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Associate Professor of Linguistics
Department of Linguistics
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Education

- 2001 PhD Linguistics, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
Dissertation title: *Dialect contact and the Northern Cities Shift in Ypsilanti, Michigan*
1992 MA French translation, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio
1988 BA French, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Primary fields of interest

Sociolinguistics, language regard, dialectology, and perceptual dialectology

Employment

- 6/13-present **Associate Professor of Linguistics** University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
09/07 – 6/13 **Assistant Professor of Linguistics** University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
09/06 – 07/07 **Research Associate** Cardiff University, Cardiff, Wales
Responsible for collection, analysis and reporting of data for Healing Foundation funded grant titled “Media coverage and audience reception of people with disfigurement or visible loss of function”
08/01 - 08/06 **Research Associate** Cardiff University, Cardiff, Wales
Responsible for collection, analysis and reporting of data for Leverhulme Trust funded grant titled “Language and Global Communication”, teaching tutorials and supervision of postgraduate students

Professional honors and service

Professional honors

- 2023 UW Simpson Center for Humanities Second Book Fellowship (\$10,000)
2020 Royalty Research Fund Grant, \$32,490, *Individual travel experience and its effect on perceptual dialectology*
2013 Technology Teaching Fellows Institute Fellowship
2013 University of Washington Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee
2012 Member of the Fellows of the American Dialect Society Committee
2012- present Affiliate Member of the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE)

Public Scholarship

- 2024 *In a manner of Speaking* podcast interview
2017 *The Daily* UW newspaper “Madam Professor: The complex issue of addressing your instructors”, Trevor McAllister-Day, *The Daily* Apr 20, 2017
2014 KUOW radio series story on dialects of the Pacific Northwest, Deborah Wang
2011 KPLU radio, “I Wonder Why” series story on dialects of the Pacific Northwest, Bellamy Pailthorpe, December 2
2011 KING5 Television report on dialects of the Pacific Northwest, Joseph Fryer, April 2

2011 UW Today online Newsletter story, “A Seattle accent? Study looks at ‘perceptual dialectology’ — accents we think we have”, Nancy Wick, August 17

Professional service

Offices held

2024-2029 Executive Director of the American Dialect Society
2019-2022 Member *American Speech* Editorial Advisory Board
2018-2022 Member American Dialect Society Executive Council
2014-2016 American Dialect Society Nominating Committee Member
2012 Member Ad Hoc Committee on American Dialect Society Fellows

Reviewer

2023 External examiner for PhD dissertation, York University, Toronto, Canada
2023 *American Speech*
2022 Cambridge University Press book proposal
2022 *Language variation and Change*
2021 *American Speech*, *Journal of Cultural Geography*, *Routledge Handbook of Linguistic Prescriptivism*, *National Science Foundation*
2020 *Journal of Linguistic Geography*, *American Speech*
2019 *Publications of the American Dialect Society* manuscript, External Examiner for PhD dissertation, Australian National University
2018 University of California Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives Arts, Humanities, and Culture Panel
2018 Cambridge University Press book proposal
2018 American Dialect Society annual meeting abstracts
2018 *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* annual meeting abstracts
2018 *American Speech*
2017 *Journal of Linguistic Geography*
2017 Cambridge University Press, book proposal
2016 *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*
2016 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, grant proposal
2015 Swiss National Science Foundation, grant proposal
2015 *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*
2015 *Publications of the American Dialect Society*, manuscript

UW Professional Service

2022-present Linguistic Bias Working Group Co-founder and member
2021-present Member of the curriculum committee for the Data Science Minor
2016-present Department of Linguistics Scheduling Committee member
2023-2024 UW Department of Linguistics Diversity Committee member
2023-2024 UW Department of Linguistics Graduate Admissions Committee member
2021-2023 Royalty Research Fund Review Committee member
2019-2022 UW Graduate School Council member
2019-2020 Humanities First Year Experience working group member
2019 UW Department of Linguistics Linguistics Fund reviewer
2018-2020 UW Department of Linguistics Graduate Admissions Committee member
2018 Faculty Fellows Teaching Reflections facilitator
2017 Proposal of Joseph Hill for the Walker Ames Lecture
2015-2017 Faculty Senate representative

Publications

In preparation

Dialects of American English: a sociolinguistic approach. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Perceptual dialectology: past, present and future. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2023

With Mooney, Annabelle. *Language, Society and Power*, 6th edition. London: Routledge.

2020

With Dunbar, Matt & Chartier, Nicole. Cardiffians' perceptions of English in the UK. *Journal of Linguistic Geography* 8(1): 1-8.

2018

With Mooney, Annabelle. *Language, Society and Power*, 5th edition. London: Routledge.

Language Regard: Methods, Variation and Change. An edited collection with Erica Benson & James Stanford. Cambridge University Press.

2016

Speech in the Western States. An edited collection with Valerie Fridland, Alicia Wassink and Tyler Kendall. Duke University Press.

City talk and country talk: perceptions of urban and rural English in Washington state. In Cramer & Montgomery (eds.) *Cityscapes and Perceptual Dialectology*. Berlin: DeGruyter. 55-72

2015

With Mooney, Annabelle. *Language, Society and Power*, 4th edition. London: Routledge.

2013

With Mooney, Annabelle. *Globalization: the Key Concepts*. (Chinese translation). Beijing: Peking University Press. (original published in 2007)

Seattle to Spokane: Mapping perceptions of English in WA. *Journal of English Linguistics* 41. 268-291.

"Everybody sounds the same": Otherwise overlooked ideology in perceptual dialectology. *American Speech* 88:1, 63-80.

[Review of *The Sage handbook of sociolinguistics* by Ruth Wodak, Barbara Johnstone & Paul Kerswill (eds.) and *The Cambridge handbook of sociolinguistics* by Rajend Mesthrie (ed.)]. *Language in Society* 42:3, 335-340.

2011

Seattletonian to Faux Hick: Mapping perceptions of English in WA. *American Speech* 86:4. 383-413.

With Imai, Terumi. "If we say English, that means America": Japanese students' perceptions of varieties of English". *Language Awareness*. Vol. 20, No. 4, 315-326.

2010

Aspects of the Acoustic Analysis of Imitation. In Dennis Preston and Nancy Niedzielski (Eds.), *A Reader in Sociophonetics*. De Gruyter Mouton. 379-392.

English as official state language in Ohio: market forces trump ideology. In Helen Kelly-Holmes and Gerlinde Mautner (Eds.), *Language and the Market*. London: Palgrave. 161-170.

Chinese perceptions of Inner Circle Varieties of English. *World Englishes* Vol. 29. No. 2. 270-280.

Review of the book *Dialect use as interaction strategy* by B. Soukup. *Language in Society* 40, 235-237.

2009

With Mooney, Annabelle. *Globalization: the Key Concepts*. (Arabic translation). Beirut: Arabic Network for Research and Publishing. (original published in 2007).

2007

With Mooney, Annabelle. *Globalization: the Key Concepts*. London: Routledge.

2006

With Coupland, Nikolas, Hywel Bishop and Peter Garrett. Imagining Wales and the Welsh language: Ethnolinguistic subjectivities and demographic flow. *Journal of Language and Social Psychology* Vol. 25, No. 4. 351-376.

With Garrett, Peter, and Angie Williams. What does the word 'globalisation' mean to you?: comparative perceptions and evaluations in Australia, New Zealand, the USA and the UK. *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development* Vol. 27, No. 5. 392-412.

2005

Appalachian English in Southeast Michigan. In Dennis Preston, Carol G. Preston, and Brian Joseph (Eds.), *Language diversity in Michigan and Ohio: towards two state linguistic profiles*. Ann Arbor, MI: Caravan Books. 113-128.

"The Grand Daddy of English": US, UK, New Zealand and Australian students' attitudes toward varieties of English. In Nils Langer & Winifred Davies (Eds.), *Linguistic Purism in the Germanic Languages*. Studia Linguistica Germanica. Berlin: De Gruyter. 240-251.

With Ito, Rika, Jamila Jones and Dennis Preston. How to get to be one kind of Midwesterner. T. Murray and B. L. Simon (Eds.), *Language variation and change in the American midland*. Amsterdam: Benjamins. 179-197.

With Garrett, Peter and Angie Williams. Accessing social meanings: values of keywords, values in keywords. *Acta Linguistica Hafniensia* 37. 37-54.

With Garrett, Peter and Angie Williams. Attitudinal data from New Zealand, Australia, the USA and UK about each other's Englishes: Recent changes or consequences of methodologies? *Multilingua* 24: 3. 211-235.

With Coupland, Nikolas, Hywel Bishop, Angie Williams, and Peter Garrett. Affiliation, engagement, language use and vitality: Secondary students' subjective orientations to Welsh and Welshness. *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism*: Vol. 8:1. 1-24.

2003

With Wray, A., Coupland, N., & Bishop, H. (2003). Singing in Welsh, Becoming Welsh: 'Turfing' a 'Grass Roots' Identity. *Language Awareness*, 12(1), 49-71.

2002

Attitudes of Montreal Students Towards Varieties of French. In D. Long & D. R. Preston (Eds.), *Handbook of Perceptual Dialectology: Volume 2* (pp. 73–95). John Benjamins Publishing Company. <https://doi.org/10.1075/z.hpd2.11eva>

An acoustic and perceptual analysis of imitation. In D. Long & D. R. Preston (Eds.), *Handbook of perceptual dialectology: Voume 2* (pp.95-112). John Benjamins Publishing Company. <https://doi.org/10.1075/z.hpd2.12eva>

Presentations

Refereed conferences

2023

"Language as part of the diversity, equity, and inclusion agenda", co-presented with Russ Hugo, Alex Panicacci, Language Latitudes, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.

"Stereotypes and Heterogeneity in Language Regard", co-presented with Benjamin Jones, American Dialect Society annual meeting, Denver, Colorado.

2022

“‘Loud, crass, and punctuated’ or ‘Rich, fast, and educated’?: Heterogeneity in Language Regard” co-presented with Benjamin Jones and Nicole Chartier. Methods in Dialectology XVII, Mainz, Germany.

“Language as part of the diversity, equity, and inclusion agenda”, co-presented with Russ Hugo and Alex Panicacci, Social Justice Pedagogies Across Language and Culture Curricula: Opening a Division-Wide Conversation, Seattle, Washington.

2017

“Insufficient documentation in contemporary dialectology: the case of Washington State”, co-presented with Alicia Wassink and Nicole Chartier, ICHoLs, Paris, France.

2012

“Geographic Information System (GIS) and Perceptual Dialect Mapping”, co-presented with Matt Dunbar. Advances in Visual Methods for Linguistics, York, England.

“‘City talk’ and ‘Country talk’: Perceptions of urban and rural English in Washington state”, Sociolinguistics Symposium 19, Berlin, Germany.

“‘Everybody sounds the same’: ‘marginal’ data in perceptual dialectology”, American Dialect Society Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.

2011

“Seattle to Spokane: mapping perceptions of English in Washington State”, Methods in Dialectology 14, London, Ontario, Canada.

2010

“Seattle to Spokane: mapping English in WA state”, NWA, San Antonio, TX.

“‘If we say English, that means America’: Japanese students’ perceptions of varieties of English”, co-presented with Terumi Imai, American Pop Culture Association, St. Louis, Missouri.

Invited presentations

2022

“Piecing on the history of English in Washington”, Roundtable on the History of English in Cascadia, SHEL, Seattle, 20 May.

2014

Seattle to Spokane: mapping perceptions of English in Washington State”, Roehampton University, London, UK.

2012

“West Coast Dialect Summit”, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, Participant.

“Seattle to Spokane: mapping perceptions of English in Washington State”, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington, Seattle. Co-presented with Matt Dunbar.

Theses directed and co-directed

2022

Squizzero, Robert, PhD, *Sociolinguistic and Phonetic Perception of L2 Mandarin Chinese*

2021

Jones, Benjamin, PhD, *The Spatiality of Perceptual Dialectology* (Chair)

Moroz, Anna, PhD, *Exploring Applications of Rootedness in Sociolinguistic Research in Southern Oregon* (Chair)

2020

Ellett, Matt, PhD, *The language of good people, or, a brainless mixture: Language attitudes and perceptions of mixed Ukrainian-Russian speech in Kyiv*

Chartier, Nicole, PhD, *Old Stereotypes "Live Free or Die": Addressing the Evaluation Problem of non-rhoticity in southeastern New Hampshire* (Co-Chair)

2016

Hugo, Russell, PhD, *Endangered languages, technology and learning: A Yakama/Yakima Sahaptin case study*

2015

Burgess, Maria, PhD, *Faculty Attitudes Towards Heritage Language and Heritage Language Teaching Policy in Washington State Community College Spanish Department*

Freeman, Valerie, PhD, *The phonetics of stance-taking* (Chair)

Oxley, Meghan, PhD, *Southern, Texan, or Both?: Southernness and Identity in Deer Park, Texas*

Riebold, John, PhD *The Social Distribution of a Regional Change: /æg, Eg, eg/ in Washington State*