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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Current Research: Dialect perception and accommodation among emerging adults;
Perceptual categorization of American English vowels;
Speaker sexuality as a compositional identity category;
Public understanding of linguistics & linguistic outreach

Areas of Interest: Sociolinguistics, Phonetics, Queer Linguistics, Perception & Categorization,
Language of Emerging Adulthood, Dialect Contact & Accommodation,
Language Variation & Change, Literary Representation of Dialect,
Public Understanding of Linguistics

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2008 **University of Texas at Austin**, Ph.D. in Linguistics
Dissertation: *Dialect Contact and Accommodation among Emerging Adults in a University Setting*
Committee: Robert King (Chair), Randy Diehl, Janet M. Fuller, Matthew J. Gordon, Richard P. Meier, Qing Zhang
- 2005 **University of Texas at Austin**, M.A. in Linguistics
Thesis: *The Movement of Front Vowel Allophones Before Nasals in Southern Illinois White Vernacular English (The PIN~PEN Merger)*
Advisor: Scott Myers
- 2002 **Southern Illinois University – Carbondale**, B.A. in English
- 2002 **Southern Illinois University – Carbondale**, B.A. in Linguistics

PROFESSIONAL WORK

- 2011 San Diego State University, **Assistant Professor of Linguistics**
- 2009-2011 University of Texas at Austin, **Project Manager — Texas English Project**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Current Courses at San Diego State University

LING 101: Introduction to Language (Fall 2011)
LING 551: Sociolinguistics (Fall 2011)
LING 502: Language, Mind, & Society (Spring 2012)

Previous Courses at the University of Texas at Austin

LIN 306: Introduction to the Study of Language (Fall 2007, Spring 2006)
LIN 312: Invented Languages: Klingon and Beyond (Fall 2006, Fall 2005)
LIN 345: Language Change, (Teaching Assistant under Dr. Robert King, Spring 2005)

HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

- 2009-2010 **Visiting Scholar**, Department of English, University of Texas at Austin
- 2008 **National Science Foundation**, travel grant for IGALA-5
[in support of research on incorporating sexuality into gender variables in sociolinguistics]
- 2008 **King Fellowship**, University of Texas at Austin
[in support of research on dialect contact and language change]
- 2008 **Professional Development Award**, University of Texas at Austin
[in support of research on incorporating sexuality into gender variables in sociolinguistics]
- 2005 **King Fellowship**, University of Texas at Austin
[in support of research on indexing gender identities in performance speech]
- 2002 **Liberal Arts Dean's Grant**, University of Texas at Austin
[for overall academic excellence and promise]
- 2001 **Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Grant**, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
[in support of research on the use of dialect features as indexes of ideological stance in different adaptations of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*]

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE

Member

American Anthropological Association
American Dialect Society
International Gender and Language Association
International Pragmatics Association
Linguistic Society of America
Modern Language Association

Service

2009 – Current Editor-in-Chief, *Popular Linguistics Magazine*
2005 Co-Chair, TLS 9: Morphosyntax of Underrepresented Languages
2003 – 2005 Various positions, Symposium About Language and Society – Austin (SALSA)
2002 – 2005 Chair, SLANG (Sociolinguistics and Anthropological linguistics Group at UT - Austin)

PUBLICATIONS

- (2010). Mechanisms of Accommodation among Emerging Adults in a University Setting. *Journal of English Linguistics* 38: 193-210
- (2009). Correlation of the Low-Back Vowel Merger and TRAP-Retraction. *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*, 15(2), Article 4.
- (2003). Dude, What was I Talking About?: A New Sociolinguistic Framework for Marijuana Intoxicated Speech. *Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Symposium About Language and Society – Austin, Texas Linguistic Forum* 45, 11-21. University of Texas at Austin.
- (to appear). The Evolutionary-Emergence Model: Explaining Linguistic Variation in a Transition Zone. In: De Vogelaer, Gunther & Guido Seiler (eds.). *The dialect lab: using dialects as a testing ground for theories of language change*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.

PRESENTATIONS († invited presentations)

As a co-presenter:

- Bigham, D.S. & K. Shaw Points. (2010, November). *Ethnicity & the Meaning of Sound Change in Central Texas*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 39, San Antonio, TX.
- Bigham, D.S., J. White-Sustaíta, K. Shaw Points, & L. Hinrichs. (2010, January). *Apparent-Time Low Vowels among Mexican-Americans and Anglos in Austin, Texas*. American Dialect Society Annual Meeting at LSA, Baltimore, MD.
- Bigham, D.S., J. White-Sustaíta, & L. Hinrichs. (2009, October). *Apparent-Time Low Vowels among Mexican-Americans and Anglos in Austin, Texas*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 38, Ottawa, Canada.

As a solo presenter:

- † (2011, May). Keynote Address: *The Role of Sexuality in the Construction of Gender*. Hunter Undergraduate Linguistics & Language Conference (HULLS). Hunter College, New York.
- (2011, January). *Reconsidering Vowels as Mathematical and Statistical Entities: How Much Variation Should There Be?* American Dialect Society Annual Meeting at LSA, Pittsburg, PA.
- (2011, January). *Naïve Categorization of American English Vowels*. Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Pittsburg, PA.
- (2010, November). *Operationalizing Sexuality within Sociolinguistic Variation*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 39, San Antonio, TX.
- (2009, January). *Northern California Vowels in Southern Illinois*. American Dialect Society Annual Meeting at LSA, Anaheim, CA.
- (2008, November). *The Correlation of the Low-Back Vowel Merger and /æ/-Retraction*. Poster Presentation at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 37, Houston, TX.
- (2008, August). *On the Importance of Standardized Word List Data in Dialectology Research*. The Thirteenth International Conference on Methods in Dialectology (Methods XIII), Leeds, UK.
- (2008, August). *The Emergence and Evolution of Linguistic Variation in a Transition Zone*. Special Workshop Session at The Thirteenth International Conference on Methods in Dialectology (Methods XIII), Leeds, United Kingdom.
- (2008, July). *Sexuality as a Factor for Sociolinguistic Variation*. The Fifth Meeting of the International Gender and Language Association (IGALA 5), Wellington, New Zealand
- † (2007, 10th September). *The PIN~PEN Vowel Merger in Southern Illinois English*. UT Linguistics Colloquium, Austin, TX.
- † (2007, 6th February). *Dialects! (and such...)*. Guest Presentation for J.M. Fuller's LING 415 course at Southern Illinois University – Carbondale.
- (2007, January). *Vowel Variation in Southern Illinois*. American Dialect Society Annual Meeting at LSA, Anaheim, CA.
- (2006, October). *On The Fringes: Bridging Sociophonetics and Social Psychology in Southern Illinois*. Poster Presentation at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 35, Columbus, OH.

- † (2006, 4th March). *Klingon 101: Linguistics via Constructed Languages*. Explore UT - University of Texas at Austin Open House, Austin, TX.
- (2005, April). *Copula Variation in Southern Illinois White Vernacular English*. Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) LXXII, Raleigh, NC.
- (2005, February). *Dude, Let's Go Shopping: The Performance of Gay and Straight Speech*. Georgetown Linguistics Society (GLS) 2005: The Language and Identity Tapestry, Washington, DC.
- (2004, October). *The PIN~PEN Merger in Southern Illinois English*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 33, Ann Arbor, MI.
- (2002, April). *Dude, What was I Talking About?: A New Sociolinguistic Framework for Marijuana Intoxicated Speech*. Symposium About Language and Society – Austin (SALSA) X, Austin, TX.
- † (1999, April). *What Might Might Could Be in Might Could*. SIUC Linguistics Luncheon Series, Carbondale, IL.

RECOMMENDATIONS & REFERENCES

Dr. Randy Diehl

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