4,672, research: Contact in the City: Language and Ethnicity in Toronto (Phase II). 2005-2006.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada: The Village Voice: An Ethnographic Approach to Language Variation on Bequia, St. Vincent, W.I.. (Collaborator with J. Sidnell). 2004-2007.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada: Coexistent Systems in the Caribbean: Grammatical Variation on Bequia. 2004-2007. (Principal Investigator).

United States National Science Foundation: A Sociolinguistic Investigation of an Ethnolinguistic Boundary: Tense-Aspect on the Island of Bequia, St. Vincent. (Co-Principal Investigator with J. Sidnell). 2002-2005.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada: An English "Like No Other"? Language Contact and Change in Québec. (Co-Investigator; Principal Investigator: S. Poplack). 2002-2005.

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Canadian English: Linguistic Variation in Time and Space, 2012. (Co-organizer: M. Hoffman).

Change and Variation in Canada III, York University, 2009. (faculty advisor).

New Ways of Analyzing Verbal Aspect. Workshop at New Ways of Analyzing Variation, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2007.

Eighth Bilingual Workshop in Theoretical Linguistics, York University, 2004. (Co-organizer: G. Alboiu).

Editorial activities:

Associate Editor: *Language Variation and Change*, 2007-present.

Member, Editorial Board: *English World Wide*, 2013-present.
Canadian Journal of Linguistics, 2009-present.
Language Variation and Change, 2005-2007.
Cahiers linguistiques d'Ottawa, 1996 - 2000.

Referee: *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, *Canadian Journal of Applied Linguistics*, *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*, *Diachronica*, *International Journal of Bilingualism*, *Journal of English Language and Linguistics*, *Language*, *Language in Society*, *Language Variation and Change*, *Linguistica Atlantica*.

Community service:

Abstract reviewer:

Annual meeting of the Canadian Linguistics Association, 2009-2013.

Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, 2009-2013.

International Conference on the Sociolinguistics of Immigration, 2014.

International Symposium on Bilingualism, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015.

New Ways of Analyzing Variation, 2003, 2005, 2007-2009, 2011-2013.

The Sociolinguistics of Globalization: (De)centering and (de)standardization, 2015.

Committee chair:

Program Committee, Canadian Linguistics Association, 2014-2017.

Committee member:

Aid to Scholarly Journals, Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada, 2008.

Program Committee, Linguistic Society of America, 2011-2014.

External reviewer:

Grant Proposal, U.K. Economic and Social Research Council, 2009.

Postdoctoral Fellowship Proposal, United States National Science Foundation, 2007.

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 AS/LING2120 Fundamentals of Phonological Analysis (Fall 2000; co-instructor: R. Fink)
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 AP/LING2400 Language in its Social Context (Fall 2000; Fall 2001; Fall 2002; Fall 2004; Fall 2007; Summer 2008; Fall 2008; Fall 2011; Winter 2014; Summer 2014)
 AP/LING3060 Linguistic History of English (Winter 2016)
 AP/LING3440 Bilingualism (Fall 2004; Winter 2008; Winter 2015)
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 AP/LING4350 Pidgin and Creole Linguistics (Fall 2015)
 AP/LING4400 Sociolinguistic Variation and Change (Winter 2001; Winter 2002; Winter 2003; Winter 2004; Winter 2005; Fall 2005; Fall 2007)
 AP/LING4400 Research in Sociolinguistic Variation and Change (Winter 2012)

University of Ottawa:

- LIN4998 Bilingualism: A Variationist Approach to Language Contact (Fall 1999)

Australian National University:

- LING2010 Phonetics: Sounds of the World's Languages (Semester II 2013)

Universität Freiburg:

- Canadian English I (Fall 2013; co-instructor: V. Lacoste)

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York University:

- AP/LING3400 Sociolinguistics: Language Variation and Change (Fall 2009)
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York University:

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Universidade de São Paulo:

Variação e Mudança – Fatores Internos (March 2007)

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Ph.D. Dissertation: L. Baxter, York University, in progress.
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M.A. Thesis: J. Harbeck, York University, in progress.
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 N. Mazzaro, York University, 2003.
 P. De Decker, York University, 2002.

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MEDIA APPEARANCES

“How a mishmash of English dialects and linguistic quirks morphed into an accent identifiably Canadian” *National Post*, June 28, 2014.

Interview, *Metro Morning* (CBC Radio), July 15, 2010.

““Do you speak Italian?” Walker: dietro alla pronuncia degli immigrati un forte senso di identità etnica,” *Corriere Canadese*, June 10, 2010.

Interview, *Here and Now* (CBC Radio), June 8, 2010.

‘Distinctive speech part of identity: study,’ *National Post*, June 8, 2010.

Interview, *Fresh Air* (CBC Radio), March 20, 2010. (with M. Hoffman).

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Director, Graduate Program in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, York University, 2010-2011.

Director of Undergraduate Programs (Linguistics), Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, 2003-2004.

Computer Coordinator (Linguistics), Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, 2003-2006, 2008-2012.

Co-Author, Ph.D. Program Proposal, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, 2005-2006.

Member, Committee on Comprehensive Examinations, Graduate Program in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, York University, 2008.

Member, Committee on Tenure and Promotion, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, 2001-2002, 2007-2008, 2010.

Member, Committee on Graduate Studies, Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa (Ph.D. student representative), 1997-2000.

Faculty Level:

Member, Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, 2009-2010

Member, Committee on Curriculum and Academic Policy, Faculty of Arts, 2008-2009.

Departmental Representative, Faculty of Arts Council, York University, 2002-2003, 2004-2005.

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