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Education

2024-present University of Michigan (UMich)

Ann Arbor, MI, USA Doctorate of Linguistics

2020-2023 University of Kentucky (UKy)

Lexington, KY, USA

Master of Arts in Linguistic Theory and Typology

Thesis: "Does this make sense?": The effect of matching guise in regional accent

on grammatical acceptability judgments

Committee: Jennifer Cramer, Josef Fruehwald, Kevin McGowan (chair), &

Lauren Squires (external member; The Ohio State University)

2013-2017 University of Oklahoma (OU)

Norman, OK, USA

Bachelors of Arts in Linguistics, German, and Japanese (all with distinction)

Winter 2017 Universität Stuttgart (University of Stuttgart)

Stuttgart, Germany

Study abroad with courses in Linguistics in German

Presentations

2025 "What are you trying to do?": Distribution and usage of wh-questions in Dungeons & Dragons

Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference (CKLiC) · UKy

"You speak too properly": The (un)markedness of standard language in mobile

American English speakers (Presentation with Ian Schneider)

American Dialect Society (ADS) Annual Meeting · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"It actually became a part of the way I speak now": Locating the

repertoire-identity gap in narrativized self-stylizations of mobile American

English speakers (Presentation with Ian Schneider)

New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) · University of Miami and Florida

International University

"Excuse Me, What Are You Doing Here?": Variation in Collaboration through Improv (Poster with Ian Schneider)

American Association of Applied Linguistics · Houston, Texas

From spider to skillet: Diachronic methods applied to the LAP (Poster with Eleanor Wren-Hardin)

ADS Annual Meeting · New York, New York

2023 *"I could probably assume what you did": Characterological creation in improvised comedy* (Poster with Ian Schneider)

NWAV · Queens College and the Research Institute for the Study of Language in Urban Society

"What are you trying to do?": Distribution and usage of wh-questions in Dungeons & Dragons (withdrawn due to scheduling conflict)
Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference (CKLiC) · UKy

"Wow, you speak so proper!": Linguistic (In)security and the Self in Stylized Performance (with Ian Schneider)

CKLiC · UKy

Investigating Historical Language Ideologies in Multilingual Contexts: A Novel Sociohistorical Framework (Poster with Connor Bechler)

15th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society · University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"I don't mean to humble brag...but I'm like good with accents": Stancetaking in Stylized Performance (with Ian Schneider)

5th Annual Sociolinguistics Symposium at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign · University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Does this make sense?": The effect of matching guise in regional accent on grammatical acceptability judgements (Poster)

Linguistic Society of America 98th Annual Meeting · Denver, Colorado

"Frying pans— who knew, right?": The transformation of a target across multiple linguistic atlases (Poster with Eleanor Wren-Hardin)

ADS Annual Meeting · Denver, Colorado

"Sounds like home": the effect of listener on matching guise in regional accent on syntactic acceptability (Poster)

183rd Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America · Nashville, Tennessee

"You're just making fun of my accent": A Typology of Variation in Stylized Performance (with Ian Schneider)

NWAV · Stanford University

Making Mid-Century Modern: The application of automated transcription systems to older data [Project Launch] (with Josef Fruehwald & Allison Burkette)

NWAV · Stanford University

Syntax Featuring Codeswitching: Developing an Adaptable Bilingual Grammar with HPSG

CKLiC · UKy (Virtual)

Choosing where you're from: Perceptions of 'home' and place-based accents (with A.C. Carter, Ty Gill-Saucier, Ian Schneider, Joseph Smath, & Jennifer Cramer) Southeastern Conference on Linguistics · Louisiana State University (Virtual)

- 2021 Synetics: Considering Syntactic Acceptability with Varying Phonetic Inventories CKLiC · UKy (Virtual)
- 2017 *"Ethnically, I Feel Awkward in General": Identity and Heritage Languages in the United States*Undergraduate Research Day · OU

Publications

"Does this make sense?": The effect of matching guise in regional accent on grammatical acceptability judgements.

In *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 8(1).

Teaching

Fall 2020

As Instructor of Record, University of Kentucky

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Spring 2023	LIN 200: How to Create Your Own Language (In-Person)
2021-2022	LIN 200: How to Create Your Own Language (Hybrid)
Summer 2021	LIN 200: How to Create Your Own Language (Online, asynchronous)
Spring 2021	LIN 211: Introduction to the Study of Language (Online, synchronous)
	As Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky
Spring 2021	Language and Culture (Online, synchronous)
Fall 2020	Introduction to the Study of Language (Online, synchronous)

Language in Digital Spaces (Hybrid)

	Professional Development
2023	Fundamentals of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) · TESOL International Association
2022-2023	GradDegree+ Pedagogy Development Track: The Emotions of Teaching and Learning, Now · Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT), UKy
Fall 2022	New Teaching Assistant Microteaching Group Leader · Office of Graduate Student Professional Enhancement, UKy
2021-2022	GradDegree+ Pedagogy Development Track: Instructor-Student Rapport · CELT, UKy
Fall 2021	Fostering Community and Belonging Workshop · CELT, UKy
Fall 2020	Supporting Students of Color as Graduate TAs and Instructors Workshop \cdot CELT, UKy
Fall 2020	New Teaching Assistant Orientation · Office of Graduate Student Professional Enhancement, UKy
	Professional Service
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2021-2022	
	LEADERSHIP ROLES President, Linguistics Graduate Student Association (LGSA) · Department of
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2021-2022	LEADERSHIP ROLES President, Linguistics Graduate Student Association (LGSA) · Department of Linguistics, UKy Graduate Student Congress Representative, LGSA · Department of Linguistics, UKy
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2022-2023	Reading Group Co-Chair (with Kathryn Copeland), LGSA · Department of Linguistics, UKy
Fall 2021	Member, Linguistics Department Chair Search Committee · College of Arts & Sciences, UKy
2020-2021	Committee Member (Social Events; Reading Groups), LGSA · Department of Linguistics, UKy
2017-2018	Conversation Day Volunteer · Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum/James-FByrnes-Institut e.V., Stuttgart, Germany
	Conference Organization and Support
2022-2023; 2020-2021	Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference (CKLiC) Communications Committee Member, LGSA · Department of Linguistics, UKy
2021-2023	CKLiC Abstract Reviewer, LGSA · Department of Linguistics, UKy
2023	Volunteer, Room Monitor & Registration Desk · Linguistic Society of America, Denver, Colorado
2022	Student A/V Monitor · Acoustical Society of America, Nashville, Tennessee
2022	CKLiC Session Moderator: Keynote Address, LGSA · Department of Linguistics, UKy
2022	CKLiC Session Technician, LGSA · Department of Linguistics, UKy
2020-2022	CKLiC Scheduling Committee Member, LGSA · Department of Linguistics, UKy
	Related Work Experience
2022-2023	Tutor in Linguistics and Writing, Rhetoric, & Digital Studies Center for Academic and Tutorial Services Athletics Department University of Kentucky
2022, Summer 2023	Student Assistant Linguistic Atlas Project University of Kentucky
2018-2019	Research Assistant & Content and Social Media Manager DFB Consulting Oklahoma City, OK

	Awards & Honors
2023-2024	Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Thailand · Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Institute of International Education • English Conversation at Nadoon Prachasan School, Mahasarakham Province
2022	Graduate Student Congress Conference Award · Graduate Student Congress, UKy Awarded competitively by application
2022	Student Travel Award · NWAV, Stanford University Awarded competitively by nomination
2017	Baden-Württemberg Stipendium · Baden-Württemberg Stiftung German state-sponsored program supporting international students
2016-2017	Mary Enod Williams Memorial Scholarship · MLLL, OU ■ Merit-based
2015-2017	Robert E. and Mary B. Sturgis Award · College of Arts and Sciences, OU Merit-based
2014-2016; 2017	Dean's Honor Roll · OU
	Skills
Software tools	Praat
	Carto
	AntConc
	Command-line interface
Programming	R (intermediate)
	Java (beginning)
	Languages
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English	Advanced (American; L1)
Arabic	Conversation: advanced (Egyptian; L1 heritage language) · Reading: intermediate

Conversation: advanced · Reading: advanced

German

Japanese Conversation: intermediate · Reading: intermediate

Thai Conversation: beginning · Reading: beginning

Urdu Fieldwork (OU field methods course)

Research Affiliations

University of Michigan, 2024-present

(Black) Language Use and Experience Lab

Contact, Cognition, and Change Lab

WordLab

Hist(orical) Ling(uistics) Group

Phon(etics) Di(scussion) Group

Prosody Group

So(ciolinguistics) Con(tact) Di(scourse Analysis) Group

Syn(tax) Sem(antics) Groups

University of Kentucky

2020-present Phonetics Lab

2022-2023 Linguistics Computation Lab

Professional Affiliations

2021-present Linguistic Society of America

2022-present American Dialect Society

2022-2023 Acoustical Society of America

2022-2023 Southeastern Conference on Linguistics