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Professor and Sociolinguistics Laboratory Director,  
University of Washington, Department of Linguistics

**Areas of research:** *Sociolinguistics (dialect contact, interethnic contact, social network theory, sociophonetics, language ideology, language attitudes, development of sociolinguistic competence in children), Acoustic phonetics (Vowel inherent spectral change, spectral and temporal characteristics of vowels), Creole linguistics (Jamaican Creole phonetics and phonology)*

## Education

- 1999 **PhD Linguistics**, University of Michigan  
**Thesis title:** "A Sociophonetic Analysis of Jamaican Vowels." Nominee:  
Horace H. Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award.  
**Co-chairs:** Patrice Speeter Beddor, A. Lesley Milroy
- 1990 **B.A.**, Houghton College, NY  
Communication, Creative Writing (English literature emphasis); Spanish minor.  
summa cum laude

## Academic Employment

- 2021-present **Professor**, University of Washington, Department of Linguistics
- 2005-present **Director**, Sociolinguistics Laboratory, University of Washington
- 2019-present **External Examiner in Linguistics and Phonetics**, University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica
- 2019-2020 **Consultant, Microsoft Research, Aether Fairness Group**, Microsoft Corporation
- 2006-2021 **Associate Professor**, University of Washington
- 2006-09 **Howard and Frances Nostrand Endowed Professor of Language and Cultural Competence**
- 1999-2006 **Assistant Professor**, University of Washington, Department of Linguistics
- 2002 **Visiting Research Fellow**, University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica
- 2002 **Affiliate**, iLabs (formerly Center for Mind, Brain and Learning), University of Washington
- 1994-7 **Editorial Assistant**, *Journal of Phonetics*
- 1994 **Research Assistant**, (P. Beddor, Principal Investigator): cross-linguistic phonetic study of coarticulation in speakers of English and Shona, U of Michigan

- 1994 **Research Assistant**, English Language Institute, U of Michigan: study of the influence of genre-based instruction on the reading strategies of 11 ESL students (S. Hyon, PI)
- 1990-92 **Instructor**, Delaware Valley Literacy Council, Upper Darby, PA: English as a Second Language (earned ESL certificate)

## Research Grants and Contracts

- 2019 *"The Social Networks of Ethnic Minority Speakers,"* National Science Foundation.
- 2012 *"Dialect Evolution and Ongoing Variable Linguistic Input: Production and Perception of the English spoken in the Pacific Northwest,"* National Science Foundation.
- 2007 *"Dialect Evolution and Ongoing Variable Linguistic Input: English in the Pacific Northwest 200 years after Lewis and Clark,"* National Science Foundation.
- 2007 *"How strict is the "mother tongue"? Using Dialects to Probe Early Speech Perception and Word Recognition".* Australian Research Council/National Institute of the Humanities Research Grant (Drs. Catherine Best and Christine Kitamura, co-PIs).
- 2005 Curriculum Development Award, African Studies Minor, University of Washington. LING455: Areal Linguistics.
- 2003 Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington. "Spectral Overlap Assessment Metric: vowel analysis and 3-D graphical representation". Software development (<http://vois3d.com>) Role: PI.
- 2002 Center for Mind, Brain and Learning, University of Washington (now i-Labs). "Intraspeaker variability in Motherese, Hyperspeech and the Lombard Reflex"
- 2002 Junior Faculty Development Grant, University of Washington. Investigation of intra-speaker variability in Jamaican Creole.
- 2000 Curriculum Development Grant, University of Washington (with Julia Herschensohn, Karen Zagona, and Richard Wright).
- 2000 "Intrinsic f0 in Jamaican Creole". Faculty Fellows Undergraduate Research Assistantship Award, University of Washington.
- 1999 Allen Endowment Award, University of Washington. Grant to supplement the holdings of the Sociolinguistics laboratory with electronic corpora.

## Publications

### Edited Volumes:

#### 2020

Fridland, V., Wassink, A. B., Kendall, T., and Hall-Lew, L. (2020) *Speech in the Western States, vol 3: understudied dialects. Publications of the American Dialect Society.*

#### 2019

Buchstaller, I. and Blake, R. (2019) *The Routledge Companion to the Work of John Rickford.* New York: Routledge. Part III: The Political Ramifications of Linguistic Heterogeneity. (Section Editor) <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429427886>

## **2018**

Fridland, V., Kendall, T., Wassink, A. B. and Evans, B. (2018) *Speech in the Western States, vol 2: the mountain West. Publications of the American Dialect Society.*

## **2017**

Fridland, V., Kendall, T., Wassink, A. B. and Evans, B. (2017) *Speech in the Western States, vol 1: the coastal states. Publications of the American Dialect Society 101, No. 1.*

## Chapters in Edited Collections:

### **2020**

Wassink, A.B. and Hargus, S. (2020) "Heritage Language and Features and the Yakima English Dialect". In, *Speech in the Western States, vol 3: understudied dialects* (V. Fridland, A. Wassink, T. Kendall and L. Hall-Lew, eds). *Publications of the American Dialect Society 103*. Durham: Duke UP.

Wassink, A. B. (2020) "Where Sociolinguistics and Speech Science Meet: The physiological and acoustic consequences of underbite in a multilectal speaker of African-American English." In Buchstaller, I. and Blake, R. *The Routledge Companion to the Work of John Rickford*. New York: Routledge.

### **2019**

Wassink, A. B. (2019) English in the Evergreen State. In K. Denham and A. Lobeck (eds.) *Northwest Voices*, Corvallis: Oregon State University Press.

### **2017**

Wassink, A. B. The Vowels of Washington State (2017) In *Speech in the Western States: vol. 1: the coastal states* (Fridland, V. Kendall, T. Wassink, A.B. and Evans, B., eds.). *Publications of the American Dialect Society*. Duke University Press.

### **2011**

di Paolo, M., Yaeger-Dror, M. and Wassink, A. B. (2011) Analyzing Vowels, ch. 8. In, *Sociophonetics: A Student's Guide* (Marianna di Paolo and Malcah Yaeger Dror, eds.). London: Routledge.

### **2010**

Wassink, A. B. (2010) "Growing up with two 'Black Languages': kinship and attitudes toward Jamaican Creole and African-American English", ch. 7. In Lanehart, S. (ed.) *African American Women's Language: Discourse, Education and Identity*. Boston: Cambridge UP, pp. 127-140.

Thomas, E. R. and Wassink, A. B. (2010) "Variation and Identity in African American English", ch. 15. In, Watt, D. and Llamas, C. (eds.) *Language and Identities*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh UP.

### **2005**

Wassink, A. B. (2005) "My Teacher Says...: Linguistic Competence and the Anglophone Creole Speaking Student." In Denham, K. and Lobeck, A. (eds.) *Language in the Schools: Integrating linguistic knowledge into K-12 teaching*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum. pp55-70

## Refereed Articles:

### **2022**

- Wassink, A.B., Gansen, C., and Bartholomew, I. (2022, in press) Uneven success: automatic speech recognition and ethnicity-related dialects, *Speech Communication*.  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0167639322000486?via%3Dihub>
- 2015**  
Wassink, A. B. (2015) “Sociolinguistic Patterns in Seattle English” *Language Variation and Change* 27(1): 31-58. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0954394514000234>
- 2010**  
Scanlon, M. and Wassink A. B. (2010) “African American English in Urban Seattle: accommodation and intra-speaker variation in the Pacific Northwest” *American Speech* 85(2), pp 205-224
- 2009**  
MacLeod, A.N., Stoel-Gammon, C. and Wassink, A. B. (2009) “Production of high vowels in Canadian English and Canadian French: a comparison of early bilingual and monolingual speakers.” *Journal of Phonetics*, 37(4), pp 374-387
- 2008**  
Franklin, A., Stoel-Gammon, C. and Wassink, A. B. (2008) “Acoustic quantification of /i/-/ɪ/ overlap in children 21 to 33 months”, *International Journal of Speech-Language Pathology* 10(5), pp1-14
- 2007**  
Wassink, A. B., Wright, R. A. and Franklin, A. (2007) “Intraspeaker variability in vowel production: an investigation of motherese, hyperspeech, and Lombard speech in Jamaican speakers,” *Journal of Phonetics* 35(3), pp 363-379
- 2006**  
Wassink, A. B. (2006) “A geometric representation of spectral and temporal vowel features: Quantification of vowel overlap in three varieties,” *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 119(4), pp 2334-2350
- 2004**  
Wassink, A. B. and Dyer, J. (2004) “Language Ideology and the Transmission of Phonological Change,” *Journal of English Linguistics* 32(1), pp1-16  
Wassink, A. B. and Curzan, A. (2004) “Addressing Ideologies Around African American English,” *Journal of English Linguistics*, 32(3), pp 171-185
- 2001**  
Wassink, A. B. (2001) “Theme and Variation in Jamaican Vowels,” *Language Variation and Change*, 13(2), pp 135-159  
Dyer, J. and Wassink, A. B. (2001) “Taakin’ Braad and Talking Broad: the changing indexicality of phonological variants,” *Texas Linguistic Forum* 44(2). Austin: UT Austin, pp288-301 (equally co-authored)
- 1999**  
Wassink, A.B. (1999) “Historic Low Prestige and Seeds of Change: attitudes toward Jamaican Creole,” *Language in Society*, 28(1), pp57-92

## Articles Under Revision

### **Under revision**

- Squizzero, R. and Wassink, A.B. (in preparation for *Phonetica*) "A comparison of three methods for identifying dynamic formant tracking errors via outlier detection"
- Wassink, A. B. (under revision for *Language in Society*) "Ethnic Homophily, Localness and Participation in Regional Linguistic Change: the social networks of minority ethnicity speakers in Washington State"
- Wassink, A. B. (under revision for *Journal of Sociolinguistics*) "The Social and Referential Networks of Japanese-Americans in Washington State"

## Conference Proceedings and Working Papers, Full Paper Review:

### **2021**

Robert Squizzero, Martin Horst, Alicia Beckford Wassink, Alex Panicacci, Monica Jensen, Anna Kristina Moroz, Kirby Conrod, Emily M. Bender. "Collecting and using race and ethnicity information in linguistic studies" *University of Washington Working Papers in Linguistics*

### **2020**

Wassink, A. B. and Chartier, N. (2020) "Insufficient documentation in contemporary dialectology: the case of Washington State." In, *Essays in the history of dialect studies. From ancient Greece to modern dialectology* (Raf Van Rooy, ed.): 157:165. Münster: Nodus Publikationen - Wissenschaftlicher Verlag. ISBN: 978-3-89323-022-8.

### **2010**

Scanlon, M. and Wassink, A. B. (2010) "Using Acoustic Trajectory Information in Studies of Merger", *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*

## Anthologized Work:

### **2006**

Beckford Wassink, A. (2006) "Historic Low Prestige and Seeds of Change: Attitudes toward Jamaican Creole," *Language in Society*, 28(1) (1999), Reprinted in *Academic Writing: An Introduction*, Calgary, AB: Broadview Press. To appear, Spring 2006

## Editor, Journal Special Issues:

### **2004**

Wassink, A. B. and Curzan, A. (2004, eds.) "African American English: Research Directions and Current Educational Questions (1998-present)," *Journal of English Linguistics*, 129 pp (equally co-edited)

## Book Reviews:

- Wassink, A.B. (2018) review of Dodsworth, R. and Benton, R. *New Approaches to Class and Network in Sociolinguistics*. London: Routledge.
- Wassink, A. B. (2003) review of Meade, R. R. *Acquisition of Jamaican Phonology*, *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*, 19(1), pp177-187

## **Presentations**

### Invited Talks and Colloquia:

#### **2022**

Wassink, A.B. and Squizzero, Robert (2022) “Back away from the rest of the west: ethnic minorities’ participation in a Washington English Vowel Pattern” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society, Washington DC. January 9, 2022.

#### **2021**

Wassink, A.B. “Leveraging Sociolinguistic Knowledge to Address Racial Bias in Automatic Speech Recognition,” Yale University Department of Linguistics colloquium series, December 6.

Wassink, A.B. “Leveraging Sociolinguistic Knowledge to Address Racial Bias in Automatic Speech Recognition,” University of Texas—Austin Department of Linguistics colloquium series, October 10.

Wassink, A.B. “Uneven Success: racial bias in Automatic Speech Recognition,” Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day lecture, University of Michigan. January 18.

#### **2020**

Wassink, A.B. “Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research in Linguistics.” Online webinar presented as part of the Brown University Leadership Alliance Professional Development series. June 24, 2020.

Wassink, A.B. “Yakima English: phonological innovation or heritage language transfer?” cancelled. Invited talk as part of themed conference entitled, “Laboratory Phonology on the Margins”, Laboratory Phonology 17, Vancouver, British Columbia, July 6-8.

#### **2017, Donn F. Bailey invited lecture**

Wassink, A.B. “Physiological and Linguistic Influences on the Speech of Rachel Jeantel,” National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, April 6-8.

#### **2017, Colloquium**

Wassink, A.B. “The Social Networks of Minority Ethnicity Group Members in Washington State”, University of Oregon Department of Linguistics, March 10.

#### **2016**

Wassink, A. B. “Reanalysis and Conventionalization of a Universal Phonetic Pattern in WA State English.” University of California, Berkeley. 18 April, 2016.

#### **2015, Plenary address**

Wassink, A. B. “Dialect Evolution in the Pacific Northwest: reanalysis and conventionalization of a universal phonetic pattern.” Invited plenary presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (Portland)

#### **2014**

“Vowel raising in Washington State: What’s the *bag* deal?” Invited Colloquium, Stanford University, April

#### **2013**

Phonetic Universals, Individual Variation and Linguistic Innovation in the American Pacific Northwest. Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, October.

#### **2012**

Participant, West Coast Dialect Summit, Stanford University, 26 July 2012. Penelope Eckert, organizer.

#### **2009**

"An exemplar-based account of the development of sociolinguistic competence in children" U of Washington Colloquium series, 19 February.

**2008**

"The development of sociolinguistic competence in children." U of Chicago Colloquium series, 4 December.

**2007**

"A child's-eye view: children's perception and production of phonological variation." Speech and Language Sciences Seminar, Newcastle University Phonetics Research Group, 29 November.

"(Post)Colonial assumptions in linguistic theory: system in Jamaican Creole Phonology", as part of workshop "English in a Global Context: Postcolonial Intersections in Literary and Linguistic Studies," Isabelle Buchstaller and Neelam Srivastava (organizers) 25 November. [http://www.ncl.ac.uk/niassh/English\\_Global/programme.html](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/niassh/English_Global/programme.html)

**2005**

"Modeling the tense~lax distinction in three varieties: perspectives on vowel volumes," University of Michigan, Department of Linguistics colloquium series, April.

**2002**

"The long and short of vowel distribution overlap," University of Washington Linguistics Colloquium, November.

"Language ideology and phonological change," Simon Fraser University Linguistics Colloquium, October.

"The changing indexicality of phonological variants in two language context situations," presented at "A Day in Sociolinguistics," University of the West Indies, May.

"Understanding variation in Jamaican vowel systems," the University of the West Indies, April. Guest lecture for seminar (Lecturer A. Irvine)

"Variability in language production and perception: a cross-linguistic investigation of motherese, hyperspeech, and Lombard Speech," the University of the West Indies, April.

**2001**

"Taakin braad and talking broad: the changing indexicality of phonological variants in two language contact situations," Linguistics Colloquium, University of Washington, November.

**2000**

"Language, Culture and Misinterpreted Linguistic Cues," University of Washington, Bothell, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, April; October, 2000 (Diane Gillespie, Instructor)

**1999**

"Culture and the Context of Colonization: the role of language attitudes in language demise or development," University of Washington, Language and Rhetoric/Language Use and Acquisition Colloquium series, December.

"Language, Culture and Misinterpreted Linguistic Cues," University of Washington, Bothell, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, October.

"Pidgins and Creoles: their sounds and structures," University of Washington, Seattle, LING 200. July 1999. Talk given again in August, 1999.

**1998**

"A Tale of Two Tongues: Jamaican English and Jamaican Creole," Center for the Education of Women, Ann Arbor, Michigan, February.

**1997**

“An Acoustic Phonetic Analysis of Jamaican Vowels,” University of the West Indies--Mona, Kingston, Jamaica, May.

“Why Do Non-standard Languages Persist?: Covert and overt attitudes toward Jamaican Creole,” University of Washington, Seattle, February.

**1996**

“Intercultural Communication Competence,” William Tyndale College, Farmington Hills, Michigan. COM 401-1: Cross-cultural communication, September.

**1994**

“Pidgins, Creoles, and ‘the New Englishes’,”, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, July.

**1993-1998**

Introductory lecture on Pidgins and Creoles, Linguistics 211, University of Michigan.

Refereed Conference Presentations:

**2020**

Wassink, A.B. (2020) Uneven Success: Automatic Speech Recognition and Ethnicity-related Dialects. Presented at the annual meeting American Association for the Advancement of Science, February 14, Seattle. (Panelists: Emily Bender, Rachael Tatman, moderator: Gina-Anne Levow).

**2018**

Wassink, A. B., Squizzero, R., Fellin, C. and Nichols, D.N. (2018) CLOx: automated transcription for sociolinguistic interviews. Presented at NWAV47, October 18, New York.

**2017**

Wassink, A. B. (2017) Where Sociolinguistics and Speech Science Meet: The physiological and acoustic consequences of underbite in a multilectal speaker of African-American English, presented at NWAV 46, Nov. 2, Madison WI.

Evans, B. E., Wassink, A. B. and Chartier, N. “Insufficient documentation in contemporary dialectology: the case of Washington State” Presentation at ICHoLS14 August 28-Sept 1, 2017. Paris, France.”

**2016**

Wassink, A. B. “The Social Networks of Minority Ethnicity Group Members in Washington State”. Presentation at the New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV45), Victoria, BC.

Wassink, A. B. “Network Connectedness of Japanese-Americans in Metropolitan Seattle”. Presentation at the second meeting of the Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics (CWSL 2) April 23-24, Seattle.

**2015**

Wassink, A. B. “Vowel Raising in Washington State: the cat’s out of the B(egg)!” presented as part of the panel “Western Speech.” American Dialect Society. January, Portland.

**2014**

-----“Vowel Raising in Washington State: What’s the BAG deal?” Presented at the first meeting of the Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics (CWSL). March 1-2, 2014 (U of Victoria)

Busch, A., Taylor, G., and Wassink, A. B. “Physiological and Linguistic Influences on the speech of Rachel Jeantel”, poster presented at the Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Washington, April.



Rickford, J., King, S., Wassink, A. B. "Aspects of the Testimony of Rachel Jeantel."  
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society, 4 Jan. 2014  
(Minneapolis)

### **2013**

Wassink, A. B. & Koops, C. K. "Quantifying and Interpreting Vowel Formant Trajectory Information". Invited workshop presentation at NWAV 42, October 17 (Pittsburgh).

Wassink, A.B., & Riebold, J. "Individual Variation and Linguistic Innovation in the American Pacific Northwest", Workshop on the Actuation of Sound Change. University of Chicago Linguistic Society, Chicago IL, April 17-18.

### **2011**

Wassink, A. B. "Vowel Reduction and Merger in the Pacific Northwest", presented at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America (Seattle)

### **2009**

Wassink, A.B., Squizzero, R., Schirra, R. and Conn J. "Effects of Style and Gender on Fronting and Raising of /e/, /e:/ and /ae/ before /g/ in Seattle English", presented at NWAV 38, Ottawa, ON Oct. 22-25, 2009

Scanlon, M. and Wassink, A. B. "Using Acoustic Trajectory Information in Studies of Merger", poster at NWAV 38, Ottawa, ON Oct. 22-25, 2009

### **2008**

Scanlon, M. and Wassink, A. B. "Defining Communities from Outside: Social Networks and Dialect Contact in Seattle." Talking across borders: interdisciplinary approaches to historical questions. University of Washington, Department of History. April.

Wassink, A. B. "Growing up with two 'Black Languages': kinship and attitudes toward Jamaican Creole and African-American English", presented at African-American Women's Language conference, University of Texas-San Antonio, March 6-9, 2008 (Sonja Lanehart, organizer)

### **2007**

Scanlon, M. and Wassink, A. B. "Network ties as conduits: contact and diffusion in Seattle," presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. January.

### **2005**

Wassink, A. B. "Finding a network in Seattle: Variability in immigrant phonology and the ubiquity of weak network ties," presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English, New York, NY, October.

Ingle, J. K., Wright, R. A., & Wassink, A. B. "Pacific Northwest vowels: A Seattle neighborhood dialect study," poster presented at the annual meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Vancouver BC, May.

### **2004**

Franklin, A., Stoel-Gammon, C. & Wassink, A. B. "Quantification of 2-D and 3-D vowel overlap in children 21 to 33 months," poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Speech-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA October.

Carmichael, L., Wright, R. W. and Wassink, A. B. "Designing a Corpus of Interspeaker Variability," poster presented at the annual meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, CA, October.

Wassink, A. B. and Galvin, L. "Finding a Place in Seattle: dialect contact and change in Irish-English in America," presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English, Ann Arbor, MI, September.

### **2003**

Wassink, A. B., Wright, R. A., Galvin, L., M., Franklin, A. D. "Intraspeaker variability in vowel production: an investigation of motherese, hyperspeech, and Lombard speech in Jamaican speakers," presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Phonetic Sciences, Barcelona, Spain, August.

Wassink, A. B. "An Analytic Geometric Method for Quantifying Spectral and Temporal Overlap in Vowel Systems," presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Atlanta, GA, January.

Wassink, A. B. "Varieties of English in America: the Creole pieces of the puzzle," presented at the annual meeting of the American Dialect Society, Atlanta, GA, January.

### **2001**

with J. Dyer, "Taakin' Broad and Talking Broad: changing indexicality of phonetic variants in two contact situations," presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Symposium About Language and Society, Austin, TX, April.

### **2000**

"The vowel inventories of Jamaican Speakers," presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Languages, Chicago, January.

### **1999**

Hagiwara, R., Wright, R., Wassink, A., Hargus, S., and Sterling, I. "An interactive Atlas of English vowels: design considerations," poster presented at the Acoustical Society of America, October, 1999.

### **1998**

"Interacting spectral and temporal properties in Jamaican English and Jamaican Creole vowel production," poster presented at the annual meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Seattle, WA, June.

"Characterizing phonetic variation between Jamaican English and Creole vowels," presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New York, NY, January.

### **1996**

"Guarded Pride: The social complexity and gender-grading of attitudes toward Jamaican Creole," presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation, Las Vegas, NV, October.

### **1995**

"My Teacher Says...': Attitudes of Jamaican students toward Jamaican Creole," presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation, Philadelphia, PA October. Also presented at the Center for Afro-American and African Studies (CAAS), University of Michigan, October, 1995.

## **Linguistic Databases & Computer Software**

Wassink, A.B., R. Squizzero, Fellin, C., and Nichols, D.N. (2018) Client Libraries Oxford (CLOx) [computer software]. MAC OSX standalone app ([AppStore release for Mac OS](#))

Wassink, A.B., R. Squizzero, Fellin, C., and Nichols, D.N. (2018) Client Libraries Oxford (CLOx) [computer software]. <https://clox.ling.washington.edu>  
English in the Pacific Northwest corpus: (123 GB, 193 hours) audio recordings, including transcriptions. (<http://zeos.ling.washington.edu/~PNWEnglish/> )  
Vowel Trajectory Analysis Corpus, (10 MB) Demonstration corpus, with analysis scripts. Prepared for Invited Workshop “Best Practices in Sociophonetics”, New Ways of Analyzing English (NWAV 2013) with Christian Koops, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque (<http://faculty.washington.edu/wassink/NWAV2013/>)  
Wassink, A. B. (2006) Vowel Overlap Indication Software in 3D (VOIS3D) [computer software]. <http://depts.washington.edu/sociolab/Projects/VOIS3D1.htm>

## **Public Scholarship/Media Appearances**

### **2019**

Advertisements PNWE Yakima Herald, Seattle Times

### **2017**

KUOW radio, “Why do some locals say 'Wershington' instead of 'Washington?' - KUOW” interview and blog post, Amy Rolph. March 15, 2017 ([kuow.org/post/why-do-some-locals-say-wershington-instead-washington](http://kuow.org/post/why-do-some-locals-say-wershington-instead-washington))

### **2014**

KUOW radio, “Do Pacific Northwesterners Have an Accent?” interview on Pacific Northwest English project, Deborah Wang, Dec. 15 (<http://kuow.org/post/do-pacific-northwesterners-have-accent>). Story ranked #1 for all of 2014 on KUOW.

### **2012**

King5 Television, “Is there a Seattle Accent”, <http://www.king5.com/news/local/is-there-a-seattle-accent-145861045.html>, April 2

### **2011**

KPLU radio, “I Wonder Why” interview on Pacific Northwest English project, Bellamy Pailthorpe, Dec. 2

### **2005**

KUOW radio, “Weekday” program—feature on Pacific Northwest English project, host Marcie Silman, May 26

Seattle Post-Intelligencer article, “Got a Northwest dialect? It’s creaky,” Tom Paulson, Friday, May 20—feature on Pacific Northwest dialect project and Acoustical Society poster presented in Vancouver BC

### **2003**

Charles Osgood Show, Sunday January 5—Interviewed at the Linguistic Society of America regarding research in Pidgin and creole linguistics, Dialectology

### **2001**

KBCS radio—feature on the Center for Mind, Brain, and Learning project, Intraspeaker variability in vowel production

### **2003**

Invited Speaker, Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS), Seattle Chapter

### **1999**

Outreach consultant. John Stanford International School, Seattle, Washington

## University Committees, Duties and Service

### Interdisciplinary Research Groups:

- 2015 Speech and Hearing Sciences Preceptor  
2011-present WIRED (Women Investigating Race, Ethnicity and Diversity) Interdisciplinary faculty research collective, University of Washington

### University Service:

- 2019 departmental representative for Linguistics, Departmental Diversity Leaders committee (GDC), Assoc. Dean for Diversity and Student Affairs, UW Graduate School  
2010, 2014, 2019 Reviewer, Royalty Research Fund  
2008-9 Member, internal review committee. English Department 10-year review.  
2003 Member, Faculty Search Committee, Computational Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, University of Washington  
2002-06 Department Liaison, Language Learning Center Technology Support Steering committee, University of Washington. Provide direction for the LLC Technology Support Specialist.  
2000 Member, Library Focus Group: Future Directions, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington. Participant in task force on usefulness of library subscription to electronic journals in the Humanities.

### Departmental Service:

- 2000-present Organizer, Sociolinguistics Brown Bag  
2015-16 Excellence in Research Committee  
2013-14 Chair, Web Committee  
2006-14 Co-chair, Diversity Committee  
2013, 10, 08, 16 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee  
2012 Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee  
2011-12 Co-Chair, Resources Committee  
2010-11 Teaching Assistant Selection Reform Committee  
2010 Linguistics Department self-study  
2006-7 Chair, Sociolinguistics faculty search committee  
2001 Department liaison, Language Learning Center Technical Support Steering Committee  
1999-06 Presenter, World Languages Day. Presentations offered include: "The History and Structure of African-American English," "American Dialects"  
2000-01 Organizer, Abstract writing workshop, Phonetics/Phonology Lab group.  
1999, 2000 Organizer, Grants and Funding Information Workshop, University of Washington, Department of Linguistics. Developed graduate student funding database

### 2000-present **Sociolinguistics Laboratory Director**

**Membership:** The UW Sociolinguistics Laboratory, <http://depts.washington.edu/sociolab/index.htm>, is a significant research resource

for UW Linguistics faculty (currently 3 members), graduate students (currently 10-15 members), undergraduate students (currently 2 members), both in Linguistics and other units (English, currently 1 member; Anthropology, 1; Romance Languages, and Literature, 1; American Ethnic Studies, 1, Speech and Hearing Sciences, 1). • **Research:** The lab has provided direct support to grant-funded research in which the lab director was P.I. or Co-P.I. (totalling \$3.8 million). • **Extracurricular training and undergraduate research:** The laboratory is regarded as a significant site of cutting edge research in the field of Sociolinguistics, particularly in the subdiscipline of Sociophonetics. Although best-known for our work in sociophonetics, a wide range of research areas of Sociolinguistics are supported, including: language and social networks, language shift and revitalization, language attitudes, morpho-syntactic and phonological variation, regional and ethnic dialect variation in American English, and phonological restructuring under dialect contact. Since 2006, eight undergraduate researchers have been trained in sociophonetic analysis for undergraduate research credit. • **Dissemination of research resources:** The laboratory website provides a gateway for dissemination of research reports conducted by laboratory members (e.g., links to the public website for the PNWE research study, <https://zeos.ling.washington.edu/~PNWEnglish> ). The lab website also makes research tools available for the scholarly community (samples of our elicitation instruments, software tutorials, recommendations regarding statistical analysis, computer scripts and analysis programs that are used for conversational and acoustic analysis). • **Hosting of visiting scholars:** Since 2013, the UW Sociolinguistics laboratory has hosted scholars from: University of Chicago, University of Victoria (British Columbia), York University (UK), Stanford University, The University of Oregon, Haskins Laboratories (Yale University), the University of Michigan, North Carolina State University, Roehampton University (UK). The laboratory director devoted time bi-weekly to meet with these scholars to provide training in data analysis techniques. • **Public scholarship:** Public scholarship has been advanced using laboratory resources: 1) four undergraduates received training in analysis of the features of African-American English, and training at the same time in the acoustic outcomes of Type III Malocclusion (underbite), in “Aspects of the Speech of Rachel Jeantel”, a collaborative project with Stanford Linguistics, featured at the UW Undergraduate Research Symposium. As part of this work, we produced narrow phonetic and corrected orthographic transcriptions of two full days of courtroom testimony in the manslaughter trial of George Zimmerman. 2) The English in the Pacific Northwest Study was featured on KUOW. Deborah Wang (reporter) acquired samples of the corpus from the laboratory to disseminate on the KUOW website created for the story.

## Professional Awards, Offices, and Service

### Professional Offices:

2020	Executive Committee, Linguistic Society of America (3-year term)
2019-present	Executive Council, American Dialect Society (2-year term)
2016-2019	Nominating Committee, Linguistic Society of America

2010-2013 Technical Advisory Committee, Linguistic Society of America  
2013-present Steering committee, Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics (CWSL)  
2004-2009 Mentoring Program Steering Committee. Committee for Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL), Linguistic Society of America

### Professional Awards:

2022 Arthur & Helen Whiteley Distinguished Fellow, Whiteley Center  
2007 Nominee, Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Washington  
2001 Faculty Mentor Award, Ronald E. McNair Program, University of Washington

### Service to the Field:

2014-present Editorial board, *Phonetica*.  
2010 Member, Working group to Draft Charter on Language Policy and Language Rights in the Creole Speaking Caribbean, "Creole and International Languages in the Education - Out of school issues"  
2005-2008 Advisory Panel for Linguistics, National Science Foundation

### Professional Memberships:

WIRED Women Investigating, Race, Ethnicity and Diversity (U of Washington)  
Steering Committee, Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics  
Acoustical Society of America  
Linguistic Society of America  
Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics  
Committee of Linguists of African Descent  
Best Practices in Sociophonetics Working Group

### Reviewer:

**Journals:** *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, Journal of English Linguistics, Journal of the International Phonetic Association, Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages, Journal of Phonetics, Phonetica, Phonology, Publications of the American Dialect Society, Speech Communication, American Speech, Journal of Sociolinguistics, Language Variation and Change, Language in Society*

**Conferences:** Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics, New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English, Linguistic Society of America, International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Symposium on the History of the English Language, Western Conference on Linguistics

**Grant Agencies:** National Science Foundation, UW Royalty Research Fund

### Conference and Workshop Organizer:

**2016** Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics (CWSL2), University of Washington  
**2014** Steering committee, Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics (CWSL1), University of Victoria, BC

**2003, 2005** Breath of Life Workshop, University of Washington. (Co-Organizer with Alice Taff, University of Alaska, Fairbanks) Week-long series of sessions aimed to assist individuals, educators and linguistics professionals access the holdings of the University of Washington Libraries relevant to projects on revitalization of Native American languages.

**2004** Language/culture/power colloquium series, University of Washington. Co-Organizer with Laada Bilaniuk, Department of Anthropology. Quarter-long series of talks bringing speakers from both within and outside UW to talk on current research into issues of language, culture and identity politics. Funded by the Arts and Sciences Exchange Program and the Simpson Center

## Theses Directed and Co-directed

(\*) Indicates student served as graduate or undergraduate research assistant on NSF funded research.

### PhD:

#### Current:

\*Jensen, Monica

\*Squizzero, Robert

#### Completed:

Chartier, Nicole, Department of Linguistics (2020) You don't sound like you're from there: Mapping the phonetic vowel space of southeastern New Hampshire

Conrod, Kirby, Department of Linguistics (2019, co-supervised with B. Citko) "Pronouns Raising and Emerging" (present employment: lecturer, Department of Linguistics, University of Washington)

deJong, Amie (2019, co-supervised with E. Aldridge) "When change comes from within: The origin and diachronic development of 'positive' anymore from pre-Modern Scots to Modern North American English" (present employment: unknown)

Fitzmorris, Mary (2019) Department of Linguistics, "Productivity, influence, and evolution: Documenting the complex language shift of Modern Ladino"

Freeman, Valerie, Department of Linguistics (2017) "The Phonetics of Stance-Taking" (present employment: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Oklahoma State University.)

Jones, Benjamin, Department of Linguistics (2021, Betsy Evans, chair) "*The Spatiality of Perceptual Dialectology*"

Kempell Jacinto, Wendy, Department of Linguistics (2015) "Language attitudes and bilingualism in Turkish-German popular film" (present employment: Interpretation and Translation Services Coordinator, Kaiser Permanente)

- \*Oxley, Meghan, Department of Linguistics (2015) “Southern, Texan, or Both?: Southernness and Identity in Deer Park, Texas” (present employment: academic counselor, Earth and Space Sciences, U of Washington)
- \*Riebold, John, Department of Linguistics (2015, co-supervised with Richard Wright) “The Social Distribution of a Regional Change: /æg, ɛg, eg/ in Washington State” (present employment: Senior Software Development Engineer at PitchBook Data)
- \*Scanlon, Michael (2019) Department of Linguistics. “Stylistic variation in African American Language: examining the social meaning of linguistic features in a Seattle community”
- Stevenson, Jeffrey, (2007) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “The Sociolinguistic Variables of Chilean Voseo,” (present employment: Trinity International University)
- Waltmunson, Jeremy, (2005, co-supervised with Richard Wright) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “The relative degree of difficulty of L2 Spanish /d,t,r,R/ by L1 English speakers: auditory and acoustic methods of defining pronunciation accuracy” (present employment: Riveted Kids, prior employment: senior manager, Microsoft)

## PhD Committee Member, Reader or External Member:

### Completed:

- Moroz, Anna K. (2021) Department of Linguistics
- Tatman, Rachael (2017) Department of Linguistics "Modeling the Perceptual Learning of Novel Dialect Features" (present employment: data scientist, Kaggle)
- Swan, Julia Thomas, Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago (2015) “Language ideologies, border effects and dialectal variation: evidence from /æ/, /au/ and /ai/ in Seattle WA and Vancouver, BC (present employment: asst. prof., San Jose State University)
- Miller, Julia (2013) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington
- Basta, Hidy (2010) Department of English, University of Washington
- Gray, Audra (2010) School of Education, University of Washington
- Baron, Akesha (Ph.D., 2006), Department of Anthropology, University of Washington. “ ‘Women don’t talk:’ Gender and Codemixing in an Evangelical Tzotzil Village”
- Carmichael, Lesley (Ph.D., 2005), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “Situation-based intonation pattern distribution in a corpus of American English”
- Franklin, Amber, Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, University of Washington
- Huang, Chia-Hui (Ph.D., 2003), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “A restructuring of case theory: evidence from s-selected case”
- MacLeod, Andrea, (Ph.D., 2006) Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, University of Washington. “Production and perception of VOT and high vowels by bilingual and monolingual speakers of Canadian English and Canadian French”
- Russi, Cinzia (Ph.D., 2003), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. The grammaticalization of Italian clitics”



- Schwartz, Geoffrey (Ph.D., 2000), Slavic Languages and Literature, University of Washington. "The Lemko and Slavic palatalizations: an acoustic and perceptual approach to Historical phonology"
- Shirai, Setsuko (Ph.D., 2004), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "Lexical effects in Japanese vowel reduction"
- Webster, Gabriel (Ph.D., 2002), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "Toward a psychologically and computationally adequate model of speech perception"
- Witteborn, Saskia (Ph.D., 2005), Department of Speech Communication, University of Washington. "Collective identities of people of Arab descent: an analysis of the situated expression of ethnic, panethnic, national, and religious identifications"

Graduate Faculty Representative:

- Osman, Homira, College of Speech and Hearing Sciences
- Sachi Schmidt-Hori (2012), Department of Asian Languages and Literatures, University of Washington
- Gail Potter (Ph.D. 2010), Department of Statistics, University of Washington
- Krista Gile (Ph.D. 2008), Department of Statistics, University of Washington
- Karol Kooper (Ph.D. 2008) Department of English, University of Washington
- Jean Escoz (Ph.D. 2008), Department of English, University of Washington

MA:

Completed:

- Tobar, Luis (M.A. 2011) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "A Contact-based Study of Voseo and Attitudes Toward Voseo in the United States"
- Ridenour, Jeffrey (M.A. 2009) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "The Mandative Subjunctive in American English: A sociolinguistic corpus study of morphosyntactic variation and style"
- Kempell, Wendy (M.A. 2009), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "Spanish-English code-mixing in the Pacific Northwest"
- Oxley, Meghan, (M.A. 2009) Department of Linguistics. "(ay) Monophthongization in Deer Park, Texas"
- Scanlon, Michael, (M.A. 2007) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington "A Social network study of a Seattle neighborhood"
- Barrett, Benjamin (M.A. 2006), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "Language attitudes toward q'widičča: the language of the Makah"
- Galvin, Lisa (M.A. 2004), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "Dubliners in Seattle: a sociophonetic analysis of Irish English in the US"
- Munson, Jeremy, (M.A. 2001) Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "Formal pronunciation instruction for the beginning adult learner of Spanish: acoustic measures and criteria of accurate L2 phonology"
- Olson, Darik (M.A. 2004), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. "Lone nouns in Spanish/English mixed discourse: code-switches or borrowings? A variationist analysis"

Ring, Jessica (M.A., 2004), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “An historical and sociolinguistic analysis of the quotative verb be+like”

Stevenson, Jeffrey (M.A., 2001), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “Spanish dialect preference and recognition abilities among university students”

Wen, Chih-Chi (M.A., 2003), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “Phonological change in Atayal”

\*Manuela Rasing

\*Rachel Schirra

\*Robert Sykes

### Undergraduate Honors Theses Supervised:

Busch, Amy (B.A. 2014, Linguistics) “Physiological and Linguistic Influences on the speech of Rachel Jeantel”

Samantha Sanches (B.A. 2013, Linguistics/Speech and Hearing Sciences) “Social Connectedness of Japanese-Americans in the Pacific Northwest: a sociolinguistic case study”

Abigail Myers (B.A., 2012), Department of Linguistics (Romance Linguistics) “Dialectal Variation across Franco-Provençal (Arpitan)”

Steven Heidenreich (B.A. completed 2011), Department of Linguistics (Romance Linguistics), University of Washington. “Pride and Prejudice: Narco-violence, the Gap and the Beginnings of Perceptual Dialectology in Mexico”

\*Jennifer Ingle (B.A. completed 2005), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. “Pacific Northwest vowels: a Seattle neighborhood dialect study”

\*Alice Lemieux (B.A. completed 2005), Department of Linguistics, University of Washington “Pacific Northwest dialect study: Vancouver WA pilot study ”

Jerry Cheng Liu (B.A. completed 2001) “The merger of *caught* and *cot*”

### Undergraduate Research Assistants (NSF REU or for credit):

Emma Casper

Jessica Giang

Nathan Johnson

Sasha Cordier

Yasmine Hejazi

Bradly Knox

Rachel Ewen

Martin Horst

Anna Kunz

Shu-Heng Liu

Magnolia Pattison

Samantha Sanches

Phoebe Parsons

Collette Perry

### Undergraduate Research Projects Supervised:

Parsons, Phoebe (B.A. 2013, Linguistics)

Taylor, Griffin (B.A. 2014, Linguistics/Speech and Hearing Sciences)

Liu, Chang (B.A. 2014, Linguistics)

### Ronald McNair Program Advisees:

Laronal, Kapi’olani (B.A. completed, 2002), University of Washington

Roberts, Christina (B.A. completed, 2001), University of Washington

### Visiting Undergraduate Researchers:

## **Courses Taught**

### University of Washington

#### Undergraduate/Graduate:

Advanced Sociolinguistics, LING 535  
Advanced Linguistic Phonetics, LING 554  
Bantu Base Afrika: Study Abroad, Multilingualism and Language Policy in South Africa (Durban, Johannesburg and Zululand), LING 234/490  
Best Practices in Sociophonetics, LING 554  
Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics, LING 450  
Introduction to Linguistic Thought, LING 200  
Language and Ethnicity, LING 234  
Pidgin and Creole Languages, LING 430 (formerly 455)  
R for Linguists, LING421  
Sociolinguistics I, LING 432/532 ANTH 464  
Sociolinguistics II, LING 433/533 (formerly 434)  
Social Network Theory, LING 534

#### Graduate Seminars:

Phonetic Distance and Dynamics  
Dialect Contact  
Communities of Practice  
Language and Identity  
Computational Methods in Linguistics  
Age-related Linguistic Change during the Lifespan  
Communication Accommodation Theory  
Just-noticeable Differences Superseminar

#### Independent Studies:

Social Network Analysis in Sociolinguistics  
Bilingualism  
Topics in Sociolinguistics  
Sociolinguistic Fieldwork (LING499)

### Service Teaching:

#### **2013**

June 2013. Instructor, The Development of Sociolinguistic Competence in Children. LSA Summer Institute, Ann Arbor, MI. (6-week course)

#### **2011**

*Best Practices in Sociophonetics Workshop, LSA Summer Institute, Boulder, CO. Vowel Analysis. (1-week workshop)*

#### **2009**

*Invited panelist, LSA Summer Institute, Berkeley, CA. Cyberling Workshop. Storage, Retrieval, and Search working group. (2-day workshop)*

**2006**

*Invited Instructor, LSA Summer Institute, Stanford CA* Taught course, “Creole Phonology: Prosody and Phonological Variation” in series “Theoretical and Applied Issues in Pidgin and Creole Linguistics” (6-week course)