

# JENNIFER SCHECHTER

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## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy, Linguistics** 2014 - 2026 (expected)

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo NY

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

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

**Master of Arts, Linguistics** 2011 - 2014

Wayne State University, Detroit MI

**Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies and English** 2006 - 2008

Concordia University, Ann Arbor MI

Minor: Philosophy

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**President, Board of Directors** May 2017 - June 2025

Sub-Board I, INC, Buffalo NY

- Primary responsibilities include: calling and chairing meetings and managing staff.

**Interim Programs Manager** May 2024 - December 2024

**Eclipse Coordinator** September 2023 - May 2024

Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Buffalo NY

- As Eclipse Coordinator: coordinated the distribution of more than 300,000 eclipse glasses, provided eclipse safety and science trainings throughout Erie County and created and presented eclipse programming at the Buffalo Museum of Science and Tiff Nature Preserve.
- As Interim Programs Manager: managed the team responsible for facilitating the Museum's education programming, developed educational programming and provided support for all Museum programs. Spear-headed the development of the Museum's 12 Months of Science programming.

**Instructor** January 2017 - December 2023

University at Buffalo, University of Rochester

- Primary responsibilities include: creating the courses' structure(s); lecturing, creating and grading assignments and papers; and meeting with students as necessary. See below for teaching schedule.

**Vice President** July 2021 - May 2023

University at Buffalo Graduate Student Association, Buffalo NY

- 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, statistical analysis and reviewing and synthesizing supporting research.

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## 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

**Spring 2024 to Fall 2025** - *Creating Your Personal UB Website* - Six invited workshops for the University at Buffalo Graduate School, Buffalo NY and virtual.

**Fall 2024** - *Implicit Bias* - Invited talk for the staff of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Buffalo NY.

**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.

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**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 to 2019** - *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

**Brightspace** (Learning Management System) - Proficient

**Praat** (Acoustic Analysis Software) - Proficient

**Python** - Beginner

**HTML** - Beginner

**LaTeX** (Document Preparation System) - 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)