JENNIFER SCHECHTER

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Linguistics   2014 - 2024

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo NY

Concentration: Morphosyntax, Experimental Sociophonetics

Dissertation: "US Politicians' use of vernacular, standard and superstandard"

- Committee: David Fertig (Chair), Christian DiCanio, Colleen Balukas

Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies and English   2006 - 2008

Concordia University, Ann Arbor MI

Minor: Philosophy

Senior Thesis: "The religion of Salman Rushdie's novels"

- Advisor: Mark Looker

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President, Board of Directors   May 2017 - Present

Sub-Board I, INC, Buffalo NY

- Head of the executive committee and Chair of the Board of Directors of this non-profit organization that provides services to students.
- Primary responsibilities include: calling and chairing meetings and managing staff.

Instructor   January 2017 - Present

University at Buffalo, University of Rochester

- Have taught one class each for seven semesters at UB and one semester at UR.
- Primary responsibilities include: creating the courses' structure(s); lecturing, creating and grading assignments and papers; and meeting with students as necessary.

Vice President   July 2021 - May 2023

University at Buffalo Graduate Student Association, Buffalo NY

- Member of the executive committee.
- Primary responsibilities included: managing student clubs, managing the staff of the GSA and overall management of the organization alongside the President and Treasurer.

Research Assistant   August 2020 - May 2023

University at Buffalo, Buffalo NY

- Researcher for Dr. Colleen Balukas, a professor in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.
- Primary responsibilities included: assisting with IRB preparation, manuscript editing, statistical analysis and reviewing and synthesizing supporting research.

Director, Mark Diamond Research Fund   August 2016 - June 2021
University at Buffalo Graduate Student Association, Buffalo NY
- Managed a research fund for graduate students under the Graduate Student Association.
- Primary responsibilities included: being a point of contact for grant recipients, working with grant applicants to strengthen applications and working with the executive board to manage a yearly budget.

Science Teacher, Delevan Grider Community Center   June 2015 - August 2015
AmeriCorps, Buffalo NY
- Designed and taught 8 weeks of science lessons to summer day camp attendees, ages 3-13 years.
- Received accolades from the center, the parents of the students I worked with and AmeriCorps.

Coordinator, ScienceWorks and Healing Through Hands-On Science   March 2011 - August 2014
Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Ann Arbor MI
- Managed a group of informal educators to teach 30- and 50-minute science labs to visiting school groups, as well as a grant-funded science activity and education program with Mott Children's Hospital.
- After the initial grant period of one year--and a presentation we gave to the awarding foundation--the grant was renewed for five more years.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo, 2017-2023
As instructor of record
- LIN 205: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis / Spring 2022
- LIN 207: Language, Society, and the Individual / Spring 2018, 2019; Fall 2018, 2023
- LIN 301: Structures of English--Sound System / Fall 2017
- LIN 315: Language in its Social Setting / Fall 2019

As teaching assistant for Dr. Candelas de la Ossa
- LIN 207: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis / Spring 2017

Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester, 2020
As instructor of record
- LIN 110: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis / Spring 2020

PRESENTATIONS

January 2020 - *Language and Perception* - Invited talk at the Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo NY.

January 2019 - *What Donald Trump's 'thoughts' reveal: An acoustic analysis of 45's coffee vowel* - Presentation given in the 5-Minute Linguist contest at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, New York NY.

April 2018 - *What Donald Trump's THOUGHTS reveal* - Paper presented at the Buffalo-Toronto Workshop on Linguistic Perspectives in Variation, Buffalo NY.

March 2018 - *Why do I keep saying 'sneakers'? How I shape my outward identity with the words I say* - Invited presentation at Concordia University-Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor MI.

April 2017 - *Votes and variation: The enigma of Donald Trump* - Invited presentation at Concordia University-Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor MI.

May 2016 - *Votes and variation: Dialect attitudes and the 2016 presidential campaign* - Proposal presented at the University at Buffalo Linguistics Department Qualifying Paper Day, Buffalo NY.

April 2014 - *Reduplication in Spanish augmentative and diminutive suffixes* - Paper presented at a linguistics colloquium at Wayne State University, Detroit MI.

November 2013 - *Grammar Nazis, prescriptivism, and snobs, oh my! Social standards and spoken language* - Paper presented at Making Meaning: Language, Rhetoric and Enculturation Conference at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI.

March 2012 - *Grammar Nazis, sticklers, and prescriptivism, oh my! A reflection on standards and spoken language* - Invited presentation at Concordia University-Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor MI.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Summer 2023 - Mark Diamond Research Fund - University at Buffalo.
Spring 2023 - Linguistics Department Workshop Funding - University at Buffalo.
Spring 2023 - Graduate School CASE Workshop Sponsorship - University at Buffalo.
Fall 2020 - Linguistics Department Research Funding - University at Buffalo.
Spring 2020 - Mark Diamond Research Fund - University at Buffalo.
Fall 2019 - Linguistics Department Research Funding - University at Buffalo.
Spring 2019 - Linguistics Department Teaching Fellowship - University at Buffalo.
Spring 2019 - GSA Conference Grant - University at Buffalo.

SERVICE

2022 to 2023 - *Committee Member* - Student Engagement and Success Advisory Group, University at Buffalo.
2014 to 2023 - *Voting Member* - Graduate Linguists Association, University at Buffalo.
2021 to 2022 - *Committee Member* - University Learning Management System Review Committee, University at Buffalo.
2019 to 2021 - *Co-founder and Webmaster* - Linguistics Help Desk Lab, University at Buffalo.
2019 to 2021 - *Board Member* - Representing Graduate Linguists Association at the Graduate Student Association Board meetings, University at Buffalo.
2019 to 2020 - *Committee Member* - University Bookstore Task Force, University at Buffalo.
2018 to 2020 - *Committee Member* - Food Pantry Task Force, University at Buffalo.
2018 - *Co-Organizer* - 2nd Annual Buffalo-Toronto Workshop on Linguistic Perspectives in Variation, University at Buffalo.
2017 to 2020 - *Committee Member* - One World Café Steering Committee, University at Buffalo.
2017 - *Moderator* - Linguistics Townhall and "Listening Event," University at Buffalo.

RELEVANT SKILLS

Computational
Microsoft Office Suite (including Docs, Excel, Publisher) - Advanced
Google Application Suite (including Docs, Slides, Forms) - Advanced
R (Programming Language) - Proficient
Blackboard (Learning Management System) - Proficient
Python - Beginner
HTML - Beginner
LaTeX (Document Preparation System) - Beginner
Praat (Acoustic Analysis Software) - Beginner

Research and Presentation
Linguistic Analysis - Advanced
Public Speaking - Advanced
Data Presentation - Advanced
Statistical Analysis - Proficient
Experimental Design - Proficient
Data Visualization - Proficient
Survey Methodology - Proficient
Database Management - Proficient

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2023 to Present - American Association for the Advancement of Science, Student Member
2019 to Present - American Dialect Society, Student Member
2012 to Present - Linguistic Society of America, Student Member

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English - Native Fluency
Spanish - Research Proficiency (structural knowledge, some spoken and written competency)