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EDUCATION

- 2020-Present Ph.D., Linguistics
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2019 B. A., Cognitive & Linguistic Sciences; French
Magna Cum Laude
Wellesley College

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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| Pidgin & Creole Languages | Sociolinguistics | Phonetics |
| Bilingualism | Language Variation | Phonology |
| Language Contact & Change | Code-switching | |

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Bancu, Ariana*, Peltier, Joy P. G.*, Felicia Bisnath, Danielle Burgess, **Sophia Eakins**, Wilkinson Daniel Wong Gonzales, Moira Saltzman, Yourdanis Sedarous, Alicia Stevers, and Marlyse Baptista. “Revitalizing Attitudes Toward Creole Languages.” *Decolonizing Linguistics*, OUP.
- 2024 Burgess, Danielle*, Joy P. G. Peltier, **Sophia Eakins**, Wilkinson Daniel Gonzales, Alicia Stevers, Ariana Bancu, Felicia Bisnath, Moira Saltzman, and Marlyse Baptista. “The MULTI Project: Resources for enhancing multi-faceted Creole language expertise in the linguistics classroom.” *American Speech: A Quarterly of Linguistic Usage*, 99(2), 221-238.
- 2024 **Eakins, Sophia**. “You switch I switch, Jack: On the role of interaction in Cabo Verdean language mixing.” *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*.
- In prep Peltier, Joy P. G.*, Danielle Burgess, **Sophia Eakins**, Wilkinson Daniel Wong Gonzales, Alicia Stevers, Ariana Bancu, Felicia Bisnath, Moira Saltzman, and Marlyse Baptista. “How We Teach About Creole Languages: Insights and Recommendations from Interviews with Creole Speakers and from a Survey for Linguists.”

FIELDWORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021-Present “Cabo Verdean Creole: The Boston Variety.”
Fieldwork documenting language practices of Boston’s Cabo Verdean community.
Sophia Eakins (PI), Marlyse Baptista (Fac. Advisor), Andries Coetzee (Fac. Advisor).
University of Michigan.

- 2022-23 “The MULTI Project” (Mis/Underrepresented Languages Teaching and Inclusion). Project to revitalize attitudes towards Creole languages by creating accessible educational resources that center voices and experiences of Creole speakers.
<https://cclelinguistics.wixsite.com/revitalizing-languag>
CCLE Lab (Contact Convergence and Language Emergence).
- 2021 “Environmental Activism and Minoritized Languages on Social Media.”
UM Humanities Research Grant Application.
Alison Alexy, Marlyse Baptista, Omolade Adunbi, Kenneth Mills, and others.
- 2019 “Stress in Standard Eastern Armenian.”
Independent Study Research Project.
Sophia Eakins (PI), Angela Carpenter (Fac. Advisor).
Wellesley College.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “You switch I switch, Jack: On the role of interaction in Cabo Verdean language mixing.” 100th Annual Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting.
- 2024 “The MULTI project: Resources for enhancing multi-faceted Creole representation in the linguistics classroom. Presentation with Joy P. G. Peltier, Felicia Bisnath, Alicia Stevers, and Marlyse Baptista. 100th Annual Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting.
- 2023 “A cross-discipline interactional approach to codeswitching in Cabo Verdean bilinguals.” 45th Annual conference of the German Linguistic Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, DGfS). *Accepted for presentation but could not attend.*
- 2022 “On revitalizing attitudes towards Creole languages.” Co-presenter at 23rd Annual Michicagoan Conference, Department of Linguistic Anthropology.
- 2022 “A language without borders: Cabo Verdean Creole in Massachusetts.” Presenter at 23rd Annual Michicagoan Conference, Department of Linguistic Anthropology.
- 2022 “Switching *between* or transitioning *beyond* named languages: Exploring Cabo Verdean bilinguals in Boston.” Presenter at University of Colorado, Boulder 13th Graduate Student Conference, Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Eakins, S. “A Creole Call for Localization.” *Multilingual Magazine*, September/October 2020
- 2020 Eakins, S. “Ten Spanish Expressions That Don’t Translate Well Into English” *Multilingual Digital Magazine*, January 2020
- 2020 Eakins, S. “Ten German Words and Phrases That Don’t Translate Well Into English” *Multilingual Digital Magazine*, February 2020

- 2019 Eakins, S. Blog Posts. *Lionbridge Technologies*
- “The Difference Between Simplified and Traditional Chinese”
 - “10 French Words & Phrases that Don’t Translate to English”
 - “How to Become a Translator”
 - “Our Top 12 Most Requested Indigenous American Languages”
 - “Thanks Translators! The Importance of Translation for Connecting the World”

INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

- 2024 “Lexical stress contact and clash: Verbal variation in the Cabo Verdean diaspora.” Guest Lecture. Phonetics & Phonology (LING 240). Wellesley College.
- 2023 “Creole languages: Historical evolution, modern misunderstandings, and future directions.” Guest Lecture. Language in the Multicultural World (LING 115). University of Michigan.
- 2021 “Tools for an enriching multilingual classroom.” Virtual Presentation. Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment summer EFL program.
- 2020 “Are Creoles exceptional? Analyzing DeGraff (2003).” Guest Lecture. Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology. University of Indiana.
- 2020 “‘Creonglish’ or code-switching? Exploring Cabo Verdean Creole in Boston, MA.” Presentation. Sociolinguistics and Contact discussion group. University of Michigan.
- 2019 “The art of inventing languages: A guided how-to panel.” Invited Presentation. Ruhlman Conference. Wellesley College.
- 2018 “Make a linguist out of me: Serendipity in the south of France” Invited Presentation. Tanner Conference. Wellesley College.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2023-24 Graduate Student Mentor. Peer mentor for graduate student instructors. Department of Linguistics. University of Michigan.
- 2023 Graduate Student Instructor. LING 115: Language in the Multicultural World. Fall 2023: Dr. Eric Rosen. University of Michigan
- 2022-23 Graduate Student Instructor. LING 137: Epic Grammar Fails. Fall 2022: Dr. Iman Sheydaei. Winter 2023: Dr. Jessi Grieser. University of Michigan.
- 2021-22 Graduate Student Instructor. LING 347: Talking Minds. Fall 2021-Winter 2022: Dr. Lisa Levinson. University of Michigan.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2020-Present Graduate Teacher Certificate. *In progress*. Center for Research on Language and Teaching (CRLT). University of Michigan.

2023 UM Software Carpentry Workshop. Software and research computing skills. University of Michigan.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023-24 Executive Committee Member. University of Michigan.

2021-23 Linguistics Colloquium Committee Co-chair. University of Michigan.

2018 Communications and Documentation Intern. Le Laboratoire Parole et Langage. Aix-en-Provence, France.

2018 Conference Staff Member. Les Journées d'Études sur la Parole. Le Laboratoire Parole et Langage. Aix-en-Provence, France.

FUNDING & AWARDS

2024 Rackham Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award. University of Michigan.

2024 African Studies Center Research Grant. University of Michigan.

2024 Humanities Research Fellowship (Winter-Summer 2024). University of Michigan.

2023 Deborah Keller-Cohen Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. University of Michigan.

2023 General Institute Fellowship. Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute. University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

2021 Rackham Graduate Research Fund, Fieldwork: Cabo Verdean Creole: The Boston Variety.

2020 Linguistics Block Grant. Language course: Introduction to Cabo Verdean Creole. Bristol Community College. Prof. Carlos A. Almeida.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021-23 Kriolish, Remote
Marketing Lead

- Developed a marketing vision for the first online Cabo Verdean Creole translator
- Designed marketing content for social media and in-house blog
- Conducted market research on target customers and competitors

2019-20 Lionbridge Technologies, Waltham, MA
Marketing Content Specialist

- Created original content specialized in language and translation topics
- Curated material for in-house blog and external media
- Executed digital marketing strategies to optimize digital engagement

MEDIA PRESENCE

2019 Feature on Superlinguo.com. "Interview with a Marketing Content Specialist."
Linguistics Job Interview Series.

ACADEMIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Linguistics Society of America
Seven Sisters Alumnae Association

LANGUAGES

English: *Native*
French: *Highly proficient*
Cabo Verdean Creole: *Beginner*
Spanish: *Beginner*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R Studio, Adobe Suite, Praat, Audacity, ELAN, Microsoft Office, Google Suite