

## Victoria L. Bergvall

Curriculum Vitae, updated February 2020

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### Education

Ph.D., Harvard University, Linguistics, 1987  
Cross-registered for Ph.D. coursework at MIT, 1981-83  
M.A., Harvard University, Linguistics, 1982  
B.A., Whitman College, English, B.A., *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 1978.

### Professional Experience

Associate Professor of Linguistics, Department of Humanities and graduate programs in Rhetoric, Theory and Culture, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI (MTU), 1996-present  
Director of Graduate Programs in Rhetoric & Technical Communication, MTU, 1999-2002  
Assistant Professor, MTU, 1989-1996  
Assistant Professor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, 1986-1989  
Instructor, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, spring quarter, 1985  
Fulbright Doctoral Research Fellowship, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1983-84.  
Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 1981-83, 1984-86.

### Research & Teaching Interests

Language and gender/sex/sexuality: focusing on the scientific discussions of gender-based neurological variation and its causes and discursive representations, particularly as related to women's ability to do science & technology; the multimodal representation of gender variation in scientific and press reports; Multimodal Critical Discourse Studies (especially Feminist Critical Discourse Analysis); cognitive and sociolinguistics.

Chaired 4 completed Ph.D. dissertations plus 5 in process,  
plus 32 as dissertation committee member or chair/member of comprehensives committees  
Chaired 13 completed M.S. theses/projects/papers, plus 22 as committee member

### Selected National and International Grants, Professional Activities, and Awards

#### Grants

- 2010 National Science Foundation grant, to support 10 U.S. graduate students to travel to the IGALA conference in Tokyo, Japan, September 2010 (\$20,000).
- 2005 Michigan Technological University: Faculty Scholarship Grant (\$2200).
- 1987-88 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Paul H. Beer Trust Grant for "A Discourse-Based Model of Analysis for the Natural Language-Computer Interface," supporting attendance at the

Summer 1987 Linguistic Institute on “The Computational and Contextual Dimensions of Language,” Stanford University. Release time, and research costs from June 1987-October 1988 (\$3,600 plus release time).

1983-84 Fulbright Grant for Doctoral Dissertation Research on Kikuyu and Swahili syntax at the University of Nairobi and in Central Province, Kenya. October 1983-June 1984 (\$14,000).

1983-86 Radcliffe Grants to Graduate Women, for fieldwork with native speakers of Kikuyu and Swahili in the Boston area. (three grants: 1983, 1985, 1986; \$1500 total).

### ***Offices, International & National Positions held***

2015-17 Editorial board of *Gender and Language* (the journal of the International Gender & Language Association)

2010- Editorial board of *Women and Language* (the journal of the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender)

2013 Conference Co-Organizer: Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender (Houghton, MI), October 9-13, with Patty Sotirin and Diane Shoos.

2008-10 President, International Gender and Language Association (IGALA);  
Vice President 2006-08. Past President (serving on Executive Committee) 2010-2012.

1992-95 Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics (COSWL): appointed by the Executive Committee of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Co-chair Jan. 1993-Aug. 1993; Chair Sept. 1993-Aug. 1994; Ex-officio advisor, 1994-1995.

1993 Conference Organizer (lead), Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics (Columbus, OH), June 1993. Co-organizers: Janet Bing & Alice Freed.

### ***Awards***

#### ***International/National***

2005 Fulbright Senior Specialist (American Studies; Language and Gender).

2004 “Outstanding Conference Paper” award from the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender, for the paper entitled “Picture This: Realizing Language and Gender in Theory and Image,” a paper to accompany a poster presented at the 2003 *International Conference on Perception and Realization in Language and Gender Research*, July 2003.

#### ***University/College-Level***

1981-86 National Science Foundation: research assistant to Professor Olga Yokoyama, Slavic Department, Harvard, for work on her book, *Discourse and Word Order*. John Benjamins Press, 1987.

1981-83 National Science Foundation: research assistant to Professor Susumu Kuno, Linguistics Department, Harvard, for work on his book, *Functional Syntax: Anaphora, Discourse, and Empathy*. University of Chicago Press, 1986.

1979-81 Harvard University Graduate Fellowship

1978 Phi Beta Kappa, Whitman College

1974 National Merit Scholar

***Invited Plenaries, Addresses, Featured Speaker***

- 2015 **Presentation on Featured Conference Panel:** “Transgressing binary boundaries in neuroscience: Sex/gender/sexuality in science and the media,” on the conference theme, Trans\*gression, at OSCLG-39, Oak Park, IL, Oct. 15, 2016.
- 2011 **Invited Symposium Speaker**, Elon University, “‘But words will never hurt me?’: Critiquing media messages about sex, gender, & brain differences,” *Togetherness in Difference* Lecture Series, April 7, 2011.
- 2011 **Invited workshop leader**, Elon University, “O Brave New Minds: Engaging iBrains in Critical Media Literacy Practices,” **invited workshop** presented at Elon University, North Carolina, April 8, 2011.
- 2005 **Invited Plenary Speaker**, Poznań Linguistics Meeting, “Bridging Discursive Chasms in Debates about Sex/Gender: Beyond Nature and Nurture,” in Poznań, Poland, Apr. 24, 2005.
- 2005 **Invited seminars addresses at:**
- Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznań, Poland) (April 21, 2005)
  - Johann Wolfgang Goethe University (Frankfurt am Main, Germany) (April 25, 2005)
  - Uppsala University (Uppsala, Sweden) (May 2, 2005)
- 1997 **Invited Symposium Speaker:** “Considering Theory and Method in Language and Gender Research.” Presented in a symposium: *Communities of Practice in Language and Gender Research*. Sixth International Conference on Language and Social Psychology, The University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario. May 17, 1997.
- 1996 **Invited Symposium Speaker, Linguistic Society of America**  
 “‘Merely Data’?: Gender Bias in Constructed Linguistic Examples.” Paper in an invited symposium (of which I was co-organizer, with Monica Macaulay and Colleen Brice): *Addressing Bias in Linguistic Example Sentences: Are Guidelines Necessary?* Linguistic Society of America. San Diego, CA. January 6, 1996.

**Selected Publications & Conferences**

***Edited Book***

*Rethinking Language and Gender Research: Theory and Practice.* Bergvall, Victoria L., Bing, Janet M., & Freed, Alice F., eds. London and New York: Longman Press, 1996.

Republished by Routledge, 2014.

***Edited Journal***

Sotirin, Patricia & **Bergvall, Victoria L.**, eds., *Women and Language*, Vol. 31.2, Fall 2008, special issue of the journal on Interdisciplinarity in Communication, Language and Gender Studies.

**Book Under Contract** (full manuscript due June 1, 2020)

*Feminist Vigilance*, co-edited book (with Patty Sotirin and Diane Shoos), including a chapter I authored and a section introduction

**Monograph in progress**

*Language and Gender Beyond Nature vs. Nurture*

**Journal Articles** (solely authored unless otherwise noted)

“Interdisciplinarity in Communication, Language, and Gender Studies: Whence, why, whither?”  
Sotirin, Patricia J. & **Victoria L. Bergvall** (2008), *Women & Language* 31.2: 1-7.

“Toward a Comprehensive Theory of Language and Gender” *Language in Society* (1999) 28.2:273-293.

“An Agenda for Language and Gender Research for the Start of the New Millennium.” *Linguistik Online*. (1999) [http://viadrina.euv-frankfurt-o.de/~wjournal/heft1\\_99/](http://viadrina.euv-frankfurt-o.de/~wjournal/heft1_99/) (~14 pages)

“Power, Resistance, and Gender in Educational Discourse: Beyond Counts to Contexts.” **Bergvall, Victoria L.** & Remlinger, Kathryn A. *Discourse & Society* (1996) 7(4): 453-479.

“Joining in Academic Conversation: Gender, Power, and the Apportionment of Turns at Talk,”  
*Studies in the Linguistic Sciences* (1995) 25(2): 105-129.

“Thawing the Freezing Climate for Women: Views from Both Sides of the Desk,” **Bergvall, Victoria L.**, Sorby, Sheryl A., & Worthen, James B. (1994) *Journal of Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering* 1(4): 323-346.

**Book Chapters**

“The Question of Questions,” **REPRINT** of Bing & **Bergvall** (1996); the final chapter in Coates, Jennifer, ed. *Language and Gender: A Reader*. Oxford: Blackwell. (1998) pp. 495-510.

“The Question of Questions: Beyond Binary Thinking.” Bing, Janet M. and **Bergvall, Victoria L.** In Bergvall, Bing, and Freed, (1996) pp. 1-30.

“Constructing and Enacting Gender Through Discourse: Negotiating Multiple Roles as Female Engineering Students.” In Bergvall, Bing, and Freed (1996) pp. 173-201.

“The Position and Properties of In Situ and Right-Moved Questions in Kikuyu,” in Odden, David, ed., (1987) *Current Approaches to African Linguistics*, Vol. 4, pp. 37-51. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Foris.

“A Typology of Empty Categories for Kikuyu and Swahili,” in Dimmendaal, Gerrit, ed., (1986) *Current Approaches to African Linguistics*, Vol. 3, pp. 55-70. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Foris.

“WH-Questions and Island Constraints in Kikuyu: A Reanalysis,” in Kaye, Jonathan, Hilda Koopman, Dominique Sportiche, and André Dugas, eds, (1983) *Current Approaches to African Linguistics*, Vol. 2, pp. 245-260. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Foris.

### **Proceedings**

“Divided Minds: Gender Polarization in Brain and Language Research,” in Natasha Warner, et al., eds., *Gender and Belief Systems: Proceedings of the Fourth Berkeley Women and Language Conference*. (1996) pp. 11-23. Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Women & Language Group.

“Cultural Projections in Constructed Linguistic Examples: Gender Representations in Introductory Texts,” in Bucholtz, Mary, Anita Liang, Laurel Sutton, and Caitlin Hines, eds., (1994) *Cultural Performances: Proceedings of the Third Berkeley Women and Language Conference*, pp. 15-27. Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Women and Language Group.

### **Book Review**

Review of Deborah Cameron’s *Myths of Mars and Venus* (Oxford University Press 2007). *Women and Language* 32.1 (2009), pp. 117-118

### **Invited column**

“Humpty Dumpty Does Syntax: Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There.” (1996) Invited “Topic...Comment” column for *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 14(2): 433-442.

### **National & International Conference Presentations**

“Brainstorming a Feminist Model of Distributed Vigilance,” part of a roundtable “Feminist Vigilance, Toxic Masculinities” roundtable, Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender, (OSCLG 42) Cincinnati, OH, Oct. 2019.

“Missing Voices in the WEIRD Discourse of Gendered Neuroscience: Transnational feminist discourses of nature and nurture in gender/sex/sexuality” for the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender, (OSCLG 41), Lake Tahoe, CA, Oct., 2018, part of the panel I organized *Existence, Resistance, Persistence: Problems of Globalizing Feminism(s) in Africa*, also featuring work by MTU graduate students Nancy Henaku, Tolu Odebumi, and Modupe Yusuf.

“Recasting Combative Binaries of ‘Sex Differences’ as Discourse of ‘Gender Variation’ in Science and Technology”, presented at the Georgetown University Round Table in Linguistics: Discourse Analysis (GURT), Washington, DC Mar. 10, 2018.

“Gender, women, language: On feminism, identity politics, and the formation of the International Gender & Language Association (IGALA) and the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, & Gender (OSCLG),” at and the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, & Gender (OSCLG 40), Omaha, NE, Oct. 7, 2017.

“Transgressing binary boundaries in neuroscience: Sex/gender/sexuality in science and the media,” as part of the **featured panel** on the conference theme, Trans\*gression, at and the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, & Gender (OSCLG-39), Oak Park, IL, Oct. 15, 2016.

- “Courting and Sparking: Technologies of Writing into/vs. Being” at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender (OSCLG 37), San Francisco Oct. 18, 2014.
- “When words and images collide: A Feminist Critical Multimodal Analysis of the debates on gender in the brain,” at IGALA8, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 5, 2014.
- “Lift and Separate: How the Media Report and Distort Gendered Neuro-variation,” at the National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA) conference, Cincinnati, OH, Nov. 8, 2013.
- “Against Pink Brain/Blue Brain Dichotomies: STEMing Gender Conflicts in ‘The Ultimate Battle of the Sexes,’” at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender, (OSCLG 36), Houghton, MI, Oct. 10, 2013
- “Decolonizing the Sexed/Gendered Brain” at the National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA), Oakland, CA, November 9, 2012.
- “If a picture’s worth a thousand words: Imag(in)ing sex/gender determinism & plasticity,” at IGALA6, Tokyo, Japan, Sept. 19, 2010.
- “For the Voxels Tell Me So: Sex/Gender and Determinism in the Rhetoric of Neuroimaging,” at the International Feminisms & Rhetorics Conference, E. Lansing, MI, Oct. 9, 2009.
- “How Repetitive Discourse Trains the Brain: On Gender, Language, & Neuroplasticity,” at IGALA5, Wellington, New Zealand, July 5, 2008.
- “Genes, Gender, & Language: Challenging ‘Manly Men’ & ‘Girly Girls,’” at IGALA4, Valencia, Spain, Nov. 10, 2006.
- “Linguistic Diversity & Linguist Diversity” International Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference, Michigan Tech University, Houghton, October 7, 2005.
- “Analyzing Gender Representations in Public Media: Matching Tools to Tasks,” at the 14th AILA (International Applied Linguistics Association) World Congress, Madison, WI, Jul. 25, 2005.
- “Feminist Mothers and Sons,” Panel Presentation, Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender conference (OSCLG), Notre Dame, IN, Oct. 13, 2004.
- “Picture This: Realizing Language and Gender in Theory and Image” summary presented at a session honoring award recipients for the **OSCLG 2004 Outstanding Conference Paper Award**, Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender conference (OSCLG), Notre Dame, IN, Oct. 13, 2004.
- “Ideologies of Nature and Nurture in Language and Gender Research,” in a panel I organized, *Perspectives on Ideologies of Language and Gender*, presented at the Third Biennial International Gender and Language Association (IGALA-3), Cornell University, June 7, 2004.

- “Picture This: Realizing Language and Gender in Theory and Image” for poster and paper prepared for the joint Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics/International Gender and Language Association conference, East Lansing, MI, July 19, 2003.
- “From Dichotomies to Continua (and Back?): Theorizing and Representing Gender.” Paper presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender (OSCLG) meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 4, 2002.
- “Making a Difference: Science, the Media, and the Construction of Gender Ideologies.” Paper presented at the International Gender and Language Association (IGALA-2) meeting, Lancaster, England, April 12, 2002.
- “Pride and Parody: The Upper Peninsula (UP/“Yooper”) Dialect of Michigan.” Paper presented at the American Dialect Association/Linguistic Society of America meeting, Washington, DC, January 4, 2001.
- “The Continuum of Gender Construction in On-Line Discourse: Communicating in a Technical Environment.” Paper presented at the meeting of the International Gender and Language Association (IGALA-1), Stanford University, CA, May 6, 2000
- “Rethinking Gender in Cyberia: Where Does Gender Go in the Computer-Mediated Construction of Technical Communication?” Paper presented at the Challenging Rhetorics: Feminisms and Rhetorics Conference, Minneapolis, MN, Oct. 7, 1999. Part of a two-part panel I organized, entitled *Gender in Cyberia: How Gender (Still Really) Matters in Electronic Discourse*.
- “Moving from Face-to-Face to New Electronic Discourse Traditions: The Contributions of Linguistic Analysis of Computer-Mediated Discourse,” part of panel that I organized, *Finding Our Voices: Using Close Analysis of Electronic Discourse to Study and Create New Traditions*. Computers and Writing Conference, Rapid City, SD, May 26, 1999.
- “Millennial Musings: Three ‘Timely’ Issues for Research on Language and Gender.” Paper presented at the International Linguistics Association, New York, NY, April 17, 1999.
- “Theory into Practice: Why Theory Matters in Language and Gender Research.” Paper presented at the Fifth Berkeley Women and Language Conference, Berkeley, CA, April 25, 1998.
- “Divided Minds: Gender Polarization in Brain and Language Research.” Presented at the Fourth Berkeley Women and Language Conference, Berkeley, CA, April 27, 1996.
- “Questioning the Questions: Beyond Essentialism and Binary Thinking in Research on Language, Sex, and Gender.” With Janet M. Bing. American Association for Applied Linguistics. Chicago, IL. March 26, 1996.
- “Cultural Projections in Constructed Linguistic Examples: The Love-Hate Relationship of Mary and John.” Berkeley Women and Language conference. Berkeley, CA. April 10. 1994.
- “Understanding Classroom Discourse as a Complex Gender Construction.” With Kathryn Remlinger. American Association for Applied Linguistics. Baltimore. March 6, 1994.

- “A Frozen Climate for Women? Changing Engineering Education.” With Sheryl Sorby. Reconciling Gender Issues in Higher Education conference. Burlington, VT. October 4, 1993.
- “Constructing and Enacting Gender Through Discourse: Negotiating Multiple Roles as Female Engineering Students.” Language-Gender Interface: Theories and Methods for Research and Teaching conference. Columbus, OH. July 16, 1993.
- “Some Effects of Gender on Talk in ‘Authentically Engaged’ Classes.” American Association for Applied Linguistics. Atlanta. April 2, 1993.
- “Gender Differences in Academic Engagement: Using Discourse Analysis to Review and Revise Access.” Conference on College Composition and Communication. San Diego. April 19, 1993.
- “Gender Differences in Classroom Conversational Styles: Beyond ‘How Much?’ Toward ‘How?’” With Kathryn Remlinger. NWAWE-21, Ann Arbor, MI. October 16, 1992.
- “Difference or Dominance? The Role of Gender in the Academic Conversation.” Invited panel presentation, American Educational Research Association. San Francisco, CA. April 22, 1992.
- “Engaging in Academic Conversation: A Discourse Analysis of Problems in the Speaking-Writing Transition.” Conference on College Composition and Communication. Cincinnati, OH. March 20, 1992.
- “The Rhetoric of Pronouns: Signaling Intention in Discourse.” American Association for Applied Linguistics. Seattle, WA. March 2, 1992.
- “Gendered and Engendered Talk: On the Hidden Rules of Engagement in Academic Conversation.” Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender (OSCLG). Milwaukee, WI. October 3, 1991.
- “Monologue vs. Conversation: Gendered Modes of Discourse in Classrooms and Texts.” Parasession on Gender and Language at the annual International Pragmatics and Language Learning conference. Urbana, IL. April 4, 1991.
- “A Discourse Analysis of Voter’s 1988 Political Images Formulated in Interactions of Linguistic Behaviors, Discourse Formulations, and Mental Models.” With Kenneth Hacker and Eric Freedman. Southwestern Social Science Association. San Antonio, TX. March 28, 1991.
- “Political Image Formulations and Cognitive Representation of George Bush and Michael Dukakis: A Discourse Analysis of the Construction of Political Images in 1988.” With Kenneth Hacker and Eric Freedman. International Communication Association meeting. Dublin, Ireland. June 29, 1990.
- “Resolving Underspecified First and Second Person Pronouns in Discourse.” Linguistic Society of America. Washington, DC. December 30, 1989.
- “Missing Markers of Assertion in Texts.” Twentieth Annual Conference on African Linguistics. Urbana, IL. April 20, 1989.

- “Integrating Gricean Maxims with Plans for Discourse.” Linguistic Society of America. New Orleans, LA. December 29, 1988.
- “Long-Distance Reference in Discourse Among Intimates.” With Sharon Flank. Linguistic Society of America. New Orleans, LA. December 29, 1988.
- “Questions, Clefts, and COMP in Two Bantu Languages (Duala and Kikuyu).” Nineteenth Conference on African Linguistics. Boston, MA. April 15, 1988.
- “The Paradox of Authority in Discourse Communities.” With S. Michael Halloran. Conference on College Composition and Communication. St. Louis, MO. March 18, 1988.
- “Topicalization, Left-Dislocation, and the Empty Category Principle.” Linguistic Society of America meeting. San Francisco, CA. December 28, 1987.
- “Topicalization, Focus, and Relative Clauses in Kikuyu.” Eighteenth Conference on African Linguistics. Montreal, Quebec. April 24, 1987.
- “Pronouns, Focus, and Discourse in Kikuyu.” Invited presentation at the Niger-Congo Syntax and Semantics Workshop. Boston, MA. April 22, 1987.
- “Focus in Syntax and Discourse.” Sixteenth Meeting of the New York State Council on Linguistics. Albany, NY. October 25, 1986.
- “On the Form and Function of Focus.” Seventeenth Conference on African Linguistics. Bloomington, IN. April 3, 1986.
- “X’ Theory and the Analysis of Topicalization, Left-Dislocation, and Questions.” Linguistic Society of America. Seattle, WA. December 28, 1985.
- “The Position and Properties of In Situ Questions in Kikuyu.” Sixteenth Conference on African Linguistics. New Haven, CT. March 21, 1985.
- “Problems for Subjacency and the ECP from Kikuyu.” Linguistic Society of America. Baltimore, MD. December 28, 1984.
- “Recent Developments in Government and Binding Theory, and Their Import for Bantu Linguistics.” Invited presentation at the University of Nairobi, Kenya. June 6, 1984.
- “Pro-Drop, Small pro, and ‘Rich Agreement’ in Kikuyu and Swahili.” Fourteenth Conference on African Linguistics. Madison, WI. May 6, 1983.
- “Noun Class Concord as a Pronominal Relation.” With John Whitman. Linguistic Society of America. San Diego, CA. December 28, 1982.
- “Expanding the Pro-Drop Parameter.” With John Whitman. North-Eastern Linguistic Society. Montreal, Quebec. November 3, 1982.

“WH-Questions and Island Constraints in Kikuyu: A Reanalysis.” Thirteenth Conference on African Linguistics. Montreal, Quebec. May 1, 1982.

## Courses Taught

Michigan Tech

*Graduates* HU593X Linguistic Pedagogy  
 HU6111 Special Topics in Gender Studies: Language, Gender, Sex, & Sexuality  
 HU6111 Special Topics in Gender Studies: Language and Gender  
 HU6111 Special Topics in Gender Studies: Feminist Theory & Praxis (co-taught)  
 HU5030 Linguistic Analysis  
 HU5100 Qualitative Research Methods  
 HU5004 Communication in Cultural Contexts  
 HU5001 Proseminar in Rhetoric and Technical Communication  
 HU537 Discourse Analysis  
 HU536 Sociolinguistics  
 HU500? Graduate Professional Development

*Graduates and Undergraduates* HU450 Language and Mind  
 HU450 Computational Linguistics

*Undergraduates*

HU2910 Language and Mind  
 HU2920 Language and Society  
 HU3940 Language and Identity  
 HU3910 Language and Globalization  
 HU3910 Global Language Issues  
 HU3910 Language in the World  
 HU241 Introduction to Linguistics  
 HU240 The History of the English Language  
 HU311 Texts and Their Contexts

HU3410 Introduction to Diversity Studies  
 HU3400 Special Topics in Diversity: Feminism--Past, Present, Future  
 HU3401 Gender and Culture  
 HU2400 Introduction to Diversity Studies

UN1001 Perspectives on Inquiry: “What is Intelligence?”  
 UN1001: Perspectives on Inquiry: “Brave New Minds: Is your brain ready for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?”

HU450 Swahili Language & Culture

Rensselaer University

*Graduates* Communication in Context  
 Language in the Professions

*Graduates and Undergraduates*    Language in Society  
 Computational Linguistics  
 Natural Language & Artificial Intelligence

*Undergraduates*    Language and Its Uses  
 Introduction to the Theory of Language  
 Language and Mind  
 Language: Human, Animal, Machine

Northeastern University  
*Undergraduates*    Intermediate Syntax

Harvard University (as Teaching Assistant and in Sophomore Tutorials)  
*Undergraduates*    Introduction to Syntax (TA)  
 Sociolinguistics (TA, sophomore tutorial)  
 Intermediate Syntax (TA)  
 Mathematical Linguistics (sophomore tutorial)  
 Semantics (TA)  
 Discourse in the Professions (TA)

#### **Ph.D. Graduates: Completed as Committee Chair (4)**

##### **• Dissertations**

Ahmed, Yunana (Spring 2017) *Language, Rhetoric, and Politics in a Global Context: A Decolonial Critical Discourse Perspective on Nigeria's 2015 Presidential Campaign*.  
 Now: Senior Lecturer [=tenure-track] Gombe State University, Nigeria.

Henry, Thomas (Spring 2008) *Reflexivity and Developmental Writing*.  
 Now: Associate Professor of Basic Composition, Utah Valley University.

Remlinger, Kathryn A. (Spring 1995) *Production, Resistance, and Opposition: Students Linguistically Constituting Ideologies of Gender and Sexuality*.  
 Now: Professor, Grand Valley State University Department of English.

Savage, Gerald (Spring 1994) *Inventing Disciplinary Knowledge and Ethos: Conversational Argument as Heuristic Inquiry in Collaborative Groups of Chemical Engineering Students*.  
 Now: Professor Emeritus, Illinois State University Department of English.

#### **Master's Graduates: Completed as Committee Chair (13)**

##### **• Theses**

Awotayo, Olayemi (Spring 2018) *Contextualizing "Change": A Critical Discourse Analysis of the "Change" Slogan in Nigerian Political Discourse*.  
 Ph.D. student at Bowling Green University.

Dadugblor, Stephen (Spring 2016) *Clusivity in Presidential Discourse: A Rhetorical Discourse Analysis of State-of-the-Nation Addresses in Ghana and the United States*.  
 Ph.D. student at University of Texas-Austin.

Roberts, Elsa (Spring 2015) *Women, Bicycles, and Community: Perspectives on a Community of Practice*.

Nordberg, Jane (Spring 2004) *The Language and Enculturation of British Immigrants to Detroit*

Crowl, Julie D. (2000) *But Words Will Never Hurt Me: Perceived Barriers Encountered by U.P Women at Michigan Tech*

Walli, Gaylin (1996) *Effects of Problem-Solving Resources on Discourse Processes in Technological Design Groups*

Chrisman, Trisha (1990) *Factors Impeding Technical Writers Within an Organizational Setting: A Pilot Case Study at General Motors Corporation* (co-chaired with Carol Berkenkotter)

Wagner, Joanne (1989, Rensselaer) *Computational Modeling of Metaphor*.

#### • **Projects**

Fynwever, Judy (Fall, 2002) *Persuasion, Community and University Physical Education*

Dwyer, Ginger (1996) *Participation, Perception, and Gender: A Linguistic Analysis of "The Players" Improvisational Acting Ensemble*

#### • **Coursework Papers**

Muhlig, Lori (Sherman) (Fall 2010) *Endangered Language Recovery: The Case of Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe*.

Frayling, Amanda (2000) *When "Good" English is Not Enough: Preparing International GTAs for the American Classroom*

Schupe, James (1993) *Metaphor and the Machine: On Attempts to Implement Computational Processing of Metaphor*

#### **Ph.D. Students in Process (as chair of Dissertation Committee) (5)**

Nancy Henaku, *Discourse, Women and Politics in the Postcolony: On Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings, Ghana's First Female Presidential Candidate*. Dissertation defended, Dec. 2019; in revision.

Tolulope Odebunmi, Ph.D. candidate; qualifying exams completed Dec. 2017

Gabriel Edzordzi Agbozo, *Technology, Rhetoric, & Decoloniality in the Postcolony: Articulating a Critical Discourse Approach in Global Technical Communication* (working title), Ph.D. candidate; qualifying exams completed Dec. 2018

Veena Namboodri, Ph.D. qualifying exams completed Dec. 2019

Modupe Yusuf, Ph.D. qualifying exams completed Dec. 2019

#### **Ph.D. Graduates: Completed as Committee Chair of Comprehensives Committees (10)**

Stephen Markve (comprehensives, 2012)

Laurence José (comprehensives, 2007)

Thomas Henry (comprehensives, 2005)

Fenobia Dallas (comprehensives, Spring 2004)

Magdalen Mayer (comprehensives, 2000)  
 Betsy Aller (comprehensives, Winter 1999)  
 Brian Pedell (comprehensives, ~1993)  
 Kathryn Remlinger (comprehensives, ~1993)  
 Gerald Savage (comprehensives, ~1992)  
 Pat Molholt (comprehensives, Rensselaer, Spring 1989)

**Ph.D. Students in Process (as Member of Dissertation Committee) (2)**

Geethu Jose, Ph.D. candidate; qualifying exams completed Dec. 2018  
 Emma Lozon, Ph.D. qualifying exams in process, Spring 2020

**Ph.D. Graduates: Completed as Member of Dissertation Committee (8)**

Katie Vande Brake (dissertation, Fall 2005)  
 Steven Tyrell (dissertation, Spring 2004)  
 Doris Ravotas (dissertation, Spring 2004)  
 Michelle Trim (dissertation, 2008)  
 Michael Robertson (dissertation, 2005)  
 Helen Correll (dissertation, summer 2000)  
 Suhail Islam (dissertation, 1997)  
 Randy Allen Harris (dissertation; Rensselaer 1989)

**Ph.D. Graduates: Completed as Member of Comprehensives Committee (12)**

Dennis Walikainen (comprehensives, Fall 2006)  
 Sam Andrus-Henry (comprehensives, Fall 2006)  
 Anne Mareck (comprehensives, 2005)  
 Susan Corbin (comprehensives, Winter 2000)  
 Doris Ravotas (comprehensives, Fall 1999)  
 Steven Tyrell (comprehensives, Winter 1998)  
 Suhail Islam (comprehensives)  
 Tara Coste (comprehensives)  
 William Chapel (comprehensives)  
 Denise Heikinen (comprehensives)  
 Johndan Johnson-Eilola (comprehensives)  
 Randy Allen Harris (comprehensives)

**Master's Graduates: Completed as Committee Member (22)**

Brendan Pelto (Industrial Archaeology, thesis, Summer 2017)  
 Fatimata Mohammed (April 2015)  
 Jean deClerck (thesis, 2012)  
 Rebecca Frost (thesis, 2009)  
 Liliias Robles (Computer Science, 2005)  
 Evie Johnson (Spring 2003)  
 Aubrey Freeman (project, Spring 2001)  
 Julia Blair (Social Sciences, thesis, Summer 2001)  
 Ann Kitalong-Will (thesis, 2000)  
 Michelle Jarvie (Social Sciences, thesis, 1999)  
 Chiaki Kataoka (project, 1997)  
 Junko Hatanaka (project, 1997)  
 Daniel Kamm (thesis, 1995)

Tara Coste (thesis, 1993)  
John Parsons (project, 1992)  
Sara Watke (project, 1992)  
Mark Brudnack (coursework, 1992)  
Gerald Savage (thesis, 1991)  
Christine Pellar-Kosbar (coursework, 1991)  
Timothy Zuelling (coursework, 1991)  
Kim Roemmich (coursework, 1990)  
William Chapel (coursework, 1990)

## **Undergraduate Research Mentoring**

SURF (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship)

2008: Mengya Li, on business conflicts that arise from cultural/linguistic misunderstandings.

2007: Alex Nelson: on devising methods for creating and analyzing a corpus of articles on gender research as presented in the media, to test for media bias in the reporting of gender research.

## **Professional Service**

### *Referee*

Consultant to the Program Committee/Abstract Referee for the International Gender and Language Association meetings 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020

Consultant to the Program Committees/Abstract Referee for the Linguistic Society of America (language and gender), 1997 and 2000

Consultant to the Program Committee/Abstract to the Program Committee for the American Association for Applied Linguistics (language and gender), 1998

The Linguistics Program of the National Science Foundation

Routledge Press: book proposal reviewer; book manuscript reviewer

Palgrave/Macmillan Press: book manuscript reviewer

### *Language in Society*

*Language*, the journal of the Linguistic Society of America

*Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*

*Studies in the Linguistic Sciences*

*Science, Technology, and Human Values*

*Electronic Journal of Communication*

*IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication*

*Reader*

### **Professional Memberships**

International Gender and Language Association

Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender

Linguistic Society of America

American Association for Applied Linguistics

American Dialect Society

***University Service (MTU)***

University Honors Committee (2011-2014)

ADVANCE grant Internal Evaluation and Advisory Board (IEAB) evaluation team (Jan. 2016-present)

Fulbright Officer (2007-08): advised students applying for Fulbright programs; I successfully advised the applicant for a doctoral dissertation Fulbright Fellowship, Mark Griep (biomechanical engineering), for Taiwan.

Graduate Faculty Council (program directors of graduate programs) 1999-2002. Vice-president 2000-01; coordinator of review of split of Graduate Dean and Vice-President for Research duties, 2000-01.

Recruitment and Retention subcommittee of the Graduate Faculty Council (200-02); contributed to the successful \$200,000 Vision Fund proposal to improve graduate recruitment.

Graduate Dean Search Committee, Summer 2001.

Presidential Commission for Women Taskforce: Women's History Month Bulletin Board Contest, March 1999.

Judge for Graduate Student Council Research competition (Abstracts), Fall 1998.

North Central Association Accreditation Self-Study, review of Graduate Programs and Graduate Dean. (1996-97)

Academic Women's Caucus: member of the steering committee (1991-94); represented MTU and reported on national Dual Career Couples conference, Oct. 2-4, 1992; organized Tech Tea panel presentation for Women's History Month, March, 1991; presented talk at Tech Tea panel on Women's Research at MTU, March 24, 1993.

AICOS: (MTU's Artificial Intelligence/Cognitive Science working group, member of founding group) (1990-92). Coordinator of publicity (1990-91); presented talk (spring 1991).

United Way: Humanities Department solicitor (1990-91).

***College of Sciences and Arts Committee***

College Promotion and Tenure Committee: Chair (2016-17); Member 2014-17. (Organized "best practices" memo and created tracking forms for candidates)

***Humanities Department Administration***

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Humanities (1999-2002);

Chair of Steering Committee for the Rhetoric and Technical Communication program; oversaw major revision of requirements concurrent with move to semesters from quarters.

Initial advisor for all unassigned M.S. or Ph.D. candidates in RTC.

Coordinator of Graduate Professional Development (1996-99; 1 course release time) Organized seminars and workshops on issues pertaining to graduate development and postgraduate careers, both within and outside academia.

***Departmental Committees***

*Graduate Program*

RTC Graduate Steering Committee (1990-93; 1996-1999; 2012-17)

Chaired committee working on revision to graduate program under new title, Rhetoric, Theory & Culture (2014-2017); chaired departmental discussion meetings.

Co-authored graduate assessment plan and assessment instruments (Spring 1997).

Coordinated review and revision of RTC change to semesters and concomitant revision of program requirements, 1999-2002.

Ad Hoc Grievance Committee of the Graduate Steering Committee (1992-93)

#### *Departmental Governance*

Elections Officer (2012-2017; 2018-present)

Promotion and Tenure (Chair 2019-20 and 2003-04; member: 1996-97, 1998-00, 2004-06, 2007-08)

Grievance Committee (2014-17)

Performance Profile Review Committee (2014-2016)

Ad hoc Charter Review & Revision Committee (2014-16; 2018-19)

Chair Evaluation Committee (2013-14)

Departmental Steering Committee, elected at large (1993, 1994-95, 1997-98, 1998-99; appointed (as Director of Graduate Studies 1999-2002)

Merit Review Committee (1998-99)

Departmental Meeting Facilitator (1994-96)

#### *Diversity & Inclusion*

Co-creator of Diversity Minor (2007-08)

Diversity (Minor Advisory) Committee (2015-18; Chair: Fall, 2017; 2007-08)

Departmental Liaison to the University Diversity Council (2015-17)

#### *Curriculum*

Linguistics Liaison on Curriculum Revision (1995-present)

Rhetoric/Linguistics Committee for Curricular Revision (1993-95)

#### *Search committees*

Diverse Literatures position (2007-2008)

Philosophy position (2004-2005)

Cognitive Psychology position (1990-91)

Rhetoric/Communication position (1989-90)

#### *Miscellaneous*

Safety Officer (2007-2008)

Humanities Liaison with Performing Arts Center Construction Project (1998-99)

Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Psychology (1991-92)

Empirical Research Committee (1990-91)

Library Liaison (1989-90) (managed budget of \$6000)

### **Local Outreach and Presentations of Research**

**Featured speaker** for Michigan Tech University Women's History Month "Brain Scams: The Real Story about Sex, Brains, Math, and Engineering," March 23, 2011.

Guest appearance, with graduate student Kate Remlinger, on *Finland Calling/Suomi Kuutsu*, with Carl Pelonpaa, TV Channel 6, to discuss local dialect research. January 16, 2002.

Invited presentation to the Hancock Home Study Group, "Language in Africa (and the Upper Peninsula)," October 16, 2001. Calumet, MI.

Invited presentation to the Copper Country Reading Council: "I may be stupid, but...: Gender In and Out of the Classroom," Nov. 11, 1997, Hancock, MI.

- MTU Humanities Colloquium “Divided Minds: Gender Polarization and Biological Essentialism in Brain and Language Research,” April 30, 1996.
- Invited presenter and discussion leader for film, *American Tongues*, a film about attitudes towards American dialects, during MTU Human Relations Week, Tech Tea. September 28, 1995.
- Invited presentation to MTU Student Pugwash: “A Freezing Climate for Women? Changing Engineering Education” (with Sheryl Sorby, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering). March 15, 1994.
- Presentation at Tech Tea panel on Women’s Research at MTU as part of the Academic Women’s Caucus. March 24, 1993.
- Invited presentation to the Science, Technology, & Society Seminar Series at MTU, “A Freezing Climate for Women? Changing Engineering Education” (with Sheryl Sorby). December 10, 1993.
- Invited presentation on my research results on “Gender Equity in Education” to the Teacher’s Educational Advisory Council (of the Upper Peninsula). Marquette, March 31, 1993.
- Invited presenter and discussant at roundtable/workshop on “Communication with Men” for the MTU Professional Women’s Caucus’ “Professional Interaction Conference.” Houghton, October 27, 1992.
- Invited participant in an “Educational Equity Roundtable” sponsored by the American Association of University Women. Houghton, September 21, 1992.