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### EMPLOYMENT

- 2017- Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University.  
*Affiliated with the Cognitive Science program*
- 2016- Faculty Associate, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University.
- 2016-2017 Weinberg College Fellow, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University.

### EDUCATION

- 2010-2016 Stanford University, Department of Linguistics. Stanford, CA.  
Ph.D., Department of Linguistics  
Dissertation committee co-chairs: Penelope Eckert and Robert J. Podesva
- 2011 Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America (LSA)  
Colorado University. Boulder, CA.
- 2006-2010 University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.  
B.A. Linguistics (*summa cum laude*, with Honors)

### AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

#### *Fellowships*

- 2017 Northwestern University Hewlett Curricular Fellowship
- 2015-16 Stanford Humanities Center Mellon Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 2013-15 Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities and Sciences
- 2011 Linguistic Society of America Fellowship, Linguistic Institute, Colorado University,  
Boulder
- 2010-15 Stanford University Graduate Fellowship

## ***Honors***

- 2016 Linguistic Society of America Student Abstract Award Winner
- 2014 Honorable Mention, New Ways of Analyzing Variation Conference 43 Best Student Paper Prize
- 2010 Phi Beta Kappa

## **RESEARCH SUPPORT**

- 2020-24 Principal Investigator. National Science Foundation (BCS-2017716): Collaborative Research: The Chicagoland Language Project. \$231,537. Grant period: 9/1/2020-2/29/2024.
- 2017 Northwestern University Institute for Policy Research Seed Grant (with Beth Redbird, Sociology), “I’m Talking to You: How Political Elites Talk about Economic Policy.” \$5,132.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Peer-reviewed journal articles***

1. D’Onofrio, A. (2021). Age-based perceptions of a reversing regional sound change. *Journal of Phonetics*, 86.
2. D’Onofrio, A.\* & Eckert, P.\* (2020). Affect and iconicity in phonological variation. *Language in Society* (online first).
3. D’Onofrio, A. (2020). Personae in sociolinguistic variation. *WIREs Cognitive Science* 11(6): e1543.
4. D’Onofrio, A., & Stecker, A.† (2020). The social meaning of stylistic variability: Sociophonetic (in)variance in presidential candidates’ campaign rallies. *Language in Society* (online first).
5. D’Onofrio, A., & Benheim, J.† (2020). Contextualizing reversal: Local dynamics of the Northern Cities Shift in a Chicago community. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 24(4): 469-491.
6. D’Onofrio, A. (2019). Complicating categories: Personae mediate racialized expectations of non-native speech. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 23(4): 346-366.

7. D’Onofrio, A.\*, Pratt, T.\* & Van Hofwegen, J. (2019). Compression in the California Vowel Shift: Tracking generational sound change in California’s Central Valley. *Language Variation and Change*, 31(2), 193-217.
8. D’Onofrio, A. (2018). Personae and phonetic detail in sociolinguistic signs. *Language in Society*, 47(4), 513-539.
9. D’Onofrio, A. (2018). Controlled and automatic perceptions of a sociolinguistic marker. *Language Variation and Change*, 30(2), 261-285.
10. Pratt\*, T. & D’Onofrio, A.\* (2017). Jaw setting and the California Vowel Shift in parodic performance. *Language in Society* 46(3), 283-312.
11. D’Onofrio, A. (2015). Persona-based information shapes linguistic perception: Valley Girls and California vowels. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 19(2), 241-256.
12. Podesva, R. J., D’Onofrio, A., Van Hofwegen, J. & Kim, S. K. (2015). Country Ideology and the California Vowel Shift. *Language Variation and Change*, 27(2), 157-186.
13. D’Onofrio, A. (2014). Phonetic detail and dimensionality in sound-shape correspondences: Refining the bouba-kiki paradigm. *Language and Speech*, 57(3), 367-393.

***Peer-reviewed chapters***

14. D’Onofrio, A. (In press). Sociolinguistic signs as cognitive representations. In Hall-Lew, Podesva & Moore, eds. *Social Meaning in Linguistic Variation: Theorizing the Third Wave*.
15. D’Onofrio, A. & Van Hofwegen, J. (2020). *Nisei style: Vowel dynamism in a second-generation Japanese-American community. Publication of the American Dialect Society: [Speech in the Western States Vol. 3: Understudied Dialects]* 105, 79-94.
16. D’Onofrio\*, A., Eckert\*, P., Podesva\*, R. J., Pratt\*, T., & Van Hofwegen\*, J. (2016). The Low Vowels in California. *Publication of the American Dialect Society [Speech in the Western States Vol. 1: The Coastal States]* 101.

***Refereed proceedings***

17. D’Onofrio, A. (2015). Perceiving personae: Effects of social information on perceptions of TRAP-backing. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*, 21(2), 31-39.

† student collaborator  
\*co-first authors

## PROFESSIONAL TALKS

### *Invited presentations*

- T1. D’Onofrio, A. (2021). Sound change reversal in context: Production and perception of the Northern Cities Shift in a Chicago neighborhood. University of Illinois Chicago Talks in Linguistics Series. 5 February.
- T2. D’Onofrio, A. (2020). Sound change reversal in context: Production and perception of the Northern Cities Shift in a Chicago neighborhood. Boston University Linguistics Colloquium. 23 October.
- T3. D’Onofrio, A. (2019). Personae in linguistic perceptions. University of Illinois Linguistic Seminar Series. 16 September.
- T4. D’Onofrio, A. (2018). Personae in linguistic perceptions. New York University Linguistics colloquium series. 21 September.
- T5. Redbird, B. & D’Onofrio, A. (2018). Politics speaks: What politicians say about the economy, and how they say it. Northwestern University Institute for Policy Research Colloquium Series. 21 May.
- T6. D’Onofrio, A. (2018). Personae in linguistic perceptions. University of Chicago Linguistics colloquium series. 19 April.
- T7. D’Onofrio, A. (2018). Social meaning in linguistic perceptions. Northwestern University Social Psychology Brown Bag. 26 January.
- T8. D’Onofrio, A. (2016). Social meaning in linguistic perception. Northwestern University Linguistics Job Talk. 8 February.

### *Refereed conference presentations*

- T9. Dibbern, J., & D’Onofrio, A. (2021). Raciolinguistic expectations and bilingual speech perception. Poster to be presented at the *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*. 7-10 January, virtual meeting.
- T10. D’Onofrio, A., Benheim, J., & Foster, S. (2020). Distinction without distance: Racialized vocalic dynamics in an integrated Chicago community. Paper presented at the *American Dialect Society Annual Meeting*. 2-5 January, New Orleans, LA.
- T11. D’Onofrio, A. & Eckert, P. (2019). Experimental evidence for iconicity in variation. Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 48*. 18-21 October, Eugene, OR.

- T12. D’Onofrio, A. (2019). Age-based dynamics of the perception-production link. Paper presented at *UK Language Variation and Change 12*. 3-5 September, London, England.
- T13. Choe, J., Sloggett, S., Yoshida, M. & D’Onofrio, A. (2019). Personae in syntactic processing: Socially-specific agents bias expectations of verb transitivity. Poster presented at the *32<sup>nd</sup> Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. 29-31 March, Boulder, Colorado.
- T14. D’Onofrio, A. (2019). Local dynamics of the perception-production link: Age-based patterns in a Chicago community. Paper presented at the *93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America* 3-6 January, New York, NY.
- T15. D’Onofrio, A., Choe, J. & Yoshida, M. (2019). Personae in syntactic processing: Socially-specific agents bias expectations of verb transitivity. Poster presented at the *93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America* 3-6 January, New York, NY.
- T16. D’Onofrio, A. (2018). Personae mediate racialized expectations of non-native English speech. Paper presented on the panel: Expanding theoretical and methodological horizons: Bridging variationist sociolinguistics and linguistic anthropology (Calder & Zhang, organizers). *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*. 14-18 November, San Jose, CA.
- T17. D’Onofrio, A & Benheim, J. (2018). Contextualizing reversal: Sociohistorical dynamics and the Northern Cities Shift in a Chicago neighborhood. Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 47*. 18-21 October, New York, NY.
- T18. D’Onofrio, A. & Stecker, A. (2018). The social meaning of stylistic variability: Sociophonetic (in)variance in presidential candidates’ campaign rallies. Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 47*. 18-21 October, New York, NY.
- T19. D’Onofrio, A. (2018). Complicating categories: Personae mediate racialized expectations of non-native speech. Paper presented at *92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. 4-7 January, Salt Lake City, UT.
- T20. Pratt, T., Van Hofwegen, J., D’Onofrio, A., Eckert, P., & Podesva, R. J. (2018). How much wiggle room is there in a shift? Paper presented at the *American Dialect Society Annual Meeting*. 4-7 January, Salt Lake City, UT.
- T21. D’Onofrio, A. (2017). Cognitive representations of the sociolinguistic sign: TRAP-backing and the Business Professional in listener memory (in *Social Meaning and Linguistic Variation: A Panel in Honor of Penny Eckert*). Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 46*. 2-5 November, Madison, WI.
- T22. D’Onofrio, A., Van Hofwegen, J. & Pratt, T. (2017). Generational and individual trends: Vocalic compression in the California Vowel Shift. Poster presented at *4<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Sound Change*. 20-22 April, Edinburgh.

- T23. Pratt, T., D’Onofrio, A. & Van Hofwegen, J. (2017). Compression in a chain shift: Tracking vocalic sound change in California. Paper presented at *91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. 5-8 January, Austin, TX.
- T24. D’Onofrio, A. (2016). Persona-based information and memory of a sociolinguistic variable. Paper presented at *90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. 7-10 January, Washington, D.C.
- T25. Van Hofwegen, J., Pratt, T., & D’Onofrio, A. (2016). Retraction in the front vowel system of California’s Central Valley. Paper presented at *American Dialect Society Annual Meeting*. 7-10 January, Washington, D.C.
- T26. D’Onofrio, A. & Van Hofwegen, J. (2015). Nisei style: Vowel dynamism in a second-generation Japanese-American community. Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44*. 22-25 October, Toronto, Ontario.
- T27. D’Onofrio, A. (2015). Social meaning in early linguistic perception: Evidence from eye-tracking. Paper presented at *89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. 8-11 January, Portland, Oregon.
- T28. D’Onofrio, A., Eckert, P., Podesva, R. J., Pratt, T., & Van Hofwegen, J. (2015). Low Vowel Variation in California. Paper presented at *American Dialect Society Annual Meeting*. 8-11 January, Portland, Oregon.
- T29. Sumner, M., McGowan, K. B., D’Onofrio, A., & Pratt, T. (2015). Casual speech is more sensitive to top-down information than careful speech. Paper presented at *89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. 8-11 January, Portland, Oregon.
- T30. D’Onofrio, A. (2014). Persona-based information and automatic linguistic perception: Evidence from TRAP-backing. Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 43*. 23-26 October, Chicago, Illinois.
- T31. Pratt, T. & D’Onofrio, A. (2014). Awareness in enregisterment: Performances of the California Vowel Shift in SNL’s *The Californians*. Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 43*. 23-26 October, Chicago, Illinois.
- T32. McGowan, K. B., Sumner, M., D’Onofrio, A. & Pratt, T. (2014). The contribution of form and meaning to the processing of careful and casual speech. Paper presented at the *27th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. 13-15 March, Columbus, Ohio.
- T33. D’Onofrio, A. (2014). Sociolinguistic knowledge of a sound change in progress: Perceptions of California TRAP-backing. Paper presented at *88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. 2-5 January, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

- T34. Sumner, M., D’Onofrio, A., McGowan, K. B., Pratt, T. & Calder, J. (2014). Weighting of signal-based and knowledge-based processing differs for careful and casual speech. Poster presented at *88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. 2-5 January, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- T35. D’Onofrio, A. (2013). Sociolinguistic perceptions of Californian /æ/ backing. Poster presented at *166<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*. 3 December, San Francisco, California.
- T36. Sumner, M., D’Onofrio, A., McGowan, K. B., Pratt, T. & Calder, J. (2013). Differences in the recognition of careful and casual speech. Poster presented at *166<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*. 3 December, San Francisco, California.
- T37. D’Onofrio, A. Social perceptions of /o/-raising in Seoul Korean. (2013). Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 42*. 17-20 October, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- T38. D’Onofrio, A., Hilton, K. & Pratt, T. (2013). Creaky voice across discourse contexts: Identifying the locus of style for creak. Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 42*. 17-21 October, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- T39. Podesva, R. J., Calder, J., Chen, H., D’Onofrio, A., Flores-Bayer I., Kim, S. K., & Van Hofwegen, J. (2013). The California vowel shift in a rural inland community. Paper presented at *UK Language Variation and Change 9*. 2-4 September, Sheffield, England.
- T40. Podesva, R. J., Calder, J., Chen, H., D’Onofrio, A., Flores-Bayer I., Kim, S. K., & Van Hofwegen, J. (2013). The status of the California vowel shift in a non-coastal, non-urban community. Paper presented at *American Dialect Society Annual Meeting*. 3-5 January, Boston, Massachusetts.
- T41. Podesva, R. J., D’Onofrio, A., Acton, E., Bowman, S., Calder, J., Chen, H., Lokshin, B., & Van Hofwegen, J. (2012). Linguistic and social effects on perceptions of voice onset time in Korean stops. *164<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*. Poster presented 23 October, Kansas City, Missouri.
- T42. D’Onofrio, A. (2012). Refining bouba-kiki: Phonetic detail and object dimensionality in sound-shape correspondences. *164<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*. Poster presented 23 October, Kansas City, Missouri.
- T43. D’Onofrio, A. & Flores-Bayer, I. (2012). Isolating the phonetic correlates of sound-shape correspondences. Paper presented at *86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. 5-8 January, Portland, Oregon.

## PEER-REVIEW

*Ad-hoc grant reviewer for:*

*National Science Foundation*

***Journal article reviewer for:***

*Attention, Perception & Psychophysics; Journal of Cognitive Psychology; Journal of Sociolinguistics; Laboratory Phonology; Language and Communication; Language and Speech; Language in Society; Language Variation and Change; Linguistics; Linguistics Vanguard; WIRES Cognitive Science*

**MAJOR CONSULTANCIES**

2016 Linguistic consultant on voice agent development for Prophet Brand & Marketing Consultancy.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE**

***Conference organization***

2018 Midwest Phonetics and Phonology 23 Conference, 5-6 October, Northwestern University. Organizing Committee Member.

2012 Center for Race, Ethnicity and Language (CREAL) “Racing Language, Linguaging Race” Conference, 3-4 May, Stanford University. Poster session reviewer and organizer.

***Memberships***

American Anthropological Association, American Dialect Society, Linguistic Society of America

**TEACHING AND ADVISING**

***Teaching at Northwestern***

Linguistics 420: Sociolinguistic Theory & Analysis, Winter 2021

Linguistics 320: Sociolinguistics, Northwestern, Winter 2018, 2019, 2020

Linguistics 300: Language Variation and Place, Northwestern, Spring 2019

Linguistics 300: Experimental Sociolinguistics, Northwestern, Winter 2017, Spring 2018, 2020

Linguistics 220: Language and Society, Northwestern, Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

***Teaching prior to Northwestern***



Linguistics 150: Language in Society (instructor), Stanford University, Spring 2016

Linguistics 159: American Dialects (co-instructor with Janneke Van Hofwegen), Stanford University, Fall 2014

Linguistics 195A: Undergraduate Research Workshop (instructor), Stanford University, Winter 2014

Linguistics 110: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology (teaching assistant for Prof. Meghan Sumner), Stanford University, Winter 2014

Linguistics 10N: Experimental Phonetics (teaching assistant for Prof. Meghan Sumner), Stanford University, Fall 2012

Linguistics 156: Language and Gender (teaching assistant for Prof. Penelope Eckert), Stanford University, Spring 2012

English for Foreign Students 688V, 683P/683S/688: Intensive English for Visiting Scholars. (Pronunciation, Oral Communication, Writing Tutor and Academic Consultant) Summer 2012-2015

***Teaching awards and honors***

2019 Northwestern University Associated Student Government Faculty and Administrator Honor Roll 2019-20

2018 Northwestern University Associated Student Government Faculty and Administrator Honor Roll 2018-19

2015 Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University School of Humanities and Sciences

**SERVICE**

***Departmental Service at Northwestern***

2018- Admissions officer, Linguistics Department, Northwestern University.

2017-2020 Colloquium committee chair, Linguistics Department, Northwestern University.

2018 Civility guidelines development committee member, Linguistics Department, Northwestern University

2017-2019 Faculty search committee, Linguistics Department, Northwestern University.

***University Service***

- 2018 Panel speaker in Northwestern University Inclusive Teaching Forum Roundtable with Hewlett Faculty Fellows: *Designing and Delivering Courses with Social Inequities and Diversity Learning Objectives*

***Service prior to Northwestern***

- 2015-2016 Graduate admissions committee member, Linguistics Department, Stanford University.
- 2010-2016 Voices of California project organizer and researcher, Linguistics Department, Stanford University.
- 2013-2015 Lead undergraduate research mentor, Linguistics Department, Stanford University.
- 2012-2015 Undergraduate curriculum committee member, Linguistics Department, Stanford University.
- 2011-2012 Graduate student representative to faculty, Linguistics Department, Stanford University.

**OUTREACH**

***Community Involvement***

- 2018 Panel speaker on sociolinguistics: Writers Theatre (Glencoe, IL)
- 2017 Linguistic diversity and sociolinguistic inequality: Lecture to high school students Morgan Park Academy (Chicago, IL)
- 2017 Language and development informational presentation to families (with Tina Grieco-Calub, Northwestern Communication Sciences and Disorders), Family Focus (Evanston, IL)

***Press***

- 2017 *The Villager* (monthly publication of the Beverly Area Planning Association): Interview on Chicagoland Language Project
- 2016 WTTW's *Chicago Tonight*: Interview on Words of the Year
- 2014 *The Sacramento Bee*: Interview on Voices of California project
- 2012 KQED's *The California Report*: Interview on Voices of California project

## **FIELDWORK**

- 2017- Chicagoland Language Project, Northwestern University.  
Principal investigator for ongoing sociolinguistic fieldwork project in the Chicago metropolitan area. Sociolinguistic interviews and participant observations in Beverly/Morgan Park (2017-2018).
- 2010-15 Voices of California project, Stanford University.  
Conducted sociolinguistic interviews, organized and planned for field trips, and process and analyze data in ongoing dialectology project documenting dialects and lifestyles across distinctive California communities of Merced (2010), Redding (2011) Bakersfield (2012) and Sacramento (2014).
- 2011 Sociolinguistics of Korean language learners fieldwork.  
Principal investigator in conducting fieldwork including ethno-methodological observations and sociolinguistic individual and group interviews at a Korean language summer camp for two weeks.