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Academic Positions

2021 -	Assistant Professor. Department of Linguistics. Indiana University.
2019 - 2021	Postdoctoral Researcher and Instructor. Linguistics	Society of Fellows. Dartmouth College.
2013 - 2014	Instructor. English Language Institute. University of Texas at Arlington.

Education

2019	PhD. Linguistics. Michigan State University. Thesis: *The impact of internal social change on local phonology.* Chair: Suzanne Wagner.
2013	MA. Linguistics. University of Texas at Arlington.
2010	BA. English (Linguistics concentration). Boise State University.

Publications

* indicates selective invitation; † indicates student co-author

Under review	Stanley, Joey, Nesbitt, Monica & Renwick, Margaret. Movement, Economy, Orientation: 20th Century Shifts in North American Language. Publication of the American Dialect Society. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
*In press	Nesbitt, Monica & Samson Lotven. Chain Shifts. The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Diachronic Linguistics.
*In press	Nesbitt, Monica & James N. Stanford. New England English. The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of World Englishes.
2023	Roberts, Julie & Monica Nesbitt. What Goes Around: Language Change and Glottalization in Vermont. *American Speech.* [online first] https://doi.org/10.1215/00031283-10867218
2023	Nesbitt, Monica. Phonological emergence and social reorganization: Developing a nasal /æ/ system in Lansing, MI. *Language Variation and Change. 35(2).* https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954394523000182
*2022	Nesbitt, Monica & Akiah Watts†. Socially distanced but virtually connected: pandemic fieldwork with Black Bostonians. *Linguistics Vanguard.* 8(3): 343-352. https://doi.org/10.1515/lingvan-2021-0049
*2021	Nesbitt, Monica. From an Indicator to a Marker: Urban dialect loss in Michigan. In Arne Ziegler, Stefanie Edler, & Georg Oberdorfer (eds.), *Urban Matters. Current approaches in variationist sociolinguistics.* 27:159-177. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company.
2021	Nesbitt, Monica & James N. Stanford. Structure, Chronology, and Local Social Meaning of a Supra-Local Vowel Shift: Emergence of the Low-Back Merger Shift in New England. *Language Variation and Change.* 33(3): 269-295. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954394521000168

2021   Tommerdahl, Jodi, John Biggan, Fred McKee, Monica Nesbitt & Christopher Ray. The Relationship between Physical Fitness and Reasoning in Community-Dwelling Older Adults. *Activities, Adaptation & Aging*. [online first] https://doi.org/10.1080/01924788.2021.1910150

2021   Nesbitt, Monica. The rise and fall of the Northern Cities Shift: Social and linguistic re-organization of TRAP in 20th century Lansing, Michigan. *American Speech* 96(3): 332-370. https://doi.org/10.1215/00031283-8791754

*2019   Nesbitt, Monica, Suzanne Evans Wagner & Alexander Mason. Movement toward the Low-Back-Merger Shift in Lansing, MI. In Kara Becker (ed.), *The Low-Back-Merger Shift -- Uniting the Canadian Vowel Shift, the California Vowel Shift, and Short Front Vowel Rotations Across North America.* Durham, NC: Duke University Press. Publication of the American Dialect Society 104(1): 144-165. https://doi.org/10.1215/00031283-8032979

2018   Nesbitt, Monica. Economic change and the decline of Raised TRAP in Lansing, MI. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected Papers from NWAV 46.* 24.2. 66-76.

2018   Nesbitt, Monica. Acoustic correlates to ambisyllabic representations in American English. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*. 24.1. 131-139.

2016   Wagner, Suzanne Evans, Alexander Mason, Monica Nesbitt, Erin Pevan & Matt Savage. Reversal and Re-Organization of the Northern Cities Shift in Michigan. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected Papers from NWAV 44* 22.2. 171–179.

2016   Tommerdahl, Jodi, Will McKee, Monica Nesbitt, Mark D. Ricard, John R. Biggan, Christopher T. Ray & Robert J. Gatchel. Do Deductive and Probabilistic Reasoning Abilities Decline in Older Adults? *Journal of Applied Biobehavioral Research.* 21.4. 225-236.

In Preparation

Nesbitt, Monica. Less in[tense]: The impact of dialect attrition on Michigan English feature specification.

Nesbitt, Monica. Ambisyllabic consonants are codas in American English: Evidence from perception and production.

Nesbitt, Monica. Black Boston Speaks: An atlas of Black pronunciation patterns in the Boston, MA area.

Grants, Fellowships & Awards

2024   Indiana University Trustees Teaching Award.

2023   Enhanced Mentoring Program with Opportunities for Ways to Excel in Research (EMPOWER). Indiana University. $10,000.

2023   *College of Arts and Sciences Career Connections Fellowship.* Indiana University. $1,500.

2023   *The Eastern Massachusetts life and language project.* Faculty Assistance in Data Science Program. Indiana University. Three data science research assistants during summer.

2023   *The phonological atlas of African American Language project.* Social Sciences Research Funding Program. Indiana University. $38,000.

2020	*The Eastern Massachusetts life and language project.* Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Venture Funding. Dartmouth College. $12,000.
2019	College of Arts and Letters Dissertation Completion Fellowship. MSU. $8,000.
2018	Graduate School Writing Fellowship. Michigan State University. $2,000.
2018	New Ways of Analyzing Variation 47 Student Travel Grant. $700.
2018	Linguistic Society of America Diversity Travel Award. Honorable Mention.
2017	Cultural Heritage Initiative Summer Fellowship. Michigan State University. $1,000.
2016, 17, 18	Linguistics Department Summer Research Fellowship. Michigan State University. $4,500.
2016	New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45 Student Travel Grant. $700.
2016	Cultural Heritage Initiative Fellowship. Michigan State University. $4,000.

Invited Talks

2024	*Catalysts for change: A view from 20th century North American English.* University of Kentucky Linguistics Colloquium Series. February 2.
2023	*Language change & North American English*. Indiana University. Linguistics Research Profile. April 7.
2020	*Exploring the impact of deindustrialization on dialect diversity in the US.* Indiana University. February 26.
2019	*The impact of internal social change on local phonology in Lansing, MI*. Boston University Linguistics Colloquium Series. September 30.

Conference Presentations

*All submissions were papers accepted as talks unless otherwise indicated.

2024   *Neutral Tone, Gender, and Place Orientation in Beijing: An Update on Beijing Professionals*. Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. January 4-7. With Xiao Dong, Fengming Liu, & Charles Lin. [poster]

2024   *Black Boston Speaks: A Phonological atlas of English in Boston's Black community*. Annual meeting of the American Dialect Society. January 4-7. With Amalia Robinson & Joel Jenkins.

2024   *Dialect attitudes influence perceptions of intelligibility in varieties of French.* Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. January 4-7. With Kai Owens & Jeff Lamontagne.

2024   *Cross-study reliability of neural network auto-coders for rhoticity.* Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. January 4-7. With Brandon Prickett (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), Sarah Gupta (AWS AI Labs), Joe Peter (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), & James N. Stanford (Dartmouth University). [poster]

2023   *Neutral Tone and neopronouns in English Place Orientation in Beijing: An Update on Beijing Yuppies.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 51. Queens, NY. October 13-15. With Xiao Dong, Fengming Liu & Charles Lin.

2023   *Investigating the link between intelligibility and attitudes towards varieties of French.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 51. Queens, NY. October 13-15. With Kai Owens & Jeff Lamontagne.

2023   *Sociolinguistics of tone neutralization*. IU-NTU Symposium on Language, Brain and Society. October 6. With Xiao Dong, Fengming Liu & Charles Lin.

2023   *Rhoticity in Black Boston: Examining the Effects of Ethnicity and Ethnic Orientation.* 184th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. Chicago, Illinois. May 8-12. With Malachi Henry, Amalia Robinson, Erika Sosa, Xiao Dong, Jeremy Miller &Clara Miller-Bloomfield. [poster]

2022   *Large-Scale Observations of the Low-Back-Merger Shift in New England*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 50. San Jose, California. October 13-15. With James N. Stanford & Sarah Karnes.

2022   *A nationwide study of the low-back-merger shift*. American Dialect Society. January 6-9. With James N. Stanford & Rolando Coto-Solano.

2021   *Eastern Massachusetts Life and Language in the COVID-19 Era.* Workshop on Sociolinguistic research in the time of COVID-19: Methods, Ethics, Theory, Betsy Sneller et al. 95TH Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Virtual. January 7-10. With James N. Stanford, Akiah Watts & George Stain.

2019   *Slowly changing their minds: Evidence of Gradual Phonologization in Michigan.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 48. Eugene, Oregon. October 10-12.

2019   *Pioneering a dialect shift in the Pioneer Valley: Evidence for the Low-Back-Merger Shift in Western Massachusetts.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 48. Eugene, Oregon. October 10-12. With James N. Stanford.

2018   *Loss of an urban-rural distinction in Michigan.* Urban Language Conference. Graz, Austria. November 3-5.

2018   *Changing accents changes syllables: The effect of diachronic phonetic change on syllabic representations in the Inland North.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 47. New York, New York. October 18 - 21.

2018   *Loss of the local dialect in Lansing, MI.* PhonFest. Indiana University, Bloomington. May 29 - June 2. [poster]

2018   *Shifting from the shift: Loss of dialect distinction in the US*. 175th Acoustical Society of America meeting. Minneapolis, Wisconsin. May 7-11. [poster]

2017   *A Rust Belt Dialect Feature: Economic Change and the Decline of Raised TRAP in Lansing, MI.* New Ways of Analyzing Variation 46. Madison, Wisconsin. November 2-5.

2017   *Acoustic Correlates to Syllabic Representations in American English.* Pennsylvania Linguistics Conference 41. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. March 24-26.

2016   *Dialect Leveling Across the US: Evidence of the Third Dialect Shift in the Inland North*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45. Vancouver, Canada. November 3-6. With Alex Mason.

2016   *Rising above the level of awareness: The Northern Cities Shift in Lower Michigan.* Workshop talk. Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State. East Lansing, MI. February 27-28.

2016   *Ambisyllabic consonants are codas: Evidence from a syllable tracking task.* Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, DC. January 8-10. With Karthik Durvasula.

2016   *Ignorant and annoying: Inland Northerners' attitudes towards NCS. Annual meeting of the American Dialect Society.* Washington, DC. January 8-10. With Suzanne Evans Wagner, Alex Mason, Erin Pevan & Matt Savage. [poster]

2016   *Re-organization of the Northern Cities Shift in Michigan.* Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society. Washington, DC. January 8-10. With Suzanne Evans Wagner, Alex Mason, Erin Pevan & Matt Savage.

2015   *Reversal and re-organization of the Northern Cities Shift in Michigan*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44. Toronto, Canada. October 22-25. With Suzanne Wagner, Alex Mason & Matt Savage.

2015   *Ignorant and annoying: Inland Northerners' attitudes towards NCS short-o*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44. Toronto, Canada. October 22-25. With Suzanne Evans Wagner, Alex Mason, Erin Pevan & Matt Savage.

2013   *The Aging Mind: Physical Fitness and Deductive and Probabilistic Reasoning in Community Dwelling Older Adults.* The Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. New Orleans, LA. Nov. With John Biggan, Bill McKee & Jodi Tommerdahl.

Teaching

Indiana University

Undergraduate
L111 Dialect & language variation (*focus on African American Language*) - Fall 2023
L441 Field Methods in Sociolinguistics - Spring 2022, Spring 2023
L315 Introduction to Sociolinguistics - Fall 2021

Graduate
L720 Sociolinguistics Seminar - Spring 2023
L620 Advanced Sociolinguistics - Fall 2022 [students received the 2022-2023 IU Linguistics Householder Best Paper Award]
L520 Sociolinguistics - Spring 2022, Fall 2023

Dartmouth College

Language and Ethnicity - Fall 2020

Michigan State University

Language across time, space, and social groups. Teaching Assistant – Spr 2018, Spr 2019
Tracing the globalization of Englishes. Teaching Assistant - Fall 2017
Harry Potter and the Secrets of British English. Teaching Assistant - Sum 2015, Sum 2017
Language and Gender. Teaching Assistant and sole instructor - Fall 2015, Spr 2016, Fall 2016, Spr 2017

University of Texas, Arlington

English reading, Level 6. Instructor - Spr 2014
English listening/speaking, English grammar/writing, English reading, Levels 2 - 3. Substitute - Fall 2013
Implementing and disseminating classroom research. Teaching Assistant - Spr 2012

Guest Lectures/Panels

Nov 17, 2023	*Navigating the academic job market.* CALMS Alumni Workshop. MSU Linguistics.
Oct 27, 2023	*Applying for academic jobs.* Professionalization Workshop Series. IU Linguistics.
Oct 31, 2022	*African American Language & Linguistics.* Instructor: Carolyn Calloway-Thomas. IU. With Stuart Davis.
April 07, 2022	*Postdoc talk/Q&A.* Linguistics Student Organization. Michigan State University.
Oct 1, 2021	*Applying for academic jobs.* Professionalization Workshop Series. IU Linguistics. With Stuart Davis.
2021, 2023, 2024	*How to do research.* L501 Research Methods. Instructor: Anne Bunger. IU.

Public Engagement

March 2024	[LINGUIST List featured linguist](#).
2023	[Black Boston Speaks](#). Project website with pedagogical resources for topics related to Black Boston life and language, as well as African American Language in general.
Mar 7, 2022	[Giving voice to people who have been left out](#). Interview with Dartmouth News.
Feb 17, 2022	[You are how you sound](#). Say that again? Podcast. Interview with The Christian Science Monitor.
Dec 7, 2021	[A bright future for sociolinguistics](#). Interview for IU Linguistics Fall 2021 Newsletter.

Graduate Committees & Mentoring
*students are from IU linguistics unless otherwise specified

PhD Committee
Trey Jagiella *The Rhotics in the Salvador, Bahia Dialect of Brazilian Portuguese*. Defended March 2024.
Andrienna Colina-Marin *Identity and Code-Switching: A Sociophonetic Study of Bilinguals of Mexican Heritage*
Yi-An Chen *Perceptions and sociolinguistic evaluations of Mainland Mandarin and Taiwan Mandarin on Bilibili*
Arielle Roadman *French adjective positioning*

Advisory Committee
Amalia Robinson
Malachi Henry (IU Speech and Hearing Sciences)
Jennifer Cox (IU French and Italian)
Kai Owens (IU French and Italian)
Xiao Dong (IU East Asian Languages and Cultures)
Ariana Gunderson (IU Anthropology)
Joel Jenkins
Justin Fuller

Mentoring & Lab Assistants

2023 -	Undergraduate Teaching Assistant mentor. L111 Fa2023. L315

2022 -	Associate Instructor mentor. Fall '22 - Yi-An Chen (2022-2023 Daniel Dinnsen Excellence in Teaching Award)
2022 -	Amalia Robinson (AY2022, AY2023). Xiao Dong (AY2023). Graduate research assistant. IU Sociolingu Lab.
2021 -	Co-facilitator of IU Sociolinguistics Group. With Manuel Diaz-Campos and Jeff Lamontagne. Indiana University.
2020 -	PI. Eastern Massachusetts Life and Language Project. Sociolinguistic fieldwork project employs 6-10 Indiana University and Dartmouth College undergraduate research assistants from groups underrepresented in the academy.
2019	New Waves of Analyzing Variation 48 Student Travel Award mentor. [Matched as mentor to an outstanding graduate student from a group underrepresented in linguistics, e.g. first generation, African American, First Nations, Latin@ and Native American scholars.]
2018 - 2019	Peer Mentor. Michigan State University Linguistics Graduate Program. [Matched as a mentor to a first-year linguistics graduate student.]

Professional Development

2023	EMPOWER Faculty and Staff Mentoring Dialogues: NRMN/CIMER Level 1 Mentor Training. Bloomington, IN. August 11-12.
2023	College of Arts and Sciences faculty-to-faculty network mentoring program. Mentor: Brea Perry.
2021 - 2022	Indiana University new faculty learning community.
2019 -	National center for faculty development and diversity. Fall '22 Faculty Success Program.
2018	R statistics bootcamp. May 14-18. Instructor: Stephan Th. Gries.
2014 - 2015	Project manager. The influence of higher education on local phonology project. (NSF#1251437). Co-PIs: William Labov and Suzanne E. Wagner.
2011 - 2012	Research assistant. Mind, Brain & Education Lab. UT Arlington. PI: Jodi Tommerdahl.

Service

Professional

2023 -	Member. Editorial Board. Language Variation and Change.
2020 -	Member. Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics. Linguistics Society of America.

- 2024 - Member. Subcommittee on Communications/Outreach.

Departmental and Institutional

2022 -	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Representative. Department of Linguistics. Indiana University
2022 -	Qualifying Exams Committee. Department of Linguistics. Indiana University
2021 -	Co-facilitator. Sociolinguistics Group. Indiana University.
2022 - 2023	Graduate Admissions Committee. Department of Linguistics. Indiana University.
2016 - 2017	President. Linguistics Student Organization. Michigan State University.
2015 - 2019	Member. Linguistics Student Organization. Michigan State University.
2015 - 2016	Vice President. Linguistics Student Organization. Michigan State University.

2012 - 2013	Vice President. Lingua. University of Texas at Arlington.
2011 - 2013	Member. Black Student Association. University of Texas at Arlington.
2009 - 2011	Vice President & Co-founder. Boise State Linguistics Association. Boise State University.

Conference Organization

2024	Panel organizer: Movement, Economy, and Orientation: 20th century shifts in North American Langu Annual meeting of the American Dialect Society. January 4-7. With Joseph Stanley & Margaret Renwick.
2020	Organizer. New England Variationists Symposium (NEVS). Dartmouth College. [canceled due to COVID-19]
2020	Moderator of organized panel: *Black Becoming for Language and Linguistics Researchers*. Linguistics Society of America 2020 annual meeting. New Orleans, LA.
2017	Organizing Chair. 2nd Annual Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State.
2016	Organizing Committee. 21st Annual Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference. MSU.
2013	Organizing Committee. 20th Annual University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL. University of Texas at Arlington.

Reviewing

Journals & Publishers
American Speech (2021), Routledge (2020), Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews – Cognitive Science (2020)

Conference & Workshop Proposals
American Dialect Society (2024), Methods in Dialectology (2023), American Association for Applied Linguistics (2022, 2023,2024); New Ways of Analyzing Variation (2021); Annual Conference on African Linguistics (2020); Great Lakes Expo for Experimental and Formal Undergraduate Linguistics (2015, 2016, 2018, 2019); University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL (2012, 2013)

Database Contributions

2012	*Childes*. http://childes.psy.cmu.edu/ . Transcribed and contributed to this collection 20 conversational audio recordings of children and their caregivers.

Professional Memberships

2017 -	Acoustical Society of America.
2015 -	American Dialect Society.
2015 -	Linguistic Society of America.

Languages

Human:	English (native), Spanish (reading)
Computer:	R, Python, Praat, ELAN, Plotnik, PsychoPy, CLAN, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

References available upon request