

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- May 2008 Ph.D., Linguistics, University of South Carolina.
Specialization in linguistic anthropology and sociolinguistics.
Dissertation Title: “Constellations of Identity in the Universe of Engineering: Emergent Social Memberships in an Undergraduate Community of Practice.”
Committee: Jennifer Reynolds (Co-Chair), Tracey Weldon (Co-Chair), Janina Fenigsen, Anne Bezuidenhout, Louise Jennings.
- Aug. 2002 M.A., Linguistics, University of South Carolina.
Thesis Title: “Social Worlds in Discourse: Human Agency and Semantic Frameworks in the Confederate Flag Debate”
- May 1995 B.A., Philosophy, *cum laude*, Wake Forest University.

Research Interests

discursive construction of identity, language and world view, language variation, inequality in social organization, anthropology of privilege

Field Work

- March–May 2008 Ethnographic field work in the Earnest Place Community (pseudonym), a small, majority African-American neighborhood in the Midlands region of South Carolina.
- Aug. 2003–May 2006 Ethnographic field work in the Undergraduate Research Program (pseudonym), a project in an engineering school at a university in the southeastern United States.

Academic Awards and Distinctions

Fellowships

2005 Rhude Patterson Trustee Fellowship.
Graduate Council Fellowship Committee, University of South Carolina.

Graduate Assistant Stipends and Tuition

May 2003–2006 Graduate Assistantship Stipend, Tuition Supplement.
College of Engineering and Information Technology, University of South Carolina.

Aug. 2001–May 2003 Graduate Assistantship Stipend, Tuition Abatement.
Department of English, University of South Carolina.

Aug. 1999–2001 Graduate Assistantship Stipend, Tuition Abatement.
English Programs for Internationals, University of South Carolina.

Professional Development

2007 Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Certificate,
Center for Teaching Excellence and the Graduate School.

2007 College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award.

2007, 2005, 2004,
2002, 2001, 2000 Linguistics Program Travel Award.

Graduate Student Day Competition Awards

2007 Second Place Winner.
Oral presentation in Language, Media, & Information Technology,
University of South Carolina, for “Negotiation of Form in Story-
retelling Activities Among Adult Non-Native Speaker Pairs”

2001 Third Place Winner.
Oral presentation in Communication, University of South Carolina,
for “Terms of Agreement: The Absence of African-American
Experience in Confederate Flag Discourse”

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journals

[Under revision] “‘Now...I’m More of a Maintenance Man’: Dimensions of Class in Engineering Professional Vision”. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*.

[Submitted] “Nerds in Nerdland: The Discursive Emergence of Identity and the Transition into an Engineering Community of Practice.” For *Research on Language and Social Interaction*.

[In preparation] “The Role of African-American English (AAE) in Professional Identity Work Within an Engineering Community of Practice.” For *Language in Society*.

[In preparation] “Textual Orientation and Gendered Ideologies of Disciplinary

- Schism in a Communications Project for Engineering Undergraduates." For *Discourse Studies*.
- [In preparation] "Negotiation of Form in Story-retelling Activities Among Adult Non-Native Speaker Pairs: Supporting Semantic Burden to Facilitate Developmentally Early Communicative FoF." For *Applied Linguistics*.
- 2005 "Characterizing Interaction Among Undergraduate Researchers in an Inquiry-Based Learning Environment." *Journal of Engineering Education*, Vol. 94, no. 4, 403-417. (With Roxanne Spray, Nancy S. Thompson, Elisabeth M. Alford, Nadia Craig, and Michael A. Matthews).

Proceedings

- 2004 "Linguistic Evidence of Distributed Cognition." *Proceedings of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)*. (With Roxanne Spray, Elisabeth Alford, Theresa McGarry, and Nancy Thompson). Washington, D.C.: ASEE.
- 2001 "Unraveling the Confederate Flag: Discourse Frameworks as Ideological Constraints." *Texas Linguistic Forum. (Proceedings of the Ninth Symposium on Language and Society—Austin (SALSA))*. Austin: The University of Texas.

Unpublished Manuscripts

- 2008 "Constellations of Identity in the Universe of Engineering: Emergent Social Memberships in an Undergraduate Community of Practice." Ph.D. Dissertation.
- 2002 "Social Worlds in Discourse: Human Agency and Semantic Frameworks in the Confederate Flag Debate." M.A. Thesis.
- "Attitudes Toward South Carolina Varieties."
- "Investigating the African Influence on the Evolution of Cuban Spanish and the Possibility of its Creole Origin."
- "Stigma and Solidarity? Speaker Perceptions of Deleted Final -s in Miami Cuban Spanish."
- "Discursive Identity and Interactional Power: Embedded Voices and Discursive Stances in a Coffee Shop Conversation."
- "Meta-implicatures in Televangelists' Talk: Style-switching as Discourse Structure."

Presentations

Refereed Conference Papers

- [To be presented] "The Role of African-American English (AAE) in Professional Identity Work Within an Engineering Community of Practice", New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV). Houston, Texas.
- Oct. 2007 "Now...I'm More of a Maintenance Man': Emergent Dimensions of

- Class in Engineering Professional Vision”, Conference on Culture, Language, and Social Practice (CLASP). Boulder, Colorado.
- Feb. 2005 “Co-construction of Identities Among Undergraduate Engineering Researchers in a Supportive Small Group Setting.” Poster Presentation. The Language and Identity Tapestry: Linguistic Re/presentations of identities in social interaction. Georgetown Linguistics Society. Washington, D.C.
- June 2004 “Linguistic Evidence of Cognitive Distribution: Quantifying Learning Among Undergraduate Researchers in Engineering”. American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Annual Meeting & Exposition, Salt Lake City, Utah. (With Roxanne Spray).
- April 2002 “Final-s Deletion in Cuban Spanish.” Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL). Memphis, TN.
- April 2001 “Unraveling the Confederate Flag: Discourse Frameworks as Ideological Constraints.” Symposium About Language and Society–Austin (SALSA). Austin, TX.
- April 2001 “Styleswitching in Televangelists’ Talk: Interactional Power and Discourse Cohesion.” Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL). Knoxville, TN.
- Oct. 2000 “Communicative CALL: Integrating Computers into the ESL classroom.” Southeast Regional TESOL. Miami, FL.
- April 1999 “Using *Crossroads Café* as a Supplemental Multimedia Resource.” Louisiana TESOL. Baton Rouge, LA.

Graduate Student Day Papers

- April 2007 “Negotiation of Form in Story-retelling Activities Among Adult Non-Native Speaker Pairs”, Graduate Student Day, University of South Carolina.
- April 2005 “Gendered Discourse? Functions of Discursive Devices in Talk Among Undergraduate Engineering Researchers”. Poster Presentation. University of South Carolina Graduate Student Day.
- April 2004 “Southern Stereotypology? Language Attitudes Toward South Carolina Varieties.” Graduate Student Day, USC. Columbia, SC.
- April 2001 “Terms of Agreement: The Absence of African American Experience in Confederate Flag Discourse.” Graduate Student Day. Columbia, SC.

Invited Talks

- Jan. 2008 “Language, Identity, and Social Meaning”, Guest lecture in the Capstone Seminar in Anthropology at Wayne State University, instructed by Professor Barry Lyons, Jan. 17, 2008. Detroit, MI
- Jan. 2008 “Strange Constellations: Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in the Discursive Construction of Engineering Professionalism”, Wayne State University. Jan. 17, 2008, Detroit, MI.
- Nov. 2007 “Style and Discursive Resources for Identity Construction”, Guest

- lecture in Language in Society at the University of South Carolina, instructed by Professor Elaine Chun, Nov. 5, 2007. Columbia, SC.
- Oct. 2007 “Now...I’m More of a Maintenance Man’: Discursive Positioning around Maintenance-Based Practices as Indexes of Global Class Structure in Engineering Professional Vision”, Guest lecture in Language, Culture, and Society at the University of South Carolina, instructed by Professor Janina Fenigsen, Oct. 2, 2007. Columbia, SC.
- May 2007 “Nerds in Nerdland: The Discursive Emergence of Identity and the Transition into an Engineering Community of Practice”, Graduate Students in Linguistics (GSLING) Spring Colloquium, University of South Carolina. May 2, 2007, Columbia, SC.
- Feb. 2006 “The Co-construction of Social Memberships in Discourse Among Undergraduate Engineering Researchers.” Augusta State University. Feb. 22, 2006, Augusta, GA.
- July 2001 “What is the EPP, and does Spanish have it?” Subtropical Summer Syntax Workshop, University of Georgia. Athens, GA.
- Sept. 2000 “Beyond CD ROMs: Using Computers to Facilitate Student Interaction in Second Language Learning.” English Programs for Internationals, University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC.

Teaching Experience

University Classroom Teaching Experience

- Fall 2002 **Instructor of Record**
Introduction to Language Sciences (Anth 373/Ling 300/Psych 470),
University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina.
- Spring 2002 **Instructor of Record**
Fall 2001/2002 *English Composition* (Engl 101),
University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina.
- Spring 2003 **Instructor of Record**
Literature and Composition (Engl 102),
University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina.
- Summer 2005 **Instructor of Record**
Academic Speaking, Institute of International Education Fulbright
Program, English Programs for Internationals, University of South
Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina.

Other Teaching Experience

- May 2003–2004 **Technical Communications Consultant**
Consultant for engineering faculty and graduate students on books,
manuscripts, dissertations, and multimedia presentations. College of
Engineering and Information Technology, University of South
Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina.
- June–July 2001 **Language Instructor**
English as a foreign language volunteer teacher for children ages

- 7-11, Mae-sai Don Ton Village School. Soongmen District, Phrae, Thailand.
- Aug. 1996–1999 **Language Instructor**
English as a second language for adult refugees and immigrants; Immigration and Refugee Services (Versailles Vietnamese village), Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Aug. 1995–1996 **Assistant Language Instructor**
English as a second language teaching assistant for adult refugees and immigrants, AmeriCorps, St. Charles Literacy Project (area non-profit agencies). New Orleans, Louisiana.

Other Professional Experience

- Aug. 1999–2001 **Computer Lab Assistant**
English Programs for Internationals, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina.
- Aug. 1996–1999 **Youth Counselor**
Advocated for Vietnamese-American teens at risk for truancy, dropping out of school, and criminal activity. Versailles Vietnamese village, Immigration and Refugee Services, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Aug. 1996–1999 **Legal Assistant**
Assisted with preparation of applications for U.S. political asylum, residency, and work visas. Immigration and Refugee Services, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Jan.–Nov. 1996 **Freelance Writer**
Wrote features on new businesses periodically. *New Orleans City Business* (weekly). New Orleans, Louisiana.
- May–Aug. 1995 **Freelance Writer**
Wrote news and features weekly. *The Oak Ridger* (daily). Oak Ridge, Tennessee.
- May–Aug. 1994 **Freelance Writer**
Wrote news and features and took photos on a regular basis. *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, Anderson County Bureau (weekly). Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Computer Experience

- Recording technology: Experience using free software programs for digital photo, video, and audio, ex. Gimp, Audacity, and AVI Demux.
- Web authoring tools: Web design, html writing experience with Bluefish, NVU.
- Operating systems: Familiarity with Unix (Linux), Macintosh, and Windows environments and respective basic software.

Languages

English, native speaker.

Spanish, native-like pronunciation; intermediate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

Japanese, one year of university-level instruction.

Professional Service

Graduate Students in Linguistics (GSLING), University of South Carolina

2003–2004. Professional Development Workshops Coordinator.

2001–2002. President/Coordinator.

2000–2001. Language and Culture Reading Group Co-organizer.

1999–2000. Second Language Acquisition Reading Group Organizer.

Community Service

- 2002–2008. Carolina Peace Resource Center, Columbia, SC.
Common Ground Work Group Coordinator (2006–2008)
Board Member (2005-2007)
Interim Board President (2006)
General Volunteer (2002-2008)
- 2008 (May-June). The Seed Show (Community Talk Radio), Columbia, SC
Assistant Producer (Ad copy/recording, on-air sound/)
- 2003–2005. Food Not Bombs, Columbia, SC.
- 2003, 2005, 2008. Women in Black, Columbia, SC.

Memberships

- American Anthropological Association (AAA)
Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
Society for Linguistic Anthropology (SLA)
Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA)
Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL)
American Community Gardening Association (ACGA)
Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA)