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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**EDUCATION**

1998 Ph.D., Linguistics, The Ohio State University. Concentration: Sociolinguistics (primary),  
Syntax (secondary). Dissertation: *Exploring the AAVE-Gullah connection: A comparative  
study of copula variability* (Donald Winford, advisor)

1991 B.A., *cum laude*, Furman University. Majors: English and French

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

January 2018 – Present Associate Dean for Diversity, Interdisciplinary  
Programs, and Social Sciences  
The College of Arts and Sciences  
The University of South Carolina

January 2017 – December 2017 Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion  
The College of Arts and Sciences  
The University of South Carolina

January 2009 – June 2010 Graduate Director, Linguistics Program  
The University of South Carolina

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

August 2006 – present Associate Professor, English Dept./Linguistics Program  
The University of South Carolina

August 2000 – August 2006 Assistant Professor, English Dept./Linguistics Program  
The University of South Carolina

January 1999 – July 2000 Assistant Professor, English Department  
North Carolina State University

August 1995 – December 1998 Instructor, English Department  
North Carolina State University

#### **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

- June 1994 – August 1995 Graduate Research Assistant, English Department  
The Ohio State University
- September 1993 – June 1994 Co-editor, *Language Files* linguistics textbook (6<sup>th</sup> edition)  
The Ohio State University
- September 1992 – June 1993 Graduate Teaching Associate, Linguistics Department  
The Ohio State University
- September 1991 – September 1992 Graduate Fellow, Linguistics Department  
The Ohio State University

#### **GRANTS**

2014. Contributing Scholar. "Out of the Rice Fields: Vestiges of Gullah Culture in Modern Society". The SC Humanities Council. \$2000-\$8000. Principal Investigator: Dr. Valinda Littlefield (University of South Carolina).
- 2013-2016. Research Collaborator and Advisory Board Member, "Talking Black in America: A Documentary and Outreach Program". National Science Foundation (NSF), Informal Science Education (ISE), Connecting Researchers and Public Audiences (CRPA) proposal. \$150,000. Principal Investigator: Dr. Walt Wolfram (North Carolina State University).
- 2011-2013. Principal Investigator, "Middle class African American English." Provost Internal Humanities Grant (University of South Carolina). #10150A036. \$15,423.12.
- 2004-2006. Research Collaborator, "The Evaluative Component in Linguistic Change and Variation." National Science Foundation (NSF). #0426061. \$274,000. Principal Investigator: Dr. William Labov, (Linguistics) The University of Pennsylvania. Co-research Collaborator: Dr. Naomi Nagy, (English) The University of New Hampshire.
2000. Consulting Investigator, "Gender and Communication in Engineering Teams." Engineering Information Foundation (EIF) follow-up grant. \$24,370.01. Principal Investigator: Dr. Cynthia Haller, (English) North Carolina State University. Co-consulting Investigators: Dr. Victoria Gallagher, (Communications) and Dr. Richard Felder (Engineering), North Carolina State University
1998. Consulting Investigator, "Gender and Communication in Engineering Teams." Engineering Information Foundation (EIF). \$41,148. Principal Investigator: Dr. Cynthia Haller (English) North Carolina State University. Co-consulting Investigators: Dr. Victoria Gallagher, (Communications) and Dr. Richard Felder (Engineering), North Carolina State University.

#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

2017-2018. SEC Academic Leaders Development Program (ALDP). The University of South Carolina.

2015-2016. Pipeline for Academic Leaders (PAL) Fellow. The University of South Carolina.

2014-2015. Southern Studies Travel Grant. Southern Studies Institute. The University of South Carolina.

2013-2014. Departmental Teaching Award. English Department. The University of South Carolina.

2011-2012. Associate Professor Development Award. The College of Arts and Sciences. The University of South Carolina.

2011. Project Mentor. Magellan Scholar Program Award. \$2000. For Lauren Fowler's honor's thesis on "Pre-service teachers' attitudes toward dialect diversity in the classroom". The University of South Carolina.

2011. Finalist. Departmental Teaching Award. English Department. The University of South Carolina.

2010-2011. Morrison Fellowship. \$6000. English Department. The University of South Carolina.

2009. Research and Creative Projects Award (Spring/Summer), \$1500. Institute for African American Research. The University of South Carolina.

2007-2008. Graduate School Research Assistantship Competition Award. For the support of Linguistics Ph.D. student Stephen Mann. The University of South Carolina.

2004. Summer Research Stipend, \$2500. English Department. The University of South Carolina.

1999. Best Paper Award. Cynthia Haller, Victoria Gallagher, Tracey Weldon, Richard Felder. "Dynamics of Peer Interactions in Cooperative Learning." American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) Conference, Educational Research and Methods (ERM) Division.

1994. Summer Research Grant. Linguistics Department. The Ohio State University.

1993. Summer Research Grant. Linguistics Department and Center for African Studies. The Ohio State University.

1993. Finalist. Teaching Excellence Award. Linguistics Department. The Ohio State University.

#### **AUTHORED BOOKS**

In press. *Middle Class African American English*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

#### EDITED BOOKS

1994. Jannedy, Stefanie, Robert Poletto, Tracey Weldon, eds. *The Language Files*. 6th edition. Columbus: Ohio State University Press.

#### ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

*Peer reviewed*

In progress. Weldon, Tracey, Christine Ofulue, and Jessica R. Berry. Language and identity in contemporary creole contexts: A comparative look at Gullah/Geechee and Nigerian Pidgin. For a Festschrift volume. Sandro Sessarego, Shelome Gooden, and Bettina Migge, eds. Under consideration with Amsterdam: Benjamins.

In press. Race, class, and linguistic camouflage: Remote past BEEN and the divergence debate revisited. For a Festschrift honoring John R. Rickford. Renee Blake and Isabella Buchstaller, eds. New York: Routledge.

2018. Sounding Black: Labeling and perceptions of African American voices on Southern college campuses. *Language variety in the New South: Contemporary perspectives on change and variation*. Jeffrey Reaser, Eric Wilbanks, Karissa Wojcik, and Walt Wolfram, eds. Chapel Hill: UNC Press. 175-202.

2017. Reprint. Vignette on “Working with Scripted Data.” In *Data Collection in Sociolinguistics: Methods and Applications*. Christine Mallinson, Becky Childs, and Gerard Van Herk, eds. New York: Routledge. 227-229.

2015. Britt, Erica and Tracey Weldon. African American English and the Middle Class. *Oxford Handbook of African American Language*. New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press. 800-816.

2015. Weldon, Tracey and Simanique Moody. The Place of Gullah in the African American Linguistic Continuum. *Oxford Handbook of African American Language*. New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press. 163-180.

2013. Vignette on “Working with Scripted Data.” In *Data Collection in Sociolinguistics: Methods and Applications*. Christine Mallinson, Becky Childs, and Gerard Van Herk, eds. New York: Routledge. 228-231.

2012. Teaching African American English to College Students: Ideological and Pedagogical Challenges and Solutions. *American Speech: Teaching American Speech* 87: 2. 232-247.

2011. Labov, William, Sharon Ash, Maya Ravindranath, Tracey Weldon, Maciej Baranowski, Naomi Nagy. Properties of the Sociolinguistic Monitor. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 15: 4. 431-463.

2007. Gullah Negation: A Variable Analysis. *American Speech*. 82: 4. 341-366.

2005. Gullah Gullah Islands. *American Voices: How Dialects Differ from Coast to Coast*. Walt Wolfram and Ben Ward, eds. Malden and Oxford: Blackwell. 178-182. (Reprint of Weldon, 2002. Gullah Gullah Islands. *Language Magazine*. February edition. 31, 33-34).
2005. Review article on *The Development of African American English*, by Walt Wolfram and Erik Thomas, Oxford and Malden: Blackwell, 2002; and *The Historical Evolution of Earlier African American English: An Empirical Comparison of Early Sources*, by Alexander Kautzsch, Berlin and New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 2002. *Language* 81.2. 478-494.
2004. Gullah: Phonology. *A Handbook of Varieties of English* 1: 2. Berlin and New York: Mouton de Gruyter. 393-406.
2003. Copula Variability in Gullah. *Language Variation and Change* 15: 1. 37-72.
2003. Revisiting the Creolist Hypothesis: Copula Variability in Gullah and Southern Rural AAVE. *American Speech* 78: 2. 171-191.
2002. Gullah Gullah Islands. *Language Magazine*. February edition. 31, 33-34.
2000. Reflections on the Ebonics Controversy. *American Speech* (Diamond Anniversary Edition): 75: 3. 275-277.
2000. Haller, Cynthia R., Victoria J. Gallagher, Tracey L. Weldon, Richard M. Felder. Dynamics of Peer Education in Cooperative Learning Workgroups. *Journal of Engineering Education* 89: 3. 285-293.
1994. Variability in Negation in African-American Vernacular English. *Language Variation and Change* 6: 3. 359-397.
- Non-peer reviewed*
2007. Gullah. *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*. Ellen Johnson and Michael Montgomery, eds. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press. 69-72.
2006. Labov, William, Sharon Ash, Maya Ravindranath, Tracey Weldon, Maciej Baranowski, and Naomi Nagy. Listeners' Sensitivity to the Frequency of Sociolinguistic Variables. In *The University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 12: 2. Maya Ravindranath and Michael Friesner, eds. 105-129.
1999. Haller, Cynthia R., Victoria J. Gallagher, Tracey L. Weldon, Richard M. Felder. Dynamics of Peer Interactions in Cooperative Learning. American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE), *Proceedings*.
1996. Past Marking in Gullah. *The University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 3: 1. Miriam Meyerhoff, ed. 63-72.

#### NOTES AND REVIEWS

2007. Review of *American English: Dialects and Variation (Language in society, 25)*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Wolfram, Walt and Natalie Schilling-Estes. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2006. In *Journal of sociolinguistics* 11: 4. 556-559.
2007. Book Notice of Lisa Green's *African American English: A Linguistic Introduction*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002. In *Language* 82: 4. 948.
2001. Shorter Notice of John Baugh's *Beyond Ebonics: Linguistic Pride and Racial Prejudice*. New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. In *English World-wide* 22: 1. 150-152.
1999. Review of *African American English: Structure, History, and Use*. Salikoko Mufwene, John Rickford, Guy Bailey, John Baugh, eds. London and New York: Routledge, 1998. In *Diachronica* XVI: 2. 372-380.
1996. Review of *The Crucible of Carolina: Essays in the Development of Gullah Language and Culture*. Michael Montgomery, ed. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1994. In *The SECOL Review*, Spring 1996. 132-134.

#### DOCUMENTARY

2017. "Talking Black in America". Co-Associate Producer with John Baugh (Washington Univ., St. Louis), Renee Blake (NYU), Patricia Cukor-Avila (Univ. N. Texas), Lisa Green (UMASS, Amherst), Sonja Lanehart (U. Texas, San Antonio), Salikoko Mufwene, (Univ. Chicago), Jeff Reaser (NCSU), John Rickford (Stanford), Chanti Seymour (College of the Bahamas), John Singler (NYU), and Arthur Spears (CUNY). Producers/Directors: Neal Hutcheson and Danica Cullinan. Executive Producer: Walt Wolfram (NCSU). Release date: March 2017.

#### UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

2006. Summary statement on African American Vernacular English for the California curriculum commission. William Labov (lead author), H. Samy Alim, Guy Bailey, John Baugh, Lisa Green, John Rickford, Tracey Weldon, and Walt Wolfram (co-authors).
2002. Weldon, Tracey L., Cynthia R. Haller, Victoria J. Gallagher, and Richard M. Felder. Gender and Communication in Engineering Student Workgroups: A Study of Initiation Devices.
2002. Gallagher, Victoria, Tracey Weldon, Cynthia Haller, William Jordan, and Richard Felder. Gender and Communication in Work Team Interactions: Similarities and Differences.
1995. Another Look at Negative Inversion in African-American Vernacular English: An HPSG Account.

#### REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019. "Language and identity in contemporary creole contexts: A comparative look at Gullah Geechee and Nigerian Pidgin". Jessica R. Berry, Christine I. Ofulue, and Tracey L. Weldon. 1<sup>st</sup> International Gullah Geechee and African Diaspora (IGGAD) Conference. Myrtle Beach, SC.
2016. "Gullah and the African American Language Continuum: History, Culture, and Survival". Marronage as Fractal: Creolization in the US panel presentation. 101<sup>st</sup> Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) conference. Richmond, Virginia.
2016. "African American English Beyond the Working Class". Future Directions for Research and Engagement on African American Language panel presentation. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 45 conference. Vancouver, BC.
2016. "Race, Class and Camouflaged Divergence: The case of BEEN and *read*." American Dialect Society (ADS). Washington, D.C.
2013. "From Babs to Biggie: Middle Class African American English and Intraspeaker Variation." YOLO: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mix-Tape panel presentation. 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English (ICLCE 5). University of Texas at Austin.
2011. "Middle Class African American Language: A Self-Study." New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV), Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
2010. "Bougie Banter: Representations of Middle Class AAE in Film." American Dialect Society (ADS) Conference. Baltimore, Maryland.
2005. "Listeners' Sensitivity to the Frequency of Sociolinguistic Variables." William Labov, Sharon Ash, Maya Ravindranath, Tracey Weldon, Maciej Baranowski, and Naomi Nagy. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (in English) (NWAV(E)), NYC, New York.
2004. "African American English and the Middle Classes: Exploring the Other End of the Continuum." NWAV(E), Ann Arbor, Michigan.
2003. "Copula Variability in Gullah and AAVE." Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Atlanta Georgia.
2003. "African-American English in the College Curriculum: Ideological and Pedagogical Issues." LSA, Atlanta, Georgia.
2002. "Gender and Communication in Work Team Interactions: Similarities and Differences." Victoria J. Gallagher, Tracey L. Weldon, Cynthia R. Haller, William J. Jordan, and Richard M. Felder. Gender Division of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) Convention, Winston-Salem, N.C.

2001. "Negation of the Copula in AAVE and Gullah." Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL), Atlanta, Georgia.
2001. "Negation in Gullah." NWAV(E), Raleigh, North Carolina.
2000. "The Gullah Copula: A Comprehensive Analysis." Gullah: A linguistic legacy of Africans in America—A conference on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Africanisms in the Gullah dialect*. Howard University, Washington, D.C.
1999. "Dynamics of Peer Interactions in Cooperative Learning." Cynthia Haller, Victoria Gallagher, Tracey Weldon, and Richard Felder. American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE), Charlotte, N.C.
1998. "The Past Copula in AAVE and Gullah." NWAV(E), Athens, Georgia.
1997. "A Comparative Look at the Copula in Gullah and AAVE." South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAML), Atlanta, Georgia.
1997. "Copula Variability in Gullah and the Creolist Hypothesis." SECOL, Charlotte, North Carolina.
1996. "An Examination of Past Marking Variability in Gullah." SECOL, College Station, Texas.
1996. "Copula Variability in Gullah: Implications for the Creolist Hypothesis." NWAV(E), Las Vegas, Nevada.
1995. "Past Marking in Gullah." NWAV(E), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1993. "A Quantitative Analysis of Variability in Predicate Negation in a Dialect of African-American Vernacular English." NWAV(E), Ottawa, Canada.

#### **INVITED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS**

2019. Facilitator. Diversity and Climate workshop. SEC INSPIRE conference. Austin, Texas.
2019. "Talking Black in America" Documentary screenings and Q&A  
 -Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>: Institute for African American Research and African American Studies Program (w/student panel), USC.  
 -May 30<sup>th</sup>: Alternative School for Math and Science, Corning, NY
- 2018-2019. "Inclusive Excellence at USC." Teaching Towards Inclusive Excellence (TTIE) workshop presentation with Dr. Michelle Bryan, College of Education. Hosted by the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, USC. (5 workshops)
2018. "Race, class, and linguistic camouflage: The divergence debate revisited." English Department, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.



2018. "Talking Black in America" Documentary screenings and Q&A
- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>: Columbia College (w/Jessica R. Berry & Dawn Richardson)
  - Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: Turner Broadcasting System (TBS) (w/DJ Nabs & Abyss), Atlanta, Ga
  - March 22<sup>nd</sup>: South Carolina State University
  - April 27<sup>th</sup>: Texas A&M, Center for Teaching Excellence Presentation
  - May 1<sup>st</sup>: SEC INSPIRE Conference, Austin, Texas
  - Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>: University of Houston
  - Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>: Texas A&M, Language Matters Working Group Presentation
  - Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>: Guest presenter, LING 101, USC
2017. "Talking Black in America" Documentary screenings and Q&A
- Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>: University of South Carolina (w/Walt Wolfram)
  - Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Claflin University
  - Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>: Baton Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia (w/DJ Nabs & Abyss)
2015. "African American English in the Undergraduate Linguistics Classroom." Keynote speaker. Linguistics Workshop. The University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse.
2015. "Race, Class, and Camouflaged Divergence." North Carolina State University Brown Bag Presentation. Raleigh, N.C.
2015. "Sounding Black: Labeling and Perceptions of African American Voices on Southern College Campuses." Lead presenter for "Talking Black in the South" panel. Language Variety in the South (LAVIS IV).
2014. "The Place of Gullah in the African American Language Continuum: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives." Presentation for "Out of the rice fields: Vestiges of Gullah Culture in Modern Society" series, organized by Georgetown County Library. September, 2014.
2014. "Talking White, Talking Black: Exploring the Links between Language, Class and Racial Identity." Presentation for First-year reading experience speaker series, USC Upstate. October, 2014.
2013. "Confessions of a Code-switcher: An Auto-ethnographic Account of Middle Class African American English." African American Studies Spring Symposium. University of Texas at San Antonio.
2013. "New Directions in African American English Research: Pointing the Compass Toward the Middle Class." Plenary for the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL). The University of South Carolina, Upstate.
2013. "Dialect Diversity in the Classroom: A Focus on African American English." Guest lecture. Francis Marion University, School of Education.

2013. "The Place of Gullah in the African Diaspora." Presentation for a delegation of Brazilian English teachers, hosted by the English Program for Internationals (EPI). The University of South Carolina.
2012. "Redefining the 'Authentic' AAE Speaker: An Examination of Middle Class African American English." English Department Morrison Fellowship Lecture & Linguistics Program Colloquium. The University of South Carolina.
2012. "Middle Class African American English – Not So Lame." Symposium presentation for "Rethinking the Black American Speaking Subject in Contemporary Studies of Language and Culture." Hosted by the Linguistics and Black Studies Departments. The University of California, Santa Barbara.
2012. "African American English in the Classroom: Building Bridges between Linguistics and Education." Keynote address and workshop. South Carolina Council for African American Studies Conference. Columbia, SC.
2012. "The Gullah-West African Connection." Presentation for the Guinean Minister of Culture and Visiting Delegation. University of South Carolina.
2011. "Post-racial America?: A roundtable on race and representation in the Obama Era." Panel participant. Sponsored by the African American Studies Program and the Institute for African American Research. The University of South Carolina.
2011. "Gullah Language and Culture." Presentation for "African Americans in the South: Traditions and Contemporary Challenges," an international delegation of students and faculty on an African American study tour. Organized by the African American Studies Program and the Institute for African American Research at USC.
2011. "Language, Literacy, and African American Students." Presentation for members of the South Carolina Council for African American Studies. Columbia, SC.
2011. "Gullah, African American English, and the West African Connection." Workshop presented to Fulbright Hays Sierra Leone participants. The University of South Carolina.
2010. "The Imitation of Life: Representations of Middle class African American English in film." The Institute for African American Research (IAAR) speaker series. The University of South Carolina.
2006. "Success at USC." Panel participant for New Faculty Orientation Session.
2004. "Gender and communication in Engineering Student Workgroups: A Study of Initiation Devices." Presented in collaboration with Cynthia R. Haller, Victoria J. Gallagher, and Richard M. Felder. Women's Studies Lecture Series. The University of South Carolina.

2002. "Language" workshop. Professional development seminar for teachers from Kazakhstan and Russia. Organized by the English Program for Internationals (EPI) at The University of South Carolina.
2001. "Stories from the Field." Methodology workshop presented at New York University as part of the "Working Group in Urban Sociolinguistics" guest lecture series.
2001. "Testing the Creolist Hypothesis: Copula Variability in Gullah and AAVE." Invited talk given at New York University as part of the "Working Group in Urban Sociolinguistics" guest lecture series.
2001. "Dialects: Myths and Realities about the Way We Speak." Presented with Walt Wolfram (North Carolina State University). Invited talk given at Midlands Technical College.
1999. "The African American English-Gullah Connection: Historical and Linguistic Implications." Language and society colloquium series. University of Georgia.
1997. "Ebonics and Linguistic Science: Clarifying the issues." Presented with Walt Wolfram. Scholars Program Lecture. North Carolina State University.
1997. "Ebonics: The Educational, Political, and Social Ramifications in the African-American Community." Presented with Walt Wolfram. College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) Office of Minority Affairs Hot Topics Forum. North Carolina State University.
1996. "Another Look at Negative Inversion in African-American Vernacular English: An HPSG Account." Triangle Linguistics Club (TLC), Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.
1996. "Gullah: Its History and Development." Introduction to Women and Gender seminar. North Carolina State University.
1995. "Gullah and the South Carolina Sea Islands." History of the English Language seminar. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

#### **COURSES TAUGHT**

- Undergraduate: African-American English  
 History of the English Language  
 Introduction to Language  
 Introduction to Language Sciences  
 Language and Gender  
 Language in the USA  
 The English Language
- Graduate: Introduction to Sociolinguistics  
 Survey of Linguistics  
 Seminar on African American English (Special Topics)  
 Seminar on Language Variation

## Varieties of American English

### **AFFILIATE FACULTY APPOINTMENTS (USC)**

African American Studies Program  
Women's and Gender Studies Program  
Southern Studies Institute

### **GRADUATE COMMITTEE WORK**

#### DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

##### *Chair*

In progress. Colomb, Lauren. *Language, Race, and Local Identity in New Orleans: A Comparative Study of Yat and African American English*. The University of South Carolina.

In progress. Cooper, Brandon. *'When You Out in Open Spaces': A Quantitative Analysis of Regional Variation in Afro-Texan Folk Speech*. The University of South Carolina.

In progress. Cornelius, Brianna. *Talkin' Black and sounding gay: An exploration of the use of intraspeaker variation in the construction, maintenance, and negotiation of a multiplex identity*. The University of South Carolina.

In progress. McCullough, John. *Race, representation, and language ideology: A comparative study of Gullah and Hawaiian Creole English*. The University of South Carolina.

2016. Reed, Paul. *Sounding Appalachian: Monophthongization, Rising Pitch Accents, and Rootedness*. The University of South Carolina.

2011. Mann, Stephen. *Gay American English: Language Attitudes, Language Perceptions, and Gay Men's Discourses of Connectedness to Family, LGBTQ Networks, and the American South*. The University of South Carolina.

2008. Donath, Lorelee. *Performances of Identity in the Discourse of Undergraduate Engineering Researchers within Emerging Micro-communities of Practice*. The University of South Carolina. (Co-chaired with Dr. Jennifer Reynolds)

##### *Committee member*

In progress. Jones, Tiffany. *Re-membering Community: Exploring Spoken Word Poetry at the Nexus of Performance, Participation, and Practices*. The University of South Carolina.

2017. Boone Mosher, Stephanie. *Translingual Conversations: Interrogating Default Whiteness in College Writing*. The University of South Carolina.

2016. McKinney, Julia. *Styling Old: Language and Age Identity*. The University of South Carolina.

2014. Lide, Sara. *Southern Language and Identity Among High School Sorority Members*. The University of South Carolina.
2013. Sawin, Thor. *Second Language Learnerhood among Cross-cultural Field-workers*. The University of South Carolina.
2011. Britt, Erica. *Talking Black in Public Spaces: An Investigation of Identity and the Use of Preaching Style in Black Public Speech*. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
2006. Breidenbach, Carla. *Mock Spanish as Racism: A Multidisciplinary Approach*. The University of South Carolina.
2004. McGarry, Theresa. *Speaking of Topic Introductions in the Ladies Auxiliary: A Single-gender and Mixed-gender Comparative Analysis*. The University of South Carolina.
2002. Ciscel, Matthew. *Attitude and Identity in Second Language Acquisition: A Case Study of Language in Moldova*. The University of South Carolina.
1999. Dannenberg, Clare. *Sociolinguistic Constructs of Ethnic Identity: The Syntactic Delineation of Lumbee English*. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

#### THESIS COMMITTEES

##### *Director*

2011. Hüttinger, Dorothea. *Attitudes Toward Standard and Non-standard Dialects in Linguistically Stigmatized and Linguistically Prestigious Regions in the United States and Germany*. The University of South Carolina.
2004. Vanheest, Kristen. *Stylistic Variation in Finite Relative and Noun Complement Clauses*. The University of South Carolina.
2002. Strickler, Rebecca. *Me, Myself, and I: Talk about the Self*. The University of South Carolina.

##### *Reader*

2005. Jantz, Melissa. *An Investigation into the Teaching of Sociolinguistic Rules of Speaking in the EFL Classroom in China*. The University of South Carolina.
2003. Lorentz, Katherine. *The Effects of Age, Gender, and Ethnicity on College Student Slang*. The University of South Carolina.
2002. Donath, Loralee. *Constructing Social Worlds in Discourse: Ideology, Agency, and Semantic Domains in the Confederate Flag Debate*. The University of South Carolina.
2000. Childs, Rebecca L. *A Hyde County Clusterfest: The Role of Consonant Cluster Reduction in a Historically Isolated African-American Community*. North Carolina State University.

2000. Lumsden, Catherine. *Gullah and its Identity: A Community at the Crossroads of Communication*. North Carolina State University.

1999. Al Obaidy, May Ghanem. *Language Death*. North Carolina State University.

ENHANCED SEMINAR PAPERS (For No-thesis MA option, USC Linguistics Program)

*Director*

2007. Messersmith, Michael. "Female Acceptability Judgments of the Use of *You Guys* as a Gender-inclusive Second Person Plural." The University of South Carolina.

2007. Elliott, Emilie. "Different Attitudes at Different Latitudes: Exploring American Perceptions of Southern Speech." The University of South Carolina.

2007. Jones Dowling, Rachel. "A USC freshman: What is His/Her Attitude about Sexist Language?" The University of South Carolina.

2002. Hill, Chris. "Preposition Intrusion is Where It's At." The University of South Carolina.

2002. Clements, Gail. "Copula Variability in Southern White Vernacular English." The University of South Carolina.

2002. Shambaugh, Adam. "Stylistic Variation and Social Stratification in Southern American English: A look at Two Phonological Variables." The University of South Carolina.

2002. Ramos-Silva, Natalia. "The Treatment of Post-vocalic (-r) in the Speech of South Carolina." The University of South Carolina.

2002. Alexieva, Petia. "Quantitative Study of *ja/e* Usage and Stress Shifting in the Aorist and *-l* Past Participle in the Speech of Four Second-generation Citizens of Sofia, Bulgaria." The University of South Carolina.

*Reader*

2004. Roue, Bevin. "The Northern Cities Vowel Shift in Minnesota." The University of South Carolina.

DOCTORAL EXAM COMMITTEES

Dissertation defense examination chair for PhD candidate Thor Sawin, 2013. USC.

Dissertation defense examination chair for PhD candidate Theresa McGarry, 2004. USC.

Dissertation defense examination chair for PhD candidate Matthew Ciscel. 2002. USC.

Linguistics examination chair, for English Ph.D student John Cusatis (Ling. minor). 2000. USC.

MA COMPREHENSIVE EXAM COMMITTEES

*Chair*

Bianca Robinson, 2018. USC.

Tiffany Jones, 2016. USC.

Lauren Colomb, 2013. USC.

Casey Carroll, 2011. USC.  
Maya Repchenko, 2008. USC.

*Committee member*

Heike Wrenn, 2013. USC.  
Stacy Warnick, 2012. USC.  
Taku Shinzato, 2011. USC.  
Alana Nelson English, 2011. USC.  
Stephanie Glotfelty, 2008. USC.

**UNDERGRADUATE COMMITTEE WORK**

SENIOR HONORS THESIS COMMITTEES

*Director*

2011. Fowler, Lauren. *Pre-service Teachers' Attitudes toward Dialect Diversity in the Classroom*. The University of South Carolina Honors College.

*Reader*

2019. Heimke, Isabella. *The effect of student identities on stress and college satisfaction*. The University of South Carolina Honors College.

2008. Kornicer, Stefana. *Language and Nationalism in the Former Yugoslavia*. The University of South Carolina Honors College.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (BAIS) COMMITTEES

2016-2017. Committee member for Chelsea Morris. USC.  
2004-2005. Committee member for Sylvia T. Owen. USC.  
2003-2004. Committee member for Chip Altman. USC.

**OTHER COMMITTEE WORK**

*Senior Thesis Mentor*

2013. Hoffman, Nicholas. *Decreolization and the Gullah Lexicon: What Has Changed Since Africanisms in the Gullah Dialect?* Academic Magnet High School. Charleston, South Carolina.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS FOR:

*Journal articles in:*

*American Speech*: 2010  
*Journal of English Linguistics*: 2015  
*Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*: 2007  
*Journal of Sociolinguistics*: 2003, 2010  
*Journal of Transcultural Nursing*: 2011  
*Language and Linguistics Compass*: 2019  
*Obsidian III: Literature in the African Diaspora*: 2001-2002

*Book chapters in:*

2008. *African American Women's Language: Discourse, Education, and Identity*, ed. by Sonja Lanehart. Published in 2009 by Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
2007. *The Gullah and Geechee People: An Historic Overview from Africa to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, by Cynthia Porcher. (To be published by McDonald and Woodward Publishers).
2004. *Lorenzo Dow Turner: Father of Gullah Studies*, by Margaret Wade-Lewis. Published in 2007 by University of South Carolina Press.

*Book proposals for:*

Cambridge University Press: 2016

Routledge: 2017

GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEWS FOR:

The National Science Foundation (NSF): 2004, 2013, 2014, 2018

TENURE/PROMOTION FILE REVIEWS FOR:

Gettysburg College (tenure/promotion file): 2010

CONFERENCE ABSTRACT REVIEWS FOR:

African American Language (AAL): 2010

American Dialect Society (ADS): 2018

International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar (HPSG): 1997

Linguistic Society of America (LSA): 2008

New Ways of Analyzing Variation (in English) (NWAY(E)): 2001, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2019

MEDIA INTERVIEWS:

2015, 2016. Legacy interviews for documentary on "Talking Black in America".

2015. Interviewed by Page Ivey, USC Times (print version), Vol. 26, No. 3 (April) for article on "Exploring the Gullah".

2014. Interviewed by Jason Lesley, Coastal Observer, for an article "Library: Series Delves into Gullah Culture". September.

2012. Live radio interview with Don Frierson (620 AM) on the topic of African American English, for the purpose of promoting the then upcoming South Carolina Council for African American Studies conference (Feb 3-4, 2012), for which I was a keynote speaker.

2011. Live radio interview with Michelle Harris of Kiss 103.1 FM to help promote the then upcoming South Carolina Council for African American Studies Conference (Feb 3-4, 2012), for which I was a keynote speaker.

2011. Interviewed by Leslie Haynsworth and Ann Cameron for a feature article in the fall 2011 issue of *In Focus* Magazine, distributed by the College of Arts and Sciences, USC.



2011. Interviewed by Jarondakie Patrick, McClatchy Newspapers, for national news story on Gullah preservation, entitled, “Indigenous languages struggle to survive in U.S.,” appeared July 31<sup>st</sup>.
2008. Interviewed by Liz Gildea, features staff editor for *Applause* (Vol. 9, No. 6), student newspaper of the Charleston County School of the Arts, for article entitled, “Gullah culture: A vital part of black history”.
2007. Interviewed by Frenche Brewer, broadcast editor for USC Media Relations, for local NPR affiliate program Carolina Minutes on the subject of accents.
2007. Interviewed by Brian Hicks, general assignment reporter for *The Post and Courier* newspaper (Charleston, S.C.), for a May 12<sup>th</sup> article on accents, entitled “Hey, Yankees, can y’all understand us?”.
1997. Interviewed by *The Post and Courier* newspaper (Charleston, S.C.) for an article entitled “Linguists say Ebonics can be a useful tool,” appeared January 20<sup>th</sup>.
1997. Panel participant for WLLE 570 AM radio talk show (Raleigh, N.C.) on the Ebonics debate, aired January 30<sup>th</sup>.
1996. Interviewed by Channel 5 (Durham, N.C.) on the issue of Ebonics, aired December 19<sup>th</sup>.

PANEL ORGANIZER/MODERATOR:

2014. Co-organizer (with Dr. Elaine Chun, USC). “Linguistic Approaches to Language, Dialect, and Diversity in Children’s Literature.” Children’s Literature Association Conference. The University of South Carolina.
2013. Chair. “Making Linguistics Relevant to Undergraduate Students.” Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) 80 conference. The University of South Carolina Upstate.
2001. Symposium Moderator. “Ethnicity and Variation Studies.” New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English (NWAV(E)) 30 conference. North Carolina State University.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

2019. Convener, Interdisciplinary Studies Working Group, College of Arts and Sciences.
2018. Host for Southeastern Conference (SEC) visiting faculty travel grant recipient Dr. Benjamin Hebblethwaite, The University of Florida. Project title: “The Atlantic English creole project.”
- 2015-2017. Advisory Committee for the Online Repository of African American Language (ORAAL). NSF funded project. Principal Investigator: Tyler Kendall, University of Oregon.

2013-2014. Host for Fulbright scholar Dr. Christine I. Ofulue, University of Ibadan, Nigeria and National Open University of Nigeria. Project title: “Language Contact and the African Diaspora: A comparative analysis of Nigerian Pidgin, Gullah, and African American Vernacular English.”

1995. Young Scholar Participant, NSF panel on Linguistics and the Human Capital Initiative.

#### **SERVICE**

***Note: Current service duties highlighted in bold and italics***

*University of South Carolina*

Academic Program Liaison, College of Arts and Sciences. 2017-2018.

ACAF 2.20 Editing Team. Spring 2018.

African American Language and Literature Initiative. English Department. 2002-2003

Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) Reorganizing Committee. 2012-2013

Black Faculty Caucus Steering Committee. 2013-2014. Co-chair, Spring 2014

Black Faculty Caucus. Co-founder, Chair (elected). 2014-2016

By-law Review Committee. English Department. 2011-2012

***Campus Climate Committee. 2018-present.***

Carolina Scholars Interviewer. Honors College. 2003

Colloquium Committee. Linguistics Program. 2002-2005; 2007-2008. Chair, 2010-2011.

***USC Council of Academic Diversity Officers (CADO). 2017-present. Co-Chair 2018-present.***

Dean’s Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences. 2009-2010

Development Committee, English Department. 2010, 2012

***Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DIAC). 2013-2016. 2018-present.***

Historic markers subcommittee. 2017.

***Diversity Week Planning Committee. 2019-present.***

***Equal Opportunity Programs Liaison (College of Arts and Sciences). 2018-present.***

Excellence Initiative Committee. 2017-2018.

Experiential Learning/Co-curricular Transcript Committee (w/Pam Bowers). Fall 2018.

Faculty Advisor. Sociolinguistics Reading Group (LangCult). 2000-2003

Faculty Advisory Committee. Linguistics Program. 2001-2004, 2011-2012. Chair, 2003-2004

Faculty Advisory Committee. Women’s Studies Program. 2004-2007

Faculty Mentor. English Department. 2006-2008

Faculty Senate. English Department. 2006-2008

First-year English Committee. English Department. 2002-2003

Graduate Committee, English Department. 2009-2014

Graduate Council (appointed). 2012-2015. Humanities Committee Co-chair, Spring 2013

Graduate Student Day Judge. April 2010

Graduate Students in Linguistics (GSLING) organization, Faculty Advisor. 2009-2010

Homecoming Interview Committee, September. 2015.

Humanities Internal Grant Review Committee. 2012

Job Placement Committee. English Department. 2002-2003

Library Representative. Linguistics Program. 2004-2017

Linguistic Anthropology Search Committee. Anthropology Dept./Ling. Program. 2002-2003

Linguistics Admissions Committee, Chair. Spring 2013.

Montgomery Award Committee. Linguistics Program. 2001  
Morrison Fellowship/Research Professorship Awards Committee. English Dept. 2011-2012  
Pearson Award Committee. Linguistics Program. 2002  
Provost's Blue Ribbon Committee on Graduate Student Life. 2015-2016  
Psychology Department Chair Search Committee. Spring 2008  
Qualifying Exam Committee. Linguistics Program. 2000-2002; 2005-2006; 2014-2015 (Chair)  
Second Language Acquisition Interview Committee. English Dept./Ling. Program. 2004-2005  
Second Language Acquisition Search Committee. English Dept./Ling. Program. 2001-2002  
Second Language Writing Theory & Pedagogy Search Committee, Engl/Ling. 2015-2016  
Sociolinguistics Search Committee. English Dept./Ling. Program. 2004-2005; 2006-2007  
Sociolinguistics Lab Development and Maintenance. Linguistics Program. 2000-2017.  
Sociology Department Chair Search Committee. 2011-2012  
Linguistics Task Force. College of Arts and Sciences. 2012  
Teaching Committee. English Department. 2003-2008, 2014-2015  
***Teaching Towards Inclusive Excellence Certificate Advisory Committee, Center for Teaching Excellence. 2018-present.***  
Tenure and Promotion Committee, English Department. 2009-2011  
United Way Campaign Representative (College of Arts and Sciences). 2018-2019  
Women's Faculty Organization, Steering Committee Member. 2011-2013  
Women's and Gender Studies Affiliate Faculty Engagement Committee. 2013-2014

#### *North Carolina State University*

Elections Committee. English Department. 1999-2000  
English Majors Committee. English Department. 2000  
Graduate Advisory Council. English Department. 1999-2000  
Graduate School Representative. Dissertation Defense. 1999  
Linguistics Lab Committee. English Department. 1995-2000  
Women's and Gender Studies Program Committee. 1997-1998

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Linguistic Society of America (LSA)  
    Chair, Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics. 2004, 2005, 2019  
    Member, Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics. 2002-2005, 2018-present  
    Member, Centennial Planning Committee. 2018-2024  
American Dialect Society (ADS)  
Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL)

#### **HONORS**

- Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, inducted 1992 (President, OSU chapter, 1994)
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, inducted 1992
- Phi Sigma Iota National Honor Society, inducted 1991