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Personal

Date of Birth: February 11, 1985.

Citizenship: Canadian.

Education

- 2015 Ph.D. University of Toronto; Linguistics
Generals Paper 1: *Innovators and innovation: Tracking the innovators of 'and stuff' in York.* (2010)
Generals Paper 2: *"Null" expletives, the EPP and Affix Support in Scandinavian.* (2011)
Thesis: *The development of pragmatic markers in Canadian English.*
Committee: Sali Tagliamonte, J.K. Chambers, Elizabeth Cowper, Jenny Cheshire (external reviewer), Aaron Dinkin, Naomi Nagy.
- 2009 M.A. University of Toronto; Linguistics.
Forum paper: Transmission and diffusion above the level of phonology.
- 2008 Hon.B.A. Victoria University in the University of Toronto.
Specialist in Linguistics, High Distinction.

Current Position

Course instructor. Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2014 Expanding the transmission/diffusion dichotomy: Evidence from Canada. *Language* 90(1):90–136.
Joint author with Sali A. Tagliamonte.
- 2010 The stuff of change: General Extenders in Toronto, Canada. *The Journal of English Linguistics* 38(4):335–368. Joint author with Sali A. Tagliamonte.
- 2008 Linguistic ruin? LOL. Instant messaging and teen language. *American Speech* 83(1):3–34. (2008).
Second author with Sali A. Tagliamonte.

Conference Proceedings

- 2014 Variativnost' i izmenenija v «unasledovannom» russkom jazyke (Heritage Russian) g. Toronto (Heritage Russian Variation and Change in Toronto). Socio- i psiholingvističeskie issledovanija (Socio- and psycholinguistic studies) 2:53–68. Second author with Naomi Nagy, Nina Aghdasi, Yoonjung Kang, Alexei Kochetov, Alexandra Motut, and James Walker. [Sections previously appear as Nagy et al. 2011]
- 2013 The social meaning of *eh* in Canadian English. Proceedings of the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association. <http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~cla-acl/actes2013/actes2013.html>
- 2011 Innovators and innovation: Tracking the innovators of 'and stuff' in York English. Selected Papers from NWAV 39. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics 17.2.8.
- 2011 Null subjects in heritage languages: Contact effects in a cross-linguistic context. Selected Papers from NWAV 39. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics 17.2.16. Joint author with Naomi Nagy, Nina Aghdasi and Alexandra Motut.

Forthcoming

- 2015 Innovation *right*? Change *you know*? Utterance final tags in Canadian English. To appear in *Discourse-Pragmatic Variation and Change: Insights from English*, ed. Heike Pichler, Cambridge University Press. First author with Sali A. Tagliamonte.

Paper Presentations

Conference Presentations

- 2015 Exploring the locus of indexicality: Discourse contexts matters for the social meaning of pragmatic markers. Fourteenth International Pragmatics Conference. University of Antwerp. Antwerp, Belgium. July 26–31, 2015.
- 2015 Input, homogeneity, *and stuff like that*. Studies in the History of the English Language 9. University of British Columbia. Vancouver, British Columbia. June 5–7, 2015. With Alexandra D'Arcy.
- 2015 On the non-gradual development of *I think*. 89th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Portland, Oregon. Jan. 8–11, 2015. [Accepted but unable to attend.]
- 2014 Homogeneity, convergence, mega-trends, *and stuff like that*. NWAV43. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign/University of Illinois – Chicago. Chicago, Illinois. Oct. 23–26, 2014. With Alexandra D'Arcy.
- 2014 A *variationist* perspective on epistemic parentheticals in Ontario English. Change and Variation in Canada VIII/Changement et Variation au Canada VIII, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. May 31–June 1, 2014.
- 2014 A real time investigation of the development of general extenders in Canadian English. Discourse-Pragmatic Variation and Change 2. Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK. April 7–9, 2014.
- 2014 Stability out of grammaticalization? Future temporal reference in North American English. 88th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jan. 2–5, 2014. With Sali A. Tagliamonte.
- 2013 The new global flow of linguistic influence: *be like* at the saturation point. NWAV42. University of Pittsburgh/Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh. Oct. 17–20, 2013. With Matt Hunt Gardner, Marisa Brook, and Sali A. Tagliamonte.

- 2013 An Amplification Role for Lexical Frequency in Syntactic Variation?: Testing with Heritage Italian. NWAV42. University of Pittsburgh/Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh. Oct. 17–20, 2013. With Naomi Nagy.
- 2013 The social meaning of *eh* in Canadian English. Canadian Linguistic Association 2013 Meeting. University of Victoria, Victoria. June 1–3, 2013.
- 2013 On the (non-)grammaticalization of utterance final *right* in Canadian English. Change and Variation in Canada VII. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. May 4–5, 2013.
- 2013 “I’m like, ‘It’s different in York’”: Real time and apparent time quotative trends in Toronto, Canada and York, England. Change and Variation in Canada VII. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. May 4–5, 2013. With Matt Hunt Gardner, Marisa Brook, Sali A. Tagliamonte and the University of Toronto Quotatives Project.
- 2013 Grammaticalization? Change in the right periphery from 1875 to 2003. 87th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Boston, Mass. Jan. 3–6, 2013.
- 2012 Eh? A short history of its social and pragmatic functions. Canadian English: Linguistic Variation in Space and Time Workshop. York University, Toronto, November 2012.
- 2012 Reaching a little further back: Oral Histories as Sociolinguistic Data. Changement et Variation au Canada VI. Université du Québec à Montréal/McGill University, Montréal. June 2012.
- 2011 Modeling laryngeal acoustics in early Korean infant-directed speech: VOT and *fo*. Acoustics Week in Canada, Québec City. Oct. 2011. With Chandan Narayan and Tae-Jin Yoon.
- 2010 Pro-drop in heritage languages: A cross-linguistic study of contact-induced change. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 39. University of Texas - San Antonio. San Antonio, Texas. Nov. 4–6, 2010. With Naomi Nagy, Alex Motut, Dylan Uscher, Nina Aghdasi, and Mario So Gao.
- 2010 The trajectories of general extenders from a transatlantic perspective. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 39. University of Texas - San Antonio, Texas. Nov. 4–6, 2010.
- 2010 After acquisition: Variable subject pronoun realization - Heritage language variation and change in Toronto. Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition 4. University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario. Sept. 1–3, 2010. Poster presentation with Naomi Nagy, Alexandra Motut, Dylan Uscher, Nina Aghdasi and Mario So Gao.
- 2010 Transmission and diffusion of change: Implications for the homogeneity of Canadian English. 16th Conference of the International Association of World Englishes. Simon Fraser University. Vancouver, British Columbia. July 26, 2010.
- 2010 A tale of a few cities’ *and stuff*. Change and Variation in Canada IV. Memorial University of Newfoundland. St. John’s, Newfoundland. June 19, 2010.
- 2010 Asymmetric trajectories: General extenders from a transatlantic perspective. Sociolinguistic Perspectives Summer School. Københavns Universitet, København, Danmark. June 2010.
- 2010 Passive diagnostics of contrast in phonology. Montréal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop. Carleton University. Ottawa, Ontario. Mar. 2010.
- 2009 When I got it, I’m like, ‘oh, that’s what they were talking about!’: Transmission and diffusion above the level of phonology in Thunder Bay. Change and Variation in Canada III Conference. York University. Toronto, Ontario. June 2009.

- 2009 So *eh* is still Canadian, right? A quantitative sociolinguistic investigation of changing discourse particles. American Dialect Society. San Francisco, California. January 2009.
- 2008 From community to community: Transmission and diffusion in Canadian English. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 37. Rice University, Houston, Texas. November 2008. With Sali A. Tagliamonte.
- 2008 A Variationist Analysis of Modality in Rural Ontario. Linguistics Society of America Summer Meeting 2008. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. July 2008.
- 2008 A New Perspective on Deontic Modality in Canada. Changement et Variation au Canada II. Université d'Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario. June, 2008.
- 2008 A phonetic analysis of the Inuktitut vowel space. Inuktitut Linguistics Workshop. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. March, 2008. With Mark Pollard.
- 2008 The stuff of change: General extenders in North American English. American Dialect Society Annual Meeting 2008, Chicago, Illinois. January, 2008. With Sali A. Tagliamonte.
- 2006 LOL for real. Instant messaging, teen language and linguistic change. The 33rd Annual Meeting of The Linguistics Association of Canada and the United States (LACUS33), University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. July, 2006. With Sali A. Tagliamonte.
- 2005 OMG, its so PC. New Waves of Analyzing Variation 34. New York University, New York City, New York. Oct. 2005. With Sali A. Tagliamonte.

Workshops

- 2014 Quantitative methods: new trends and perspectives. NWAV43 (workshop), Chicago, Illinois. Oct. 24, 2014. With Sali A. Tagliamonte and Matt Hunt Gardner.
- 2013 The basics of the R Statistical Programming Environment. Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto. Jan. 2013.
- 2012 The basics of the R Statistical Programming Environment. Language Variation and Change research group, University of Toronto. Jan. 2012.
- 2011 Advanced plotting in R. Language Variation and Change research group, University of Toronto. Mar. 2011.
- 2011 The basics of the R Statistical Programming Environment. Language Variation and Change research group, University of Toronto. Feb. 2011.
- 2010 Introduction to corpus linguistic methods: Coming to grips with grep. Language Variation and Change research group, University of Toronto. Jan. 2010.

Other Talks

- 2015 *Title TBA*. Invited talk for LING 202, *Canadian English*. Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Queen's University. Mar. 2015.
- 2013 *Be like* at the saturation point: What large-scale student research projects can discover. Invited talk for Society of Linguistics Undergraduates (SLUGS). Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto. With Matt Gardner, Marisa Brook, and Sali A. Tagliamonte. Nov. 2013.
- 2011 The bastardization of language?: Exploring the language of text messaging. Invited lecture at Faculty of Arts and Science Study Languages Conference, University of Toronto. Dec. 2011.

- 2011 The actuation problem: Some external considerations. LGCU Welcome Workshop IV. Oct. 2011.
- 2011 Another analysis of null expletives in Scandinavian. Syntax Project research group, University of Toronto. May 2011.
- 2009 *Eh and stuff*: Discourse variables in Canadian English. LGCU Welcome Workshop. University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario. Oct. 2009.
- 2009 Operationalizing Labov's *Transmission and Diffusion*. Language variation and change research group, University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario. May 2009.
- 2009 A framework for sociosyntax. Language variation and change research group, University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario. April 2009. With Lizzie Di Giacomo.
- 2008 The sociolinguistics of punk. Toronto Undergraduate Linguistics Conference. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. March 2008.
- 2007 From "Harrbour" English to "Hippie" English." Presentation for Language Variation and Change Research Group. University of Toronto. November, 2007.
- 2007 Linguistic ruin? LOL! Invited talk at Leaside High School, Toronto, Ontario. November, 2007. With Sali A. Tagliamonte.

Research Grants

- 2009–12 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Doctoral), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario. \$105 000.
- 2008–9 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Masters). Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario. \$17 500.
- 2006 University of Toronto Excellence Award in Humanities and Social Sciences, undergraduate research fellowship, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. \$5 700.

Scholarships and Awards

- 2015 Research Award. Analysis and write up of joint research. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Grant to Sali A. Tagliamonte, "Social Determinants of Linguistics Systems". \$1000.
- 2014 Doctoral Completion Award. University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario. \$2 000.
- 2013–4 Doctoral Completion Award. University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario. \$15 000.
- 2008 Professor D O Robson Postgraduate Award. Victoria University in the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. \$5 000.
- 2008 Professor Jack Chambers Undergraduate Scholarship. Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. \$1 700.
- 2007 Dr. Rosenn Runte Award. Victoria University in the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario \$300.
- 2007 Professor William Kingston and Dr John Kingston Scholarship. Victoria University in the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. \$1 000.

2006 Professor D O Robson Scholarship, Victoria University in the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario \$1 000.

2005–8 Deans List. Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.

Work Experience

Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto

Course instructor

- 2015 Instructor. LIN451/1151. Urban Dialectology. Joint undergraduate/graduate seminar. 16 students. (Winter semester)
- 2014 Instructor. LIN305/1005. Quantitative Methods. Joint undergraduate/graduate seminar. 25 undergraduate students, 7 graduate students. Co-taught with Daphna Heller. (Fall semester)
- 2013 Instructor. LIN200. Introduction to Language. Undergraduate lecture. 270 students. (Fall semester)
- 2013 Instructor. LIN200. Introduction to Language. Undergraduate lecture. 50 students. (Summer semester)
- 2012 Instructor. LIN351. Sociolinguistic Patterns in Language. Undergraduate lecture. 30 students. (Summer semester)

Teaching assistant, Research assistant etc.

- 2014 Coordinator. First year PhD professional development seminar series. With Emily Claire, Radu Craioveanu, Alexandra Motut, and Christopher Spahr.
- 2014 Teaching assistant. LIN200. Introduction to Language. Taught by Walter Pedersen.
- 2014 Teaching assistant. LIN305. Quantitative Methods. Taught by Daphna Heller.
- 2014 Teaching assistant. LIN203. English Words. Taught by Aaron Dinkin.
- 2013 Teaching assistant. LIN351. Sociolinguistic Patterns in Language. Taught by Sali A. Tagliamonte
- 2013 Teaching assistant. LIN305. Quantitative Methods in Linguistics. Taught by Daphna Heller.
- 2012 Forum leader. Undergraduate Sociolinguistics Forum.
- 2012 Teaching assistant. LIN305. Quantitative Methods in Linguistics. Taught by Daphna Heller.
- 2011 Assistant copy editor. *The End of Argument Structure?* Volume edited by Maria Cristina Cuervo and Yves Roberge.
- 2011 Teaching assistant. LIN100. Introduction to Linguistics. Taught by Monica Irimia.
- 2011 Teaching assistant. LIN228. Phonetics. Taught by Milica Radisic.
- 2011 Teaching assistant. LIN305. Quantitative Methods in Linguistics. Taught by Daphna Heller.
- 2010 Teaching assistant. LIN228. Phonetics. Taught by Milica Radisic.
- 2010 Grader. LIN305. Quantitative Methods in Linguistics. Taught by Daphna Heller.
- 2009 Course Technician. JAL401. Field Methods. Taught by Keren Rice.

- 2009 Grader. LIN201. Canadian English. Taught by Naomi Nagy.
- 2008 Grader. LIN201. Canadian English. Taught by Naomi Nagy.
- 2006 Research assistant to Ron Smyth. (Statistical and textual forensic linguistic analysis).
- 2004–8 Research assistant to Sali A. Tagliamonte. (Data collection, maintenance, analysis).

Department of Humanities, University of Toronto Scarborough

- 2011–3 Research assistant to Chandan Narayan. (Statistical analysis and consultation).
- 2011 Teaching assistant. LINA01. Introduction to Linguistics. Taught by Chandan Narayan.
- 2010 Teaching assistant. LINA01. Introduction to Linguistics. Taught by Chandan Narayan.

Service

University of Toronto

- 2014–2015 General Council Representative (Linguistics). University of Toronto Graduate Student Union. University of Toronto.
- 2013 CLTA Assistant Professor of Sociolinguistics Search Committee. Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto.
- 2012–2013 Treasurer. Linguistics Graduate Course Union. Department of Linguistics. University of Toronto.
- 2012–2013 Website Renewal Committee. Department of Linguistics. University of Toronto.
- 2011–2013 Curriculum Committee. Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto.
- 2012 Department of Linguistics Chair Search Committee. Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto.
- 2009–12 President. Linguistics Graduate Course Union. Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto.
- 2009–2012 Copy Editor. Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.

Conference organization

- 2012–2013 Change and Variation in Canada/Changement et Variation au Canada 7 Workshop Organizing Committee. Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto.
- 2011 42nd Annual Meeting of North East Linguistics Society Organizing Committee. Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto.

Reviewer

- Journals: Language Variation and Change (2), Language@Internet (1), Text and Talk (1).
- Conferences: Penn Linguistics Colloquium (2015)

Professional memberships

2014– International Pragmatics Association
2012– Canadian Linguistic Association
2012– Discourse-Pragmatic Variation and Change Network
2008– Linguistic Society of America
2008– American Dialect Society

Language Fluency

Human: English (native); German, French, Old Icelandic (reading); Modern Hebrew (two years of study).
Computer: R (advanced); Python (training).

Media appearances related to research

Print

Jan. 2010: Montreal Gazette.
May 2008: University of Toronto Faculty of Arts and Science Year in Review; New York Times; Boston Globe; The Ottawa Citizen; New Scientist Magazine.
Aug. 2006: Toronto Star
July 2006: Toronto Sun, Globe and Mail, National Post.

Radio

Dec. 2013: World Today Weekend, CKNW, AM980 Vancouver
May 2008: CBC Syndicated morning shows across Canada; Windsor Now, AM800, Windsor; CFLS, The Open Line, Owen Sound; CBC Radio 1, Toronto; Triple J Radio, Australia; Melbourne Morning Show.
Jan. 2008: Morning Show, CHQY.
July 2007: Take5, CIUT 89.5FM, Toronto
Aug. 2006: Beyond the Class Room, CIUT 89.5FM; Windsor Now, CKLW AM800 Shauna Rae Show, CJBK AM1290; CBC Syndicated morning shows across Canada.

Television

May 2008: Global National, with Sali Tagliamonte; Associated Press (World), with Sali Tagliamonte.
August 2006: Mandarin Weekend, OMNI-TV; CBC Newsworld, with Sali Tagliamonte.