

# Becky Childs

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## Education

- 2005 PhD (Linguistics), University of Georgia  
 Title of Dissertation: Investigating the Local Construction of Identity:  
 Sociophonetic Variation in Smoky Mountain African American Women's Speech  
 Areas of Focus: Sociolinguistics, Phonetics, Phonology
- 2000 MA (English: Sociolinguistics Track), North Carolina State University  
 Title of Thesis: A Hyde County Clusterfest: Consonant Cluster Reduction in a  
 Historically Isolated African American Community
- 1999 Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute in Linguistics, University of Illinois
- 1997 BA (Major: English; Minor: TESL), University of Florida

## Employment History

- 2022-Present Academic Unit Head, Department of English, James Madison University
- 2022-present Professor, Department of English, James Madison University
- 2021-2022 Chair, Department of English, Coastal Carolina University
- 2017-2021 Coordinator Composition, Rhetoric and Linguistics, Department of English,  
 Coastal Carolina University
- 2016-2022 Professor, Department of English, Coastal Carolina University
- 2013- 2017 Associate Chair, Department of English, Coastal Carolina University
- 2011-2016 Associate Professor, Department of English, Coastal Carolina University
- 2007-2011 Assistant Professor, Department of English, Coastal Carolina University
- 2005- 2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Memorial University of  
 Newfoundland
- 2004-2005 English as a Second Language Instructor, Continuing Education, North Carolina  
 State University
- 2003 Summer Research Assistant, North Carolina State University
- 2002-2005 English Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia
- 2002 English as a Second Language Instructor, Continuing Education, North Carolina  
 State University
- 2001-2002 English as a Second Language Instructor, Wake Technical Community College
- 2000-2002 Lecturer/Research Associate in Linguistics, North Carolina State University
- 1998-2001 Research Assistant in Linguistics, North Carolina State University
- 1997-1998 English as a Second Language Instructor, Indian River Community College

## Awards, Honors, Professional Recognition

- 2020 English Department Teacher of the Year, Apple Award Winner
- 2018 English Department Teacher of the Year, Apple Award Winner

- 2016 Sigma Tau Delta, English Department Teacher of the Year  
 2016 Affiliate Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies, Coastal Carolina University  
 2012 Affiliate Faculty, Anthropology Program, Coastal Carolina University  
 2008 Named Fellow of Waccamaw Center at Coastal Carolina University  
 2004 University of Georgia Amazing Student  
 Roswell Convention and Visitors Bureau President's Award  
 Sigma Tau Delta (English and Language Studies Honor Society)  
 University of Georgia Excellence in Graduate Research Award  
 University of Georgia Graduate School Dean's Award  
 American Dialect Society Presidential Award  
 2003 Charles A. Ferguson Award (Annual award presented for best student paper presented at the New Ways of Analyzing Variation Conference)  
 Reza Ordubadien Award (Annual award presented for best student paper presented at the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics)

## Teaching

### Coastal Carolina University

DCD 495 Q - Internship in Digital Culture and Design  
 ENGL 101 - Composition  
 ENGL 102 - Composition and Critical Reading  
 ENGL 300 - Critical Conversations in English  
 ENGL 350 – Language Variation in North America  
 ENGL 351- Language, Gender, and Power  
 ENGL 352 - African American English  
 ENGL 353 - Sounds of English  
 ENGL 354 - Modern English Syntax  
 ENGL 411- English Senior Capstone  
 ENGL 453 - Development of the English Language  
 ENGL 495 - Internship for English Majors  
 ENGL 496 - Senior Thesis in English  
 ENGL 653- Topics in Linguistics  
 UNIV 498 - Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone Seminar

### Memorial University of Newfoundland

LING 1104/2104-Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology  
 LING 2210-Language Variation in Newfoundland and Labrador  
 LING 3104-Phonetics  
 LING 3212-Language and Gender  
 LING 4210/6210-Sociolinguistics  
 LING 6400- Special Topics in Language Variation  
 LING 7000- Seminar in Graduate Research

### University of Georgia

ENGL 1102-O-Composition II Online  
 ENGL 1101-O-Composition I Online

ENGL 1101-Composition I  
 ENGL 1102-Composition II

North Carolina State University

ENG 210-Introduction to Language and Linguistics  
 ENG 324-Modern English Grammar  
 Advanced English Course-ESL Course  
 Advanced English Grammar and Writing-ESL Course  
 Advanced Pronunciation and Practice-ESL Course  
 Intensive Writing Workshop I-ESL Course  
 Intensive Writing Workshop II-ESL Course

## Grants

### External

- 2016 Collaborator on a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Grant (Canada) with Gerard Van Herk. \$98,000. *Sisters under the Skin: Input, Maintenance and post-insularity in Atlantic based Englishes*. 3-year grant.
- 2008 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Grant. With Gerard Van Herk. \$58,363. *Urbanization and Rapid Change in Newfoundland English*. 3-year grant.
- 2006 ISER Research Grant. Memorial University of Newfoundland, \$8,000. *Isolation, Contact, and Speaker Attitudes: Sociophonetic Differences in Three Avalon Peninsula Communities*.
- 2006 J.R. Smallwood Foundation Research Grant. Memorial University of Newfoundland, \$2,871. *Isolation, Contact, and Speaker Attitudes: Sociophonetic Differences in Three Avalon Peninsula Communities*.
2006. Vice President's Social Sciences and Humanities Council Grant. Memorial University of Newfoundland. \$15,000. *A Sociophonetic Analysis of Newfoundland English: A Pilot Study to Establish Acoustic Phonetic Norms and Patterns*
- 2005 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$9,768. *Investigating the Local Construction of Identity: Sociophonetic Variation in Smoky Mountain African American Women's Speech*.
- 2004 North Carolina Humanities Council Large Grant, \$9,655. *Voices of Texana Oral History Project*.
- 2004 International Gender and Language Association Travel Grant, \$200. Awarded for travel to conference in July 2004.

- 2004 Appalachian Studies Association Travel Grant, \$300. Awarded for travel to conference in March 2004.

### Internal

- 2021 Professional Enhancement Grant. Coastal Carolina University. \$6000. *Storytelling and Critical Applied Narrative Certificate Development*. With Tripti Pillai
- 2014 Academic Enhancement Grant. Coastal Carolina University. \$6000. *Surveying Appalachia*. With J. Daniel Hasty.
- 2007 Academic Enhancement Grant. Coastal Carolina University. \$3,500. *A Digital Horry County Language Corpus: Building Infrastructure to Support Sociolinguistic Analysis and Learning*.
- 2006 SSHRC VP Research Grant. Memorial University of Newfoundland, \$6,950. *A Sociophonetic Analysis of Newfoundland English: A Pilot Study to Establish Acoustic Phonetic Norms and Patterns*.
- 2005 Dean of Arts Research Funds. Memorial University of Newfoundland, \$12,500. *A Sociophonetic Analysis of Newfoundland English: A Pilot Study to Establish Acoustic Phonetic Norms and Patterns*.

### Publications

#### Edited Books

- 2017 Mallinson, Christine, Becky Childs, and Gerard Van Herk (eds.) *Data Collection in Sociolinguistics*. Routledge Press. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
- 2013 Mallinson, Christine, Becky Childs, and Gerard Van Herk (eds.). *Data Collection in Sociolinguistics*. Routledge Press.

#### Book Chapters

- 2021 Childs, Becky. "The Value of Interdisciplinarity in Linguistic Research." *Crossing Borders Making Connections: Interdisciplinarity in Linguistics*. Edited by Allison Burkette and Tamara Warhol. DeGruyter Mouton. 7-22.
- 2020 Childs, Becky. "Ethnicity in Appalachia". In *Appalachian Englishes in the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Kirk Hazen. West Virginia University Press. 99-114.
- 2018 Childs, Becky and Gerard Van Herk. "Townie, Bayman, or Newfoundlander? Linguistic Constructions of Urban and Rural in Newfoundland." *Rural Voices*, edited by Elizabeth Seale and Christine Mallinson. Lexington Books. 45-58.

- 2018 Childs, Becky and Christine Mallinson. "Southern Landscape and Language". *Handbook of the American South*, edited by Maggi Morehouse. Routledge Press. 54-65.
- 2016 Childs, Becky. "Who I am and Who I Want to Be: Variation and Representation in a Messaging Platform". In *English in Computer-Mediated Communication: Variation, Representation, and Perception*, ed. Lauren Squires. Mouton de Gruyter: New York. 261-280.
- 2014 Van Herk, Gerard and Childs, Becky. "Active Retirees: The Persistence of Obsolescent Features" In *Linguistic Variation: Confronting Fact and Theory*, ed. Rena Torres Cacoullous, Nathalie Dion, André Lapierre. Routledge: New York. 193-208.
- 2010a Childs, Becky and Gerard Van Herk. "Breaking Old Habits: Syntactic Constraints Underlying Habitual Effects in Newfoundland English." Chapter in *Aspect in Grammatical Variation*. Edited by James Walker. John Benjamins: Netherlands. 81-94.
- 2010b Childs, Becky, Christine Mallinson, and Jeannine Carpenter. "Vowel Phonology and Ethnicity in North Carolina." In *African American English Speakers and Their Participation in Local Sound Changes: A Comparative Study*. Publication of the American Dialect Society, No. 94. Duke University Press. 23-47.
- 2005a Mallinson, Christine, Becky Childs, Bridget Anderson, and Neal Hutcheson. "If These Hills Could Talk." In *Voices of American English*, ed. Walt Wolfram and Ben Ward. Malden, MA: Blackwell. 22-28.
- 2005b Wolfram, Walt, Becky Childs, Jeffrey Reaser, and Benjamin Torbert. "Islands of Diversity." In *Voices of American English*, ed. Walt Wolfram and Ben Ward. Malden, MA: Blackwell. 183-188.
- 2004a Childs, Becky and Walt Wolfram. "Bahamian Phonology." In *A Handbook of Varieties of English*, ed. Bernd Kortman and Edgar Schneider. Mouton de Gruyter Publishers. 435-449.
- 2004b Childs, Becky, Jeffrey Reaser, and Walt Wolfram. "Defining Ethnic Varieties in the Bahamas: Phonological Accommodation in Black and White Enclave Communities." *Eastern Caribbean Creoles and Englishes*, ed. Michael Aceto and Jeffrey Williams. 1-28.

#### Articles in refereed journals

- 2023 Hasty, Daniel and Becky Childs. "You Ain't from Here, Are You? Subregional Variation and Identification in the New Appalachia." *American Speech*.
- 2021 Hasty, Daniel and Becky Childs. "Investigating Appalachian Englishes: Subregional Variation in the New Appalachia." *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 27:1, 69-88.

- 2020 Hasty, Daniel, Denise Paster, and Becky Childs. "Valuing a Variety of Voices: Using Digital Badges to Support Linguistic Diversity in First Year Composition." *American Speech*. Duke University Press. 95:2, 243-252.
- 2018 Childs, Becky. "Student Voice and Linguistic Identity: A Tool for Retention of First Year and First-Generation Undergraduates." *Journal of English Linguistics*. 46:3, 186-198.
- 2014 Childs, Becky and Gerard Van Herk. "Work that –s: Drag queens, gender, identity, and traditional Newfoundland English." *Journal of Sociolinguistics*. 18:5, 634-657.
- 2011 Childs, Becky, Gerard Van Herk and Jennifer Thorburn. "Safe Harbour: Ethics and accessibility in sociolinguistic corpus building." *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*. 7:1, 163-180.
- 2008 Mallinson, Christine and Becky Childs. "Communities of Practice in Sociolinguistic Description: Analyzing Language and Identity Practices among Black Women in Appalachia." *Gender and Language*. 1:1, 173-205.
- 2006 Childs, Becky and Christine Mallinson. "Speaker Construction of Ethnolinguistic Identity: The Use of Lexical Items to Create Difference." *American Speech*. 81:1, 3-30.
- 2004a Mallinson, Christine and Becky Childs. "The Intersection of Regional and Ethnic Identity: African American English in Appalachia." *Journal of Appalachian Studies*. 10:1, 129-142.
- 2004b Childs, Becky and Christine Mallinson. "African American English in Appalachia: Dialect Accommodation and Substrate Influence." *English World Wide*. 25.1, 27-50.
- 2003 Herman, David, and Becky Childs. "Narrative and Cognition in Beowulf." *Style*. 37.2, 177-202.
- 2000a Wolfram, Walt, Becky Childs, and Benjamin Torbert. "Tracing Language History Through Consonant Cluster Reduction: Evidence from Isolated Dialects." *Journal of Southern Linguistics*. 24.1, 17-40.
- 2000b Childs, Becky and Benjamin Torbert. "Tracing Language History Through Consonant Cluster Reduction: Comparative Evidence from Isolated Dialects." *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics*, 12, 67-82.

#### **Articles in refereed conference proceedings**

- 2018 Childs, Becky and Joel Schreir. "Language and the Internet in the New South". *Conference Proceedings from Language Variation in the South Conference*. University of North Carolina Press.

- 2015 Mallinson, Christine and Becky Childs. "African American Women's Language in the Smoky Mountains of Appalachia." *Proceedings from LAVIS III*. 475-491.
- 2013 Childs, Becky and Gerard Van Herk. "Linguistic Superstars and Bit Players." *Methods in Dialectology 14 Conference Proceedings*. 139-148.
- 2010 Childs, Becky, et. al. "Stop signs: The intersection of interdental fricatives and identity in Newfoundland." *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*.16:2, 26-35.
- 2009 Van Herk, Gerard, Becky Childs, and Jennifer Thorburn. "Identity marking and affiliation in an urbanizing Newfoundland Community." In W. Cichocki (ed.), *Papers from the 31st Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Linguistic Association/Actes du 31e Colloque annuel de l'Association de linguistique des provinces atlantiques*, 85-94.
- 2007 Kretzschmar, William, Sonja Lanehart, Bridget Anderson, and Becky Childs. "The Relevance of Community Language Studies to HEL: The View from Roswell." *Proceedings of the History of the English Language Conference*, 173-186.
- 2005 Mallinson, Christine and Becky Childs. *Communities of Practice in Sociolinguistic Description: African American Women's Language in Appalachia*. *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*. 10:2, 1-14.

#### Articles in non-refereed journals

- 2006 Childs, Becky. "First Year on the Rock: A Sociolinguist Reflects on Language and Life in Newfoundland." *Regional Language Studies* 19, 25-26.
- 2003a Wolfram, Walt, Becky Childs, Jeffrey Reaser, and Benjamin Torbert. February 2003. "Bahamian English." *Language Magazine*. 3pp.
- 2003b Mallinson, Christine, Becky Childs, Bridget Anderson, and Neal Hutcheson. September 2003. "If These Hills Could Talk: Speech in the Great Smoky Mountains." *Language Magazine*. 4pp.

#### Booklets and Multimedia Publications

- 2018 Childs, Becky. "Dialectology." *Oxford Encyclopedia of Linguistics*.
- 2006 Childs, Becky and Christine Mallinson. "Voices of Texana." An audio chronicle of Appalachian African American Language, Culture, and History. 44pp.
- 2004 Childs, Becky, et al. "*Roswell Voices*." An oral history project of Roswell, GA. The Roswell Convention and Visitors Bureau, The Roswell Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia Community Language Project. 52pp.
- 1999 Childs, Becky, et al. "*Ocracoke Speaks*." An audio chronicle of the Ocracoke dialect. The North Carolina Language and Life Project, North Carolina State University and the Ocracoke Preservation Society. 48pp.

## Book Reviews

- 2022 Childs, Becky. "The View from Here." *American Speech* 97 (2): 220–224.
- 2014 Childs, Becky. Review of Warren Maguire and April McMahon, *Analysing Variation in English*. *English World-Wide*. 35 (1), 104-108.
- 2008 Childs, Becky. Review of Joan Beal, *Language and Region*. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 12:1, 129-132.
- 2007 Childs, Becky. "Words Hearn Round the Smokies." Review of M. Montgomery, *Dictionary of Smoky Mountain English*. *American Speech* 82:3, 300-303.

## Scholarly Lectures/Professional Presentations

### Conference Presentations

- 2022 "Digital Distribution and Progressive Pedagogies: A Programmatic Approach to Valuing Diverse Linguistic and Literacy Practices." With Emma Howes and Denise Paster. Computers and Writing Conference. Greenville, NC.
- 2022 "Working for Linguistic Equity Together: A Programmatic Approach to Diverse Literacy Practices." With Emma Howes and Denise Paster. Conference on College Composition and Communication.
- 2020 "Language and Ethnicity in Appalachia" Appalachian Studies Conference. Lexington, KY. (Conference cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 "Isolated Compared to What?" Isolation, Explanations, and Appalachian English." Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society. New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 d "Stops Making Sense: Cross-linguistic conflict sites and the socio/linguistic interface." With Gerard Van Herk and Osama Omari. NWAV 48. University of Oregon. Eugene, OR.
- 2019 c "Stopposites: Exploiting cross-linguistic conflict sites to explore the socio/linguistic interface." With Gerard Van Herk and Osama Omari. Canadian Linguistics Association. Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- 2019 b "Constructing and Reconstructing Appalachian Language and Identity." With J. Daniel Hasty. Southeastern Conference on Linguistics.
- 2019 a "Linguistic Change and Subregionality in Appalachia." With J. Daniel Hasty. Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference. Asheville, NC.



- 2018 b “Contemporary Appalachian English: Change from outside and within” A poster presented with J. Daniel Hasty. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation*. New York, NY.
- 2018 a “Digital Distribution and Programmatic Progression: An Examination of Ideology in a Badging Initiative.” With Denise Paster, Alan Reid, and J. Daniel Hasty. *Computers and Writing Conference*. Fairfax: VA.
- 2017 a “Social capital far from the capital: Verbal –s in Corner Brook, Newfoundland.” With Gerard Van Herk. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation*. Madison, WI.
- 2017 b “Sociolinguistic partnerships in the University: The effects of linguistic materials in first year composition.” With J. Daniel Hasty. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation*. Madison, WI.
- 2017 c “Negotiating new linguistic terrains: Exploring linguistics and first year writing partnerships.” With Daniel Hasty and Denise Paster. *Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL)*. Charleston, SC.
- 2017 d “Getting into Graduate School: What you need to know.” *Diversity in Variation Conference*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 a “Valuing a Variety of Voices: Using Digital Badges to Support Linguistic Diversity in a First-Year Composition Program.” With Daniel Hasty and Denise Paster. *National Council of Teachers of English Meeting*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 b “Townie, Bayman, or Newfoundlander? Linguistic Constructions of Urban and Rural in Newfoundland “With Gerard Van Herk. *Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. Toronto, Canada.
- 2016 c “Student Voice and Linguistic Identity: A Tool for Recruitment and Retention of First Year and First-Generation Undergraduates”. *Linguistics Society of American Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC.
- 2016 d “Social Motivation for a Structural Sound Change: The Canadian Shift in four Communities”. With Rebecca Roeder and Matthew Hunt Gardner. *American Dialect Society Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC.
- 2016 e “Language Change and Identity in the New Appalachia”. With Daniel Hasty. *American Dialect Society Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC.
- 2015 a “Surveying the New Appalachia: Change, Perception, and Influence”. With Brooke Parker & J. Daniel Hasty. *Southeastern Conference on Linguistics*. Raleigh, NC.
- 2015 b “Surveying the Linguistic Terrain: Utilizing Surveys Near and Far”. With J. Daniel Hasty & Gerard Van Herk. *Southeastern Conference on Linguistics*. Raleigh, NC.

- 2015 c “Language and Internet in the New South “. Language and Variation in the South. Raleigh, NC.
- 2015 d “Surveying Appalachia: Language Change and Perception”. With J. Daniel Hasty. Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference. Johnson City, TN.
- 2014 “Active Retirees: The Persistence of Obsolent Features”. With Gerard Van Herk. NWAV 43. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 a “The Old is New Again: Curvilinear Patterns of Linguistic Change in Appalachia”. With J. Daniel Hasty. NWAV 42. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2013 b “Weaving Linguistics into Undergraduate Education: A Case Study of Expanding Student Knowledge and Course Offerings.” With J. Daniel Hasty. Southeastern Conference on Linguistics. Spartanburg, SC.
- 2013 c “Changing Linguistic Landscapes.” Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Boone, NC.
- 2011 a “You can’t come back if you never left.” With Gerard Van Herk. NWAV 40. Washington, DC.
- 2011 b “Shifting Theories: Social Rather Than Phonological Accounts for the Canadian Shift.” With Matthew Hunt-Gardner. NWAV 40. Washington, DC.
- 2011 c “Superstars and Bit Players.” With Gerard Van Herk. Methods in Dialectology 14. London, Ontario, Canada.
- 2011 d “Putting the “new” in Newfoundland: Local Features as a Reflection of Local Status.” With Gerard Van Herk. Canadian Variation and Change Conference. Victoria, BC, Canada.
- 2011 e “Staking Claims: Two Communities and One Salient Marker.” With Matthew Hunt Gardner. American Dialect Society Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2011 f “Motivated to Move: Traditional and Supra-local Variants and the Canadian Shift.” With Matthew Hunt Gardner. American Dialect Society Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2010 a “Participants, purpose, and process: An interactive workshop on data collection in variationist sociolinguistics.” With Christine Mallinson and Gerard Van Herk. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 39, San Antonio, TX.
- 2010 b “New work for old icons: Identity and gender in "new" Newfoundland” With Gerard Van Herk. Sociolinguistic Symposium 18. Southampton, UK.

- 2009a “Stop signs: The intersection of interdental fricatives and identity in Newfoundland.” With Paul De Decker, Rachel Deal, Tyler Kendall, Jennifer Thorburn, Maia Williamson & Gerard Van Herk. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 38, Ottawa, ON, Canada.
- 2009b “Accessibility on Public Corpora.” Panel Presentation at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 38, Ottawa, ON, Canada.
- 2009c “Safe Harbour: Ethics and accessibility in sociolinguistic corpus building.” With Gerard Van Herk & Jennifer Thorburn. American Association of Corpus Linguistics, Edmonton, AB, Canada.
- 2009d “Diphthongs, speaker orientation, and Newfoundland English: Indicators and explanations for linguistic variation.” *Change and Variation in Canada III*, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- 2009e “Modernizing and Innovating Linguistic Data Accessibility for Linguistic Research: The Horry County Oral History Project.” With Sara Sanders and John Stamey. SECOL. New Orleans, LA.
- 2009f “A different island: Newfoundland English as a testing ground for dialect contributions to earlier African American English”. Society of Pidgin and Creole Languages. San Francisco, CA.
- 2008a “Dragging Up the Traditional: Speaker Reanalysis of a Linguistic Variable.” With Gerard Van Herk. *APLA* 32. Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 2008b “Drag Queens, Gender, Identity, and Traditional Newfoundland English.” With Gerard Van Herk. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 37. Houston, TX.
- 2008c “Phonological Variation, Lexical Effects, and Social Context: Interdental Fricatives in Newfoundland English. *Methods in Dialectology* 13. Leeds, UK.
- 2008d “A Tale of Two Villages: Rapid Urbanization in Newfoundland and Saudi Arabia.” With Gerard Van Herk and Ahmad Assiri. *Methods in Dialectology* 13. Leeds, UK.
- 2008e. “Breaking old habits: Syntactic constraints underlying habitual effects in Newfoundland English.” *Change and Variation in Canada II*, Ottawa, ON.
- 2008f “A Linguistic Time Machine: What Newfoundland English Can Tell Us About Earlier Southern English and African American English.” With Gerard Van Herk. SECOL. Knoxville, TN.
- 2007a “Identity marking and affiliation in an urbanizing Newfoundland Community.” With Gerard Van Herk and Jennifer Thorburn. *APLA* 31. Fredericton, NB.

- 2007b “The Effects of Urbanization and Social Orientation: Locally Salient Variables as Indicators of Linguistic Change.” With Gerard Van Herk and Jennifer Thorburn. NWAV 36. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2007c “Speaker orientation to local linguistic norms: Interdental fricatives in Newfoundland English.” With Jennifer Thorburn and Gerard Van Herk. *Change and Variation in Canada*. Toronto, ON.
- 2007d “Present temporal reference and identity in Newfoundland English” With Gerard Van Herk and Jennifer Thorburn. *Change and Variation in Canada*. Toronto, ON.
- 2007e “Vowel Phonology and Ethnicity in North Carolina.” With Christine Mallinson and Jeannine Carpenter. Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting. Anaheim, CA.
- 2006a. “‘We Talk Country’: Trajectories of African American English in Appalachia.” With Christine Mallinson. NWAV 35. Columbus, OH.
- 2006b. “Canadian Raising in Newfoundland: Exploring Sociophonetic and Sociohistoric Explanations.” With Sandra Clarke. NWAV 35. Columbus, OH.
- 2006c. “Investigating the Local Construction of Identity: Sociophonetic Variation in Community Speech.” Atlantic Provinces Linguistics Association Annual Meeting. Halifax, NS.
- 2006d. “Talking about African American Appalachian English to Community Groups,” With Christine Mallinson. Appalachian Studies Association. Dayton, OH.
- 2005a “Trajectories of Linguistic Change in Communities of Practice: Reconfiguration and Dissolution.” With Christine Mallinson. NWAV 34. New York, NY.
- 2005b “Finding Roswell’s Voice: Balancing Methods, Community, and Research Goals.” SECOL LXXII. Raleigh, NC.
- 2005c “Insiders, outsiders, and locals: Audience considerations in linguistic gratuity projects.” With Christine Mallinson. SECOL LXXII: Raleigh, NC.
- 2005d “Media influence on the construction of ethnolinguistic identity in an Appalachian African American community.” With Christine Mallinson. 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Appalachian Studies Conference: Radford, VA.
- 2005e “Drag kings: Creating a Name in a More Socially Conscious Performance Space.” American Name Society Annual Meeting. Oakland, CA.
- 2004a “Speaker Construction of Ethnolinguistic Identity: The Use of Lexical Items to Create Difference.” With Christine Mallinson. NWAV 33. Ann Arbor, MI.

- 2004b “Language and Identity Among African American Women in Appalachia.” With Christine Mallinson. International Gender and Language Association Conference. Ithaca, NY.
- 2004c “The Relevance of Community Language Studies to HEL: The View from Roswell.” With William Kretzschmar, Sonja Lanehart, and Bridget Anderson. Studies in the History of the English Language Conference. Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2004d “African American Women’s Language in the Smoky Mountains of Appalachia.” With Christine Mallinson. LAVIS III. Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2004e “The Intersection of Regional and Ethnic Identity: African American English in Appalachia.” With Christine Mallinson. Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference. Cherokee, NC.
- 2004f “A First Look at Vowel Fronting in Smoky Mountain African American Speech.” University of Georgia Student Conference in Linguistics. Athens, GA.
- 2004g “Constructing Communities of Practice in the Speech of Appalachian African American Women.” With Christine Mallinson. American Dialect Society Annual Meeting at the Linguistics Society of America Annual Conference. Boston, MA.
- 2003a “Using Media to Make Difference: An Examination of Lexicon in the Construction of Ethnolinguistic Identity.” With Christine Mallinson. SAMLA American Dialect Society Session. Atlanta, GA.
- 2003b “Communities of Practice in Sociolinguistic Description: African American Women’s Language in Appalachia.” With Christine Mallinson. NWAVE 32. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003c “Rounding, Coarticulation, and Fronting for /u/ and /U/ among Texana, North Carolina and Detroit African American Speakers: Problematizing the Internal/External Dichotomy.” With Bridget Anderson. NWAVE 32. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003d “The Role of Lexicon in the Construction of Ethnolinguistic Boundaries: Evidence from the Enclave Community of Texana, North Carolina.” With Christine Mallinson. Dictionary Society of North America Meeting. Durham, NC.
- 2003e “Individually Urban: Mobility in the Movement Toward a More African American Dialect.” With Christine Mallinson. SECOL LXVIII. Washington, DC.
- 2003f “The Regional Alignment of African American English in the Smoky Mountains.” With Christine Mallinson. American Dialect Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2002a “Narrative and Cognition in Beowulf.” With David Herman. Panel on Beowulf sponsored by the Division on Old English Language and Literature, MLA Convention. New York, NY.

- 2002b “African American English in Appalachia: Dialect Accommodation and Substrate Influence”. With Christine Mallinson. SECOL LXVII session of the South Atlantic Modern Languages Association Conference. Baltimore, MD.
- 2002c “Phonological Accommodation in Bahamian English Dialect Communities: An Examination of Consonantal Variables.” Society of Caribbean Linguistics Conference. St. Augustine, Trinidad.
- 2002d “A Carolinas Connection in the Bahamas.” Blue Ridge International Conference on the Humanities and Arts. Boone, NC.
- 2002e “Ethnolinguistic Alignment in Transplant Dialect Communities: The Role of Consonant Reconstruction.” American Dialect Society Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2001a “Language Accommodation in Ethnically Contrastive Communities: An Examination of Phonological Processes in Bahamian Speech.” SAMLA Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2001b “Phonological Accommodation in Out Island Communities.” With Jeffrey Reaser. SECOL LXVI. Knoxville, TN.
- 2000a “Language Accommodation in a White Enclave: Phonological Evidence from Abaco Island, Bahamas.” With Jeffery Reaser. NWAVE 29. East Lansing, Michigan.
- 2000b “The Role of Contact in Isolated Transplant Communities: The Case of Consonant Cluster Reduction in the Bahamas.” SECOL LXV. Oxford, MS.
- 2000c “Tracing Language History through Consonant Cluster Reduction: Comparative Evidence from Isolated Dialects.” With Benjamin Torbert. Student Conference in Linguistics. Chapel Hill, NC. March 1999; SECOL, Norfolk, VA. April 1999; NWAVE 28 Toronto, Canada. October 1999; Student Conference in Linguistics, Tucson, AZ. February 2000.

### **Invited Lectures**

- 2020 “Ethnicity in Appalachia”. West Virginia University. Linguistics Class.
- 2019 “Linguistics and Future Careers” University of California Santa Barbara, Graduate Linguistics Class.
- 2015 “Language in New Appalachia”. University of South Carolina Linguistics Department. Columbia, SC.
- 2008b “Sociolinguistics.” English 451 (Introduction to Language and Linguistics). Coastal Carolina University. Conway, SC.

- 2008a “Ferdinand de Saussure.” English 483 (Critical Theory). Coastal Carolina University. Conway, SC.
- 2007 “Sociolinguistics.” Linguistics 1100 (Introduction to Language). Memorial University of Newfoundland. St. John’s, NL.
- 2006b “Sociolinguistics.” Linguistics 1100 (Introduction to Language). Memorial University of Newfoundland. St. John’s, NL.
- 2006a “Sociolinguistic Studies and the Local Community.” Knowledge Transfer Tourism Session. Terra Nova National Park, NL.
- 2004a “The Crossroads of Region and Ethnicity in Western North Carolina Speech.” With Christine Mallinson. Chautauqua Avenue Festival. Andrews, NC.
- 2004b “African American English in Appalachia: Investigating Region, Ethnicity, and Gender.” Dartmouth College. Hanover, NH.
- 2004c “Dialects and You.” With Bridget Anderson. Roswell Magnolia Story Tellers Festival. Roswell, GA.
- 2004d “Leaving the Ivory Tower: When Researchers and Communities Meet.” With Christine Mallinson. Graduate Sociolinguistic Field Methods Course. Georgetown University.
- 2004e “Using Multiple Methods in Linguistic Analysis—Or, How to Maximize Your Data.” With Christine Mallinson. Graduate Advances in Sociolinguistics Course. Georgetown University.
- 2004f “African American English in Appalachia.” Southern English Course, University of Georgia.
- 2003 “Dialects: Why We Talk the Way We Do.” With William Kretzschmar, Bridget Anderson, and Sonja Lanehart. Roswell, GA.

## **Other Professional Activities/Service**

### ***National Scholarly Outreach***

NPR media coverage. A region talks back: Linguists record diverse dialects of Appalachia. <https://www.wunc.org/post/region-talks-back-linguists-record-diverse-dialects-appalachia>, 2019.

### **University Service**

#### ***University Level***

Adviser, Southern Studies Minor, Fall 2021-2022

Member, University Budget and Finance Committee, Fall 2020-2022

Member, University Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, Fall 2017-2022  
 Adviser, Linguistics Minor, 2015-2022  
 Adviser, Southern Studies Minor, 2021-2022  
 Panelist, “The Unwritten Rules of Academia”, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Fall 2020  
 Member, University Promotion and Tenure Committee, Fall 2017 – 2020  
 Organizing Committee, International Gullah/Geechee Conference, Fall 2019-Spring 2020  
 Chair, Administrator Evaluation Committee, Spring 2018-Spring 2019  
 Discussant, Women and Success, Wall College of Business, Spring 2015  
 Member of the CETL Advisory Board, Coastal Carolina University 2009-2013

### ***College Level***

Member, COHFA Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2020-2021  
 Member, COHFA Immediate Action Subcommittee on DEI, Summer 2020  
 Member, COHFA Technology Committee, 2011- 2017  
 Member, COHFA Student Learning Committee, 2011-2017  
 Member, COHFA, Core Curriculum Ad Hoc Committee, 2015-2016  
 Faculty Mentor for International Scholar, Fall 2010  
 Peer Technology Mentor, Coastal Carolina University, Fall 2008

### ***Department Level***

Member, Marketing Committee, Department of English, 2019-2021  
 Member, Student Success Committee, Department of English, 2018-2021  
 Member, Assessment Team, Department of English, 2018-2021  
 Member, Digital Culture and Design Program Committee, 2018-2021  
 Member, Search Committee, African American Literature Search, Fall 2019  
 Chair, Assessment Committee, Department of English, 2011-2017  
 Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of English, 2011- 2017  
 Presenter, Departmental Scholars Symposium, Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016  
 Presenter, Department of English Retreat, Spring 2012  
 Presenter, New Faculty Development Series, Department of English, Spring 2011  
 Chair, Linguistics Search, Department of English, Spring 2012  
 Member, English Department Graduate Committee, Spring 2010- 2013  
 Advisor, Linguistics Club, Coastal Carolina University, 2008-2010  
 English Department Search Committee, Coastal Carolina University, 2008-2010  
 Departmental Tenure Elaborations Committee, Member, Spring 2008

### ***Abstract Review***

Abstract Reviewer, New Ways of Analyzing Variation 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
 Abstract Review, Southeastern Conference on Linguistics 2015, 2016, 2017  
 Abstract Reviewer, American Dialect Society Annual Conference 2007, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021  
 Abstract Reviewer, Appalachian Studies Conference, 2020

### ***Editorial Board Membership***



Editorial Board Member, *Language and Linguistics Compass*, Blackwell Publishers, 2008-present

Editorial Board Member, *American Speech*, Duke University Press, 2014-2019

***Advisory Board Membership***

Linguistic Atlas Project 2012- present

***Manuscript Review***

Duke University Press

University of Delaware Press

Routledge Press

Oxford University Press

*American Speech*

*English Worldwide*

*Journal of Appalachian Studies*

*Journal of English Linguistics*

*Journal of Language, Identity, and Education*

*Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*

*Journal of Sociolinguistics*

*Language and Communication*

*Language and Education*

*Language and Gender*

*Language Ecology*

*Language Variation and Change*

*World Englishes*

***Panel Respondent***

Blackwell Compass Virtual Conference 2009

***Grant Review***

Grant proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2016, Fall 2019

Fulbright Poland, Fall 2018, 2021

***Conference Session Chair***

Session Chair, International Gullah/Geechee Conference, Conway, SC 2020

Session Chair, American Dialect Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2020

Panel Organizer, DiVAR conference, 2017

Session Chair, South Atlantic Modern Language Association Linguistics Session, 2009, 2011

Session Chair, Digitization Session, SOTL Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC 2009

Session Co- Chair, South Atlantic Modern Language Association Linguistics Session, 2008, 2010

***Community Service***

Board of Visitors Community Dialogue Series, Coastal Carolina University, Spring 2010, Spring 2012

Reader/Judge, Student Essay Contest, Carolina Forest High School, Fall 2007

### **PhD Committee Membership**

Co-Supervisor, Jennifer Thorburn, PhD, Linguistics, Memorial University of Newfoundland, 2014

### **PhD Comprehensive Exam Committee Service**

Ahmad Assari, Sociolinguistics, Memorial University of Newfoundland, 2007

Jennifer Thorburn, Sociolinguistics, Memorial University of Newfoundland, 2007

### **MA Thesis Committee Service**

Primary Advisor, Margaret Fain, Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Primary Advisor, Jessica Cox, Coastal Carolina University, 2012

Secondary Reader, Cameron Wright, Coastal Carolina University, 2012

Secondary Reader, Brian Druckenmiller, Coastal Carolina University, 2013

### **Thesis Exam Committee Service**

Reader, Matthew Hunt Gardner, MA, Linguistics, Memorial University of Newfoundland, 2010

Member, Maia Williamson, MA, Linguistics, University of Montreal, 2009

Reader, Pauline Hollett, MA, Linguistics, Memorial University of Newfoundland, 2007

Reader, Christine Champodiezeau, MA, Linguistics, Memorial University of Newfoundland, 2006

Reader, Jennifer Parsons, MA, Linguistics, Memorial University of Newfoundland, 2006

### **Senior Thesis Director**

Director, Meredith Persin, BA English, Coastal Carolina University, 2019

Director, Melissa Balance, BA, English, Coastal Carolina University, 2008

Director, James McKinney, BA, English Coastal Carolina University, 2009

Director, Charli McBee, BA, English, Coastal Carolina University, 2010

### **Graduate Student Teaching Mentorship**

Mentor (GPT program), Jennifer Parsons, Winter 2006

Mentor (GPT program), Erin Swain, Winter 2007

### **Community Outreach**

Litchfield Visitor's Bureau Lecture, "10 Events that shaped Horry County" (Spring 2012)

Litchfield Visitors Bureau Lecture, "What's so Important about Shakespeare" (Spring 2010)

Sun News Article, Horry County Oral History Project (April 2, 2009)

Interview for Chanticleer Student Newspaper on slang (Spring 2008)

Interview with Weekly Surge on "Dude" (Spring 2008)

Interview with ABC 15 WPDE on text messaging and language (Spring 2008)

### **Professional Memberships/Working Groups**

American Dialect Society  
Appalachian Studies Association  
Linguistics Society of America  
National Council of Teachers of English  
South Carolina Higher Education Africanism Studies Marketing Group  
Southeastern Conference on Linguistics