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EMPLOYMENT

2009- College Of Staten Island
 Assistant Professor, Department of English

EDUCATION

2009 **The Ohio State University**
 Ph.D. in Linguistics
 Dissertation: *A Probabilistic Model of Phonological Relationships from Contrast to Allophony*
 Advisor: Professor Elizabeth Hume
 Committee: Professor Mary Beckman, Associate Professor Chris Brew, Assistant Professor Cynthia Clopper

2007 **The Ohio State University**
 M.A. in Linguistics

2003 **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**
 B.A. with Distinction in Linguistics with Highest Honors
 Thesis: *The perception of contrast and the Scottish Vowel Length Rule*

2001-2002 **University of Edinburgh**
 Exchange program, via UNC-CH

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED BOOK

2007 *Language Files: Materials for an Introduction to Language and Linguistics*. 10th Edition. Columbus: The Ohio State University Press. (With Anouschka Bergmann and Sharon Miriam Ross)

ARTICLES

- 2008 The Impact of Allophony vs. Contrast on Speech Perception. In *Contrast in Phonology: Perception and Acquisition*, ed. Peter Avery, B. Elan Dresher, and Keren Rice, 146-172. New York: Mouton de Gruyter. (with Amanda Boomershine, Elizabeth Hume, and Keith Johnson)
- 2007 Pairwise Perceptual Magnet Effects. In *Proceedings of the 16th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*, ed. Jürgen Trouvain and William J. Barry, 669-672. Dudweiler: Pirrot GmbH.
- 2005 Defining Phonological Rules over Lexical Neighbourhoods: Evidence from Canadian Raising. In *Proceedings of the 24th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. John Alderete, Chung-hye Han, and Alexei Kochetov, 191-199. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

PRESENTATIONS

PEER REVIEWED

- 2009 An acoustic analysis of /ae/ variation and its relation to perceived sexual orientation in American English. *157th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*. Portland, OR. (With Benjamin Munson and E. Allyn Smith.) (Poster.)
- 2008 Rethinking the meaning of Minnesotan /ae/: Sexual orientation or personal well-being? *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 37*, Houston, TX. (With E. Allyn Smith and Benjamin Munson)
- 2008 Phonological relationships: Beyond contrast and allophony. *11th Conference on Laboratory Phonology*, Wellington, New Zealand. (Poster.)
- 2008 Bringing semantics to sociophonetics: Social variables and secondary entailments. *11th Conference on Laboratory Phonology*, Wellington, New Zealand. (With E. Allyn Smith and Benjamin Munson.)
- 2008 Sibilant fricatives in Japanese and English: Different in production or perception? *Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Chicago, IL. (With Benjamin Munson, Fangfang Li, Kiyoko Yoneyama, and Mary Beckman.)
- 2007 Pairwise perceptual magnet effects. *16th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*, Saarbrücken, Germany.
- 2006 Life, the critical period: An exemplar-based model of language learning. *10th Conference on Laboratory Phonology*, Paris, France. (With Amanda Boomershine)

- 2005 The influence of language experience on perception: The case of Spanish and English. *The Hispanic Linguistics Symposium*, Penn State University. (With Amanda Boomershine, Elizabeth Hume, and Keith Johnson)
- 2005 The influence of lexical neighbourhoods on phonology: Evidence from Canadian Raising. *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 24*, Simon Fraser University.
- 2005 Canadian Raising revisited: Evidence for a gradient, lexicon-based approach. *Canadian English in the Global Context*, University of Toronto.
- 2004 The influence of contrast vs. allophony on perception: The case of Spanish and English. *148th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*, San Diego, CA. (Poster. With Amanda Boomershine, Elizabeth Hume, and Keith Johnson)
- 2001 S-aspiration with and without the [s] in Eastern Andalusian Spanish. *Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages*. (with Chip Gerfen)

WORKSHOPS AND COLLOQUIA

- 2008 The role of predictability in phonological relationships. *Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop*, McGill University.
- 2007 Not all contrasts are created equal: evidence from perception. *Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop*, University of Ottawa.
- 2007 An acoustic comparison of [d], [ɾ], and [ð] across Greek and English. *The 4th Annual Martin Luther King Day Symposium in Linguistics: Modern Greek Linguistics*, The Ohio State University.
- 2006 Finding vowels without phonology? *Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop*, York University / University of Toronto. (with E. Allyn Smith)
- 2006 Sound change in an exemplar-based model of grammar. *The 3rd Annual OSU Martin Luther King Day Symposium in Linguistics: Analogy in Language Change*, The Ohio State University.
- 2005 The influence of contrast vs. allophony on perception. *Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop*, McGill University. (with Amanda Boomershine, Elizabeth Hume, and Keith Johnson)
- 2004 The influence of language experience on perception. *10th Annual Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonology*, Northwestern University. (with Amanda Boomershine, Elizabeth Hume, and Keith Johnson)

- 2003 Learning the Scottish Vowel Length Rule. *The Fourth Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research* at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 2003 *Tide and tied: Perception of the Scottish Vowel Length Rule. 2003 Spring Linguistics Colloquium*, UNC-CH.
- 2003 The perception of non-native contrast and the Scottish Vowel Length Rule. *Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop*, University of Toronto.
- 2001 Coda aspiration and neutralization in Eastern Andalusian Spanish. *The Second Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research* at UNC-Chapel Hill. (with Chip Gerfen)
- 2001 Is s-aspiration neutralizing in Eastern Andalusian Spanish? *2001 Spring Linguistics Colloquium*, UNC-CH. (with Chip Gerfen)

INVITED TALKS

- 2009 The role of phonological relationships in perception. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin.
- 2009 The cognitive reality of phonological relationships. College of Staten Island.
- 2001-2003 An introduction to linguistic issues. COM 110 (Public Speaking), NCSU
- 2001 Incomplete neutralization in Eastern Andalusian Spanish coda aspiration. Phonology Group, University of Toronto. 28 September. (with Chip Gerfen)

TEACHING

- Fall 2009 ENL 422, Introduction to Linguistics, CSI
- Fall 2009 ENH 230, Introduction to Language, CSI
- Spring 2007 Linguistics 821, Probabilistic Approaches to Phonology, OSU (co-instructor with Professor Beth Hume)
Responsible for course development and leading class discussions.
- Spring 2006 Linguistics 503, An Introduction to Phonology, OSU
Responsible for all aspects of course development, teaching, and evaluation.
- Winter 2006 Linguistics 500, An Introduction to Phonetics, OSU (co-instructor with graduate student Peggy Wong)
Responsible for all aspects of course development, teaching, and evaluation.

Fall 2005 Linguistics 201, An Introduction to Language, OSU (co-instructor with graduate student E. Allyn Smith)
Responsible for all aspects of course development, teaching, and evaluation.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2003-2009 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (3 funded years; \$90,000 + tuition and fees)

2003-2009 Dean's Distinguished University Fellowship for Doctoral Studies, The Ohio State University (3 funded years; \$57,600 + tuition and fees)

2008 Alumni Grant for Graduate Research and Scholarship, OSU (\$1833)

2003-2008 Various travel grants from the Department of Linguistics, OSU

2008 G. Micheal Riley Travel Award, OSU College of Humanities (\$1000)

2008 National Science Foundation Travel Award for young researchers presenting at the 11th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (\$1500)

2005 Office of International Affairs Graduate Student International Travel Grant, The Ohio State University (\$1300)

2005 LSA Tuition Fellowship, 2005 Linguistic Institute, MIT and Harvard Universities, 27 June – 5 August (\$2000)

2005 College of Humanities Small Grant for Research and Travel, The Ohio State University (\$500)

2004 Research grant, Department of Linguistics, OSU (\$600)

2003 Undergraduate Research Travel Grant, Office of Undergraduate Research at UNC-CH and the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation

2001 Presidents' Fellow, 2001 Linguistic Institute, University of California at Santa Barbara, 25 June – 3 August.

2001 Undergraduate Research Travel Grant, Office of Undergraduate Research at UNC-CH and the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation

SERVICE

2008-2009 Member of the Linguistics Department Student Travel Committee, OSU

2006-2009 Member of the *Language Files* committee, OSU

- 2006-2007 Member of the Linguistics Department Social Committee, OSU
- 2005-2007 Member of the Linguistics Department Targeted Investment Committee, OSU
- 2005-2007 President of the Student Linguistics Association, OSU
- 2004-2005 Member of phonetics search committee, OSU
- 2003-2005 Member of the Linguistics Department Speakers' Committee, OSU
(2004-2005, General Coordinator)

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009 Reviewer for the *Canadian Journal of Linguistics / Revue canadienne de linguistique*
- 2008 Reviewer for *Phonology*
- 2008 Reviewer for the Linguistic Society of America's Summer Meeting
- 2006 Reviewer for *Journal of Phonetics*
- 2001-2003 Psycholinguistics Research Assistant for Professors Peter Gordon and Randy Hendrick, UNC-CH
- 2000-2001 Research Assistant for Professor Chip Gerfen, UNC-CH
- Summers:
2003, 2002,
2000 Administrative Assistant and Tutor, Summer Institute in English, NCSU

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- since 2000 Linguistic Society of America (life member)