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Academic Positions

Chellgren Endowed Professor, 2023–present
Chellgren Center, University of Kentucky
Professor, 2022–present
Linguistics Department, University of Kentucky (English Department/Linguistics Program prior to 2016)
Associate Professor, 2017–2022, Assistant Professor, 2014–2017, Lecturer, 2010–2014
Department Chair, 2018–2022; Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2016–2018
Affiliated faculty in the Appalachian Studies Program and Appalachian Center
Instructor, Summer 2017
Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute
Teaching Assistant, 2008–2010
Linguistics Department, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Research Assistant (for Rakesh M. Bhatt), 2007–2008, 2009–2010
Linguistics Department, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Teaching Assistant, 2004–2006
English Department, Purdue University

Education

Ph.D., Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 2010
Thesis: The effect of borders on the linguistic production and perception of regional identity in Louisville, Kentucky, Advisor: Rakesh M. Bhatt
M.A., Linguistics, Purdue University, May 2006
Thesis: The Language of Chat: an analysis of English usage in French chat rooms, Advisor: Margie Berns
B.A., Linguistics, B.A., French (*summa cum laude*), University of Kentucky, May 2004

Research Interests

Sociolinguistics, Perceptual Dialectology, Southern/Appalachian/Kentucky Englishes, language variation and change, language and identities, language at the border, sociophonetics, linguistic anthropology, discourse analysis

Publications

Books

Cramer, Jennifer and Allison Burkette. 2024. *The Social Life of Appalachian Englishes: A Sociolinguistic Introduction*. London and New York: Routledge.

Barrett, Rusty, **Jennifer Cramer**, and Kevin B. McGowan. 2023. *English with an Accent: Language, Ideology, and Discrimination in the United States*, 3rd edition. London and New York: Routledge.

Bounds, Paulina, **Jennifer Cramer**, and Susan Tamasi. 2021. *Linguistic Planets of Belief: Mapping Language Attitudes in the American South*. London and New York: Routledge.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2016. *Contested Southernness: The linguistic production and perception of identities in the borderlands*. Publication of the American Dialect Society (PADS) 100. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Cramer, Jennifer and Chris Montgomery (eds.). 2016. *Cityscapes and Perceptual Dialectology: Global perspectives on non-linguists' knowledge of the dialect landscape*. Language and Social Life 5. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

Journal Articles

Cramer, Jennifer. 2022. A Linguist's Perspective on the American Board of Family Medicine's Differential Item Functioning Panel. *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* 35 (2): 387–389. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3122/jabfm.2022.02.210350>.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2021. Mental Maps and Perceptual Dialectology. *Language and Linguistics Compass* 15 (2): 1-15 (e12405).

Dragojevic, Marko, Fabio Fasoli, **Jennifer Cramer**, and Tamara Rakić. 2021. Toward a Century of Language Attitudes Research: Looking Back and Moving Forward. *Journal of Language and Social Psychology* 40 (1): 60–79.

Staton, Michele, **Jennifer Cramer**, Robert Walker, Claire Snell-Rood, and Athena Kheibari. 2019. The importance of shared language in rural behavioral health interventions: An exploratory linguistic analysis. *Journal of Rural Mental Health* 43 (4): 138–149.

Cramer, Jennifer and Dennis R. Preston. 2018. Introduction: Changing perceptions of Southernness. *American Speech* 93 (3-4): 337–343.

Cramer, Jennifer, Susan Tamasi, and Paulina Bounds. 2018. Southernness and our Linguistic Planets of Belief. *American Speech* 93 (3-4): 445–470.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2018. Perceptions of Appalachian English in Kentucky. *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 24 (1): 45–71.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2015. An Optimality-Theoretic Approach to Dialect Code-Switching. *English World-Wide* 36 (2): 170–197.

Anderson, Bridget L., **Jennifer Cramer**, Bethany K. Dumas, Beverly Olson Flanigan, and Michael Montgomery. 2014. Needed Research on the Englishes of Appalachia. *Southern Journal of Linguistics* 38 (1): 1–30.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2014. Is Shakespeare Still in the Holler? The Death of a Language Myth. *Southern Journal of Linguistics* 38 (1): 195–207.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2013. Styles, Stereotypes, and the South: Constructing Identities at the Linguistic Border. *American Speech* 88 (2): 144–167.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2010. “Do we really want to be like *them*?”: Indexing Europeanness through pronominal use. *Discourse & Society* 21 (6): 619–637.

Lichtman, Karen, Shawn Chang, **Jennifer Cramer**, Claudia Crespo del Rio, Amanda Huensch, Alexandra Morales, and Jill Hallett. 2010. IPA Illustration of Q'anjob'al. *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences*. <<http://hdl.handle.net/2142/17090>>.

Book Chapters

Cramer, Jennifer. 2022. Folk Linguistics and the Nostalgia of the Past City. In B. Busse and I.H. Warnke (eds.), *Handbuch Sprachwissen, vol. 20: Handbuch Sprache im urbanen Raum [Handbook of Language in Urban Spaces]*. Berlin: De Gruyter. 273–291.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2020. Identity and Representation in Appalachia: Perceptions in and of Appalachia, its people, and its languages. In K. Hazen (ed.), *Appalachian Englishes in the Twenty-First Century*. Morgantown, WV: West Virginia University Press. 69–83.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2018. Dialect variation in Kentucky: Eastern Kentuckian perceptions. In S.D. Brunn and R. Kehrein (eds.), *Changing World Language Map*. Dordrecht: Springer, Cham. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-73400-2>.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2018. The Emic and the Etic in Perceptual Dialectology. In B.E. Evans, E. Benson, and J. Stanford (eds.), *Language Regard: Methods, Variation, and Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 62–79.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2016. Perceptual Dialectology. *Oxford Handbooks Online*. Linguistics. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199935345.013.60>.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2016. Rural vs. Urban: Perception and Production of Identity in a Border City. In J. Cramer and C. Montgomery (eds.), *Cityscapes and Perceptual Dialectology: Global perspectives on non-linguists' knowledge of the dialect landscape*. Language and Social Life 5. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 27–54.

Montgomery, Chris and **Jennifer Cramer**. 2016. Developing methods in Perceptual Dialectology. In J. Cramer and C. Montgomery (eds.), *Cityscapes and Perceptual Dialectology: Global perspectives on non-linguists' knowledge of the dialect landscape*. Language and Social Life 5. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 9–24.

Cramer, Jennifer and Jill Hallett. 2010. From Chi-Town to the Dirty Dirty: Regional identity markers in U.S. Hip Hop. In M. Terkourafi (ed.), *The Languages of Global Hip Hop*. London and New York: Continuum. 256–276.

Cramer, Jennifer. (In press). US English, Southern Varieties. In K. Bolton (ed.), *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of World Englishes*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell. [To be published in September 2024]

Cramer, Jennifer and Susan Tamasi. (In progress). 'You knew it would happen eventually': Public commentary on recent linguistic research in Georgia. *Language Variety in the South (LAVIS)* 5.

Edited Journal Issues

Cramer, Jennifer and Dennis R. Preston (eds.). 2018. Special Issue: Changing Perceptions of Southernness. *American Speech* 93 (3-4).

Cramer, Jennifer (ed.). 2014. Special Issue: Exploring the Englishes of Appalachia. *Southern Journal of Linguistics* 38 (1).

Corpus and Database Projects

Young Appalachians' Living Language (YALL) corpus (with Mark R. Lauersdorf) – data collection began in AY 17-18; received internal funding from UK Vice President for Research (2017); major pause during COVID-19

Wildcat Voices (with Kevin B. McGowan) – data collection began in AY 16-17; participated in recruitment activities, such as the “We are UK” events (2016, 2017, 2018); project featured on UKnow, the Kentucky Kernel, Live with Lee & Hayley, and Hey Kentucky! (2018); received internal funding from UK Vice President for Research (2019); major pause during COVID-19

Book Reviews

Cramer, Jennifer. 2020. Review of The Politics of Appalachian Rhetoric. *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 118 (1): 213–214.

Cramer, Jennifer and Benjamin Jones. 2015. A primer on linguistic diversity in the United States. Review of Susan Tamasi and Lamont Antieau, Language and Linguistic Diversity in the US: An Introduction. *American Speech* 90 (4): 504–513.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2013. Review of Gunther De Vogelaer and Guido Seiler (eds.), The Dialect Laboratory: Dialects as a testing ground for theories of language change. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 17 (4): 560–563.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2012. Review of Cornelia Ilie (ed.), European Parliaments under Scrutiny: Discourse strategies and interaction practices. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 16 (5): 691–693.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2012. Review of Julie S. Amberg and Deborah J. Vause, American English: History, Structure, and Usage. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 16 (3): 426–428.

Conference Proceedings

Spartz, John M. and **Jennifer Cramer.** 2009. A sign of the times: A glimpse at semiotics in the academy. In T. Prewitt, W. Morgan, and B. Smith (Eds.), *Semiotics: 2006–2007*. Ottawa: Legas Press.

Cramer, Jennifer. 2009. Using Pronouns to Construct a European Identity: The Case of Politicians at Davos 2008. *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences: Illinois Working Papers 2009*: 94–109. <<http://hdl.handle.net/2142/14813>>.

Research Presentations

Regional, National, and International Conferences

- 2025 “What they say and what it means: Examining attitudes toward Appalachian Englishes” – Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (with Allison Burkette; first author; part of the *Accent, Attitudes, and Language Change* symposium, organized by Rebecca Roeder and Gabriella Alfaraz)
- 2024 ““You knew it would happen eventually”: Public commentary on recent linguistic research in Georgia” – Language Variety in the South (LAVIS) 5/Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) 91, Athens, GA (with Susan Tamasi; first author)
- 2023 ““Roots of My Raisin’: Perceptions of Appalachian Englishes” – Appalachian Studies Association (ASA) 46, Athens, OH (with Allison Burkette; first author)
“Understanding Appalachian Englishes in the 21st Century: Integrating Production and Perception” – SECOL 90, University, MS (with Allison Burkette; long presentation; second author)

- “Integrating our understandings of Appalachian Englishes” – American Dialect Society (ADS) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (with Allison Burkette; first author)
- 2022 “Choosing where you're from: Perceptions of ‘home’ and place-based accents” – SECOL 89, Baton Rouge, LA (with A.C. Carter, Ty Gill-Saucier, Nour Kayali, Ian Schneider, and Joseph Smath; last author) [virtual]
- “Appalachia is its own thing – The Role of Appalachianess in Kentucky’s Regional Linguistic Identification” – ASA 45, Morgantown, WV (with Marie Bissell; first author)
- 2021 “Contesting Southernness in Digital Borderlands: An analysis of constructions of regional dialect identities for Louisville, Kentucky on Twitter” – SECOL 88, Houston, TX (with Marie Bissell; last author) [virtual]
- 2020 “Wildcat Voices: Capturing Linguistic Variation at UK” – 4th annual Commonwealth Computational Summit (CCS), Faculty Lightning Talks, Lexington, KY (with Kevin B. McGowan; last author) [virtual]
- “Capturing the Voices on our Campus” – SECOL 87, University, MS (with Kevin B. McGowan; last author)¹
- “Understanding the myths and realities of Appalachian Englishes” – ADS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (part of a panel honoring the legacy and impact of Michael B. Montgomery, organized by Paul E. Reed)
- 2019 “Putting Appalachian Englishes on the Map” – SECOL 86, Boca Raton, FL
- “Understanding Perceptions of Appalachian Englishes” – ASA 42, Asheville, NC (part of a three-part panel, co-organized with Paul E. Reed, “Appalachian Linguistic Potpourri”)
- 2018 “Language Attitudes and Linguistic Planets of Belief” – Sociolinguistic Symposium (SS) 22, Auckland, New Zealand (with Susan Tamasi and Paulina Bounds; last author)
- “Labels of Southern Identity” – SECOL 85, Blacksburg, VA (with Susan Tamasi and Paulina Bounds; last author)
- “Initiating the Young Appalachians’ Living Language (YALL) Corpus” – ASA 41, Cincinnati, OH (with Mark Richard Lauersdorf; first author)
- 2017 “Teaching and learning through creating: a documentary project on American dialects” – SECOL 84, Charleston, SC (with Corey Meeks; last author)
- Colloquium: “Linguistic Planets of Belief and the American South” (Co-organized with Paulina Bounds and Susan Tamasi; Dennis Preston, discussant) – Diversity and Variation in Language (DiVar 1), Atlanta, GA
- “What’s the difference between a hick, a hillbilly, and a redneck?” – DiVar 1, Atlanta, GA (part of panel “Linguistic Planets of Belief and the American South”)
- “Labels as outliers” – DiVar 1, Atlanta, GA (with Paulina Bounds, part of panel, “Linguistic Planets of Belief and the American South”; last author)
- 2016 “Prestige, Marginality, and Perceptual Dialectology” – SS 21, Murcia, Spain
- “Creating Links between Mental Maps and Language Attitudes Tasks” – SECOL 83, New Orleans, LA (part of panel, organized and chaired, “Methodological Advancements in Perceptual Dialectology”)
- 2015 “Country vs. ‘Country’: Using Punctuation to Mediate Negative Perceptions in Labeling Appalachian Speech” – SECOL 82, Raleigh, NC (part of an organized panel for the Conference on Appalachian Language [COAL])
- 2014 “An Agrarian Linguistic Metric of Central Appalachian Cultural Shift” – ASA 37, Huntington, WV (with Luke McAnally; last author)
- “Appalachian Folk Beliefs and Language Variation in Kentucky” – SECOL 81, Myrtle Beach, SC
- 2013 “Geographic Information Systems for Perceptual Dialectology” – Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (with Lisa Jeon, Betsy E. Evans, Matt Dunbar, and Chris Montgomery; not first author)

¹ This conference was cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis. This paper was accepted but not presented.

- “That’s a silly question!’: Rating correctness, pleasantness, and degree of difference in Kentucky” – SECOL 80, Spartanburg, SC
- “Is Shakespeare still in the holler?: The death of a language myth” – ASA 36, Boone, NC (part of COAL II)
- “Advancing the Study of Language in Appalachia – COAL II” – ASA 36, Boone, NC (part of COAL II, co-organized with Michael Montgomery and Bridget L. Anderson)
- 2012 “The Perception and Production of Regional Identity in a Border City” – SS 19, Berlin, Germany (part of panel, co-organized and co-chaired with Chris Montgomery, “Dialect Perceptions in the City”)
- “Dialect Perception, Varying Social Information, and Regional Identity” – SECOL 79 – Lexington, KY (part of panel, organized and chaired, “Language in Kentucky”)
- “What and Where is Appalachian English? The Perceptions of Outsiders” – ASA 35, Indiana, PA
- “Quantifying the Reality of /ai/ Monophthongization” – Georgetown University Roundtable on Linguistics, Washington, DC
- 2011 “Perceiving Appalachia: A Perspective from the City” – SECOL 78, Pine Mountain, GA
- “Folk Perceptions and the “Mixed up” Language of Louisville” – ADS Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2010 “Louisville and the Southern Vowel Shift: Varying levels of Southernness at the Border” – New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 39, San Antonio, TX
- “What’s in a name?: The theoretical implications of labeling varieties of English” – International Association for World Englishes 2010, Vancouver, Canada (with Sarah Simeziane)
- “Moving Toward a Sociolinguistic Understanding of Varieties” – American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL), Atlanta, GA (part of colloquium, organized and chaired, “Theoretical Perspectives on English Language Variation: Where WE Stands”)
- “Styles, Stereotypes, and the South: Constructing Difference at the Linguistic Border” – ADS Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- 2009 “An Optimality Theoretic Approach to Dialect Code-Switching” – AAAL, Denver, CO (part of colloquium, “The Functional Motivations of Code-Switching: Testing the Limits of Theory”)
- “Steady-state patterns of /ai/ in Southern and Midland dialects: The case of Louisville” – LSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 “From Chi-Town to the Dirty-Dirty: Regional Identity Markers in U.S. Hip Hop” – SS 17, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (with Jill M. Ward)
- 2006 “A Sign of the Times: A Glimpse at Semiotics in the Academy” – Semiotics Society of America 2006 Annual Meeting, West Lafayette, IN (with John M. Spartz)
- “How Meanings Change: An Analysis of English Words in French” – Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference, Atlanta, GA

Invited Research Presentations

- 2025 “Understanding Language Variation and Change through the Lens of Folk Linguistics” – ADS Breakfast Awards and Plenary, Philadelphia, PA (invited plenary address)
- 2023 “Linguistic Discrimination” – UK College of Health Sciences Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee’s “Third Tuesdays” series (with Kevin B. McGowan and Rusty Barrett; second author)
- “Appalachian English as a linguistic frame of reference, not a fact” – Sociolinguistic Symposium (SoSy) at the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL (invited plenary address)
- “The Social Life of Appalachian Englishes – A Book Project” – Sharing Work on Appalachia in Progress (SWAP), UK Appalachian Center, Lexington, KY (with Allison Burkette; first author)
- 2022 “The Myths and Realities of Appalachian Englishes” – Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden [virtual]

- 2021 “Understanding the role of dialect and identity for Kentucky students” – AdvanceKentucky Fall Forum 2021-22, <https://advancekentucky.com/fall-forum> [virtual]
- 2019 “The Myths and Realities of Appalachian Englishes” – Miami University, Hamilton Campus, Hamilton, OH
- 2018 “Perceptual Dialectology, Borders, and Kentucky’s Place in the Southern Dialect Landscape” – University of Illinois Linguistic Seminar Series, Urbana, IL
 “Drawing the Line: Perceptual Dialectology, Borders, and Southernness” – SECOL 85, Blacksburg, VA (invited plenary address)
 “Language variation in Kentucky: exploring *you guys*’, *y’all*’s, and *you all*’s speech” – Centre College, Danville, KY (invited convocation)
- 2017 “‘The map is not the territory’: Maps, mapping, and GIS in perceptual dialectology” – Arizona Linguistics Circle 11, Tucson, AZ (invited keynote address)
 “Southernness and our Linguistic Planets of Belief” (with Paulina Bounds and Susan Tamasi) – LSA Institute Workshop, “Changing Perceptions of Southernness” (co-organized with Dennis R. Preston), University of Kentucky (UK), Lexington, KY
- 2014 “Appalachians Strike Back: Eastern Kentuckians’ Perceptions of Dialect Variation in Kentucky” – 2013/14 Joint Anthropology/Linguistics Program Colloquium Series, UK, Lexington, KY
- 2013 “Using GIS technologies in the analysis of border identities in Perceptual Dialectology” – Linguistics Department, University at Buffalo (SUNY), Buffalo, NY
- 2012 “Is Kentucky Midwestern? Two Mergers Reveal Marginality” – NWAV 41, Bloomington, IN (Peer reviewed panel on “Sociophonetic Investigations of the Dialect Boundaries of, and within, the American Midwest”)
- 2011 “Perceptual Dialectology and the Effect of Borders on Regional Identity in Louisville” – Linguistics Program Seminar Series, UK, Lexington, KY
- 2010 “The Linguistic Production and Perception of Border Identities: Louisville in the Southern Imagination” – Linguistics Program, UK, Lexington, KY

Other Research Presentations

- 2009 “Using Pronouns to Construct a European Identity: The Case of Politicians at Davos 2008” – Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 1: Language Online, Urbana, IL
- 2007 “English in the Expanding European Union: Revisiting Berns’ Evaluation of ‘The Twelve’” – University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL 2007 – University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX
 “From Chi-Town to the Dirty-Dirty: Regional Identity Markers in U.S. Hip Hop” (with Jill M. Ward) – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Linguistics one-day workshop on Language and Hip-Hop in a Globalizing World, Urbana, IL
- 2006 “The Language of Chat: an analysis of English usage in French chat rooms” – Purdue Linguistics Association Symposium 2006, Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN
 “A pilot study for ‘The Language of Chat: an analysis of English usage in French chat rooms’” – Linguistic Talks, Purdue Interdisciplinary Program in Linguistics, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Posters

- 2025 “#heaintfromhere: Perceptions of what makes authentic Kentucky speech” – ADS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2022 “Discursive strategies for constructing regional dialect identities on Twitter” – ADS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (with Marie Bissell) [virtual]
- 2020 “‘This is where I ‘think’ Appalachia is’: A perceptual dialectology approach to understanding beliefs about Appalachian Englishes” – ADS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2017 “The impact of diversity on language regard” – NWAV 46, Madison, WI (with Katharina von Elbwart)

- “Wildcat Voices: Remote recording using open web standards” – 3rd Joint Meeting: Acoustical Society of America and European Acoustics Association, Boston, MA (with Kevin B. McGowan)
- “Maps and Proximity effects: The salience of neighboring locales on region- and state-level maps in perceptual dialectology” – ADS Annual Meeting, Austin, TX (with Benjamin G. Jones)
- 2014 “Perceiving and Placing Voices at the Border” – NWAV 43, Chicago, IL
- “Southern Twangs and Urban Brogues: Understanding dialect perceptions across Kentucky” – ADS Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (with Nathan Hardymon)
- 2011 “Expressions of Southernness at the Border: The Southern Vowel Shift in Louisville” – LSA Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA

Honors, Awards, and Professional Development

- Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Leadership Institute (Weekend HLI) participant (2023–2024)
- University of Florida/Southeastern Conference (SEC) Certificate in Multicultural Mentoring (2022)
- UK Office for Faculty Advancement Chairs’ Academy II participant (2020)
- UK College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List Ceremony, Invited Speaker (2019)
- UK Office for Faculty Advancement Chairs’ Academy participant (2019)
- UK Women’s Executive Leadership Development (WELD) program participant (2018)
- UK Teachers Who Made a Difference award recipient (2018)
- UK Ken Freedman Outstanding Faculty Advisor award nominee (2018)
- Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium Academic Leadership Academy Fellow (2017)
- UK Presentation U! Faculty Fellow, Cohort 5 (2016–2017)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Linguistics C.C. Cheng Student Research Award (2010)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Linguistics Student Leadership Award (2010)
- American Dialect Society Student Travel Grant [merit-based award for accepted conference abstract] (2010)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign European Union Center Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship (Italian, 2006–2008)
- University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics and TESOL Yuma Nakamura Prize in Linguistics, Second Place (2007)
- Purdue University Department of English Quintilian Award [scored in the top 25% of instructors on teacher evaluations] (2006)

Grants

External Research Grants Received

- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipends 2021 – funding to support late-stage writing for *The Social Life of Appalachian Englishes* in Summer 2022 – \$6,000 (accepted for UK internal competition [institutional limit of two] in August 2021, offer received from NEH in April 2022 at 14% acceptance rate)

External Research Grants Major Project Contributions

- National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Drug Abuse, *Brief intervention for drug-using rural women at high risk for HIV/HCV* (R01-11030397A1), Data Analyst (Summer 2016, PI: Michelle S. Tindall) – \$2,667,258

Internal Research Grants Received

- UK Vice President for Research, Research and Creative Activities Grant (AY 2021–22) – \$3,600 [to support hourly undergraduate data entry related to *The Social Life of Appalachian Englishes*]
- UK Vice President for Research, Research and Creative Activities Grant (AY 2020–21) – \$640 [to support equipment purchase related to *The Social Life of Appalachian Englishes*]
- UK Vice President for Research, Research and Creative Activities Grant (AY 2019–20) – \$3,360 [with Kevin B. McGowan, to support the Wildcat Voices project]
- UK Vice President for Research, Research Support Grant (AY 2017–18) – \$17,200 [with Mark R. Lauersdorf, to support the YALL corpus]
- UK College of Arts and Sciences Foreign Travel Support Grant (AY 2014–15) – \$1,200
- UK College of Arts and Sciences Foreign Travel Support Grant (AY 2012–13) – \$1,200
- UK College of Arts and Sciences Minigrant (AY 2010–11) – \$1,135

Internal Teaching Grants Received

- UK Academic Planning, Analytics and Technologies Grant (AY 2013–14) – \$1,500 [with Andrew M. Byrd, for revision of LIN 211]

Other Internal Grants Received

- UK College of Arts and Sciences grant to support a compressed course taught by non-US faculty to bring Chris Montgomery, University of Sheffield (AY 2015–16) – \$4,081 (includes supplement from Linguistics Program; wrote proposal, primarily responsible for preparation of the program)

Applications Not Selected for Award

- UK Vice President for Research, Lyman T. Johnson Postdoctoral Fellowship Mentor for Paul E. Reed (Submitted November 2015 with Mark R. Lauersdorf)
- UK Vice President for Research, Summer Faculty Research Fellowship – funding to support YALL corpus (\$7,000; Submitted December 2015)
- UK Vice President for Research, Research Support Grant – funding to support YALL corpus (\$17,200; Submitted March 2016 with Mark R. Lauersdorf)
- UK Vice President for Research, Lyman T. Johnson Postdoctoral Fellowship Mentor for Paul E. Reed (Submitted November 2016 with Mark R. Lauersdorf)
- Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF, United Kingdom) Flexible Grant for Small Groups – funding to support workshop session for a new Perceptual Dialectology Data Bank; participant (£5,000; submitted June 2016; PIs: Chris Montgomery and Eva Eppler)
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Collaborative Research Grant – funding to support Young Appalachians’ Living Language (YALL) corpus; PI, with Mark R. Lauersdorf (\$296,037; submitted December 2016)
- James S. McDowell Foundation (JSMF) Teachers as Learners Grant, *Listening to teach: teaching teachers to negotiate barriers to communication in the classroom*, Co-PI (\$1,227,570; submitted pre-proposal May 2019; Co-PIs: Kevin McGowan, Rusty Barrett, Margaret Rintamaa, and Susan Cantrell)
- Spencer Foundation Small Grant Request, *Listening to teach: teaching teachers to negotiate barriers to communication in the classroom*, Co-PI (\$50,000; submitted November 2019; PIs: Kevin McGowan, Co-PIs: Margaret Rintamaa and Rusty Barrett)
- Spencer Foundation Small Grant Request, *Listening to teach: helping teachers negotiate social barriers to learning*, Co-I (\$49,579; submitted November 2020; PIs: Kevin McGowan, Margaret Rintamaa; Co-I: Rusty Barrett)
- John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation US and Canada 2022 Competition – joint application (with Allison Burkette) to support late-stage writing for *The Social Life of Appalachian Englishes* in Fall 2022 (budget not included with initial application)

University of Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS)/University of Cincinnati Center for Clinical and Translational Science and Training (CCTST) Collaborative Grant, *Toward Enhancing Clinical Speech Evaluations in Appalachia: Building a Diverse and Ecologically Valid Speech Database for Voice and Motor Speech Disorders*, Research Mentor (\$49,991.61; PIs: Keiko Ishikawa [UK], Carrie Rountrey [UC], Co-I: Sarah Dugan [UC])
UK UNITE Research Priority Area Pilot Grant, *Wildcat Voices 2.0*, PI with Kevin B. McGowan and Dmitry Strakovsky (\$9,920; submitted October 2024)

Research Supervision

Independent Graduate Student Research

Spring 2016: Michael Halcomb (LIN 695)

Independent Undergraduate Student Research

Spring 2025: Cayla Barreiro (other; recipient of summer research funds)

Spring 2022: Percy Devereaux (LIN 395)

Fall 2019: Kaitlyn Sloan and Taylor Price (LIN 395)

Spring 2019: Mikeal Watson (LIN 395)

Spring 2019: Emily Keaton (APP 395)

Spring 2016: Corey Meeks (LIN 395)

Summer II 2014: Calvin Dougherty (LIN 395)

Summer I 2013: Luke McAnally (LIN 395)

Spring 2013: Nathan Hardymon (LIN 395)

Spring 2012: Lindsey Austin, UK Chellgren Fellow (LIN 395)

Master's Thesis Supervisor/Committee Chair (UK Linguistics unless otherwise noted)

Michelle Compton (May 2015): *The Effects of a New Method of Instruction on the Perceptions of Appalachian English*

Benjamin Jones (December 2015): *Perceptual Dialectology of New England: Views from Maine and the Web*

Tracey Vail (August 2016): *Stress Variation as Unifying Features of Upstate New York*

John Carter (May 2018): *Going Gaga: Pop Fandom as Online Community of Practice*

Lela Lyon (December 2019): *Shifting Personas: A Case Study of Taylor Swift*

Kathryn Showers-Curtis (December 2019): *Slovak Dialect Perceptions and Language Ideologies*

Brandon Jent (May 2020): *"Home is more than just a place": Oral Personal Narrative Storytelling in Central Appalachia*

Brenton Watts (August 2020): *The Mothman and Other Strange Tales: Shaping Queer Appalachia Through Folkloric Discourse in Online Social Media Communities*

Ian Schneider (May 2023): *Language Ideologies in Deep South Korea: Voices of Jeollanamdo English Teachers*

Grace Kozal (May 2024): *"Your legs don't look that good": An Analysis of Impoliteness and Politeness in Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injuries in the Workplace* (UK Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders)

Master's Thesis Committee Member (UK Linguistics unless otherwise noted)

Kaitlyn Lee (May 2016), Leah Schaeede (May 2016), Abbey Thomas (August 2016), Elizabeth Wright (August 2018), Christopher Dale (August 2020), Aleah Combs (August 2020), Kyler Laycock (May 2021), Steven Gerencser (December 2021), Crissandra George (May 2022), Ty Gill (August 2022), Nour Kayali (May 2023), Andrew Chase Carter (August 2023), Hunter Hulett (May 2024), Patrick Gehringer (May 2024)

Doctoral Committee Member/Other Supervision

Jacob Neely, UK Department of Hispanic Studies (PhD, external examiner, Summer 2019), Lyudmyla Ivanyuk, UK Department of Curriculum & Instruction (EdD external examiner, Summer 2019), Noor Al-Attar, UK Department of English (PhD, external examiner, Fall 2020), Benjamin Jones, University of Washington Department of Linguistics (PhD, external committee member, Fall 2021), Margaret Gurtcheff, UK School of Music (DMA, external examiner, Spring 2022), Joshua Golden, UK School of Music (DMA, external examiner, Spring 2024), Victor Yuen, UK School of Music (DMA, external examiner, Fall 2024). Benedikte Vardøy, University of Bergen, Norway (PhD, external supervisor, in progress)

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

University of Kentucky

How to Create Your Own Language (LIN 200); History of the English Language (ENG/LIN 210); Introduction to the Study of Language (revised LIN 211); Introduction to Linguistics I (LIN 221; originally ENG/LIN 211); Introduction to Linguistics II (LIN 222; originally ENG/LIN 212); Gaines Seminar in the Humanities (HMN 301); American English (ENG/LIN 310; once cross-listed as IAS 401); Appalachian English (LIN/APP 311/ANT 341; originally LIN 317/APP 300); Language and Globalization (LIN 317); Language in Kentucky (LIN 317); Language and Culture (ANT/LIN 325); Analyzing Language in Digital Spaces (LIN 328); Language in US Society (LIN 331); Linguistics Capstone (LIN 495); Sociolinguistics (LIN/ANT/SOC 506); Discourse Analysis (LIN/SOC 508); Research Methods in Linguistics (LIN 601); Advanced Topics in Linguistics: Dialectology (LIN 617); Advanced Topics in Linguistics: Language and Place (LIN 617); Directed Studies in Linguistics: Teaching Linguistics (LIN 695; used this course number in a test of TA pedagogy class); Research Seminar in Linguistic Theory and Typology (LIN 701)

Linguistic Society of America

GIS Mapping for Linguistic Research (2017 LSA Summer Institute; <http://lsa2017.uky.edu/>); QGIS for Linguistic Research (2018 LSA Annual Meeting minicourse, with Ben Jones)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Language in Globalization (LING 111)

Purdue University

First Year Composition (ENGL 106); Accelerated First Year Composition (ENGL 108)

Curriculum/Course Development

University of Kentucky Linguistics Department

Courses created: Appalachian English (LIN/APP 311/ANT 341); Language in Kentucky (LIN 317); Language and Globalization (LIN 317); Analyzing Language in Digital Spaces (LIN 328); Advanced Topics in Linguistics: Dialectology (LIN 617); Advanced Topics in Linguistics: Language and Place (LIN 617); Directed Studies in Linguistics: Teaching Linguistics (LIN 695)

Co-designer of new introductory linguistics sequence for majors and minors, Introduction to Linguistics I and II (LIN 221/222)

Co-designer of new introductory linguistics course for non-majors, Introduction to the Study of Language (revised LIN 211)

Designer of Graduate Communication and Composition Requirement (GCCR) component for Linguistics major (LIN 222)

Designer of UK Core Inquiry in the Social Sciences revision of Introduction to the Study of Language (LIN 211)

University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences

Developed (with Crissandra George, graduate assistant) an online module on linguistic diversity in Kentucky for new international students at UK as part of the college's efforts in diversity, equity, inclusivity, and internationalization

University of Kentucky/Kufa University Iraqi Linkages Program (Spring 2012, Spring 2013)

Worked with faculty from Kufa University to develop/modify curriculum for English linguistics

Guest Lectures

- 2024 "Identity and Representation in Appalachia" – APP 700 (Appalachian Studies Transdisciplinary Seminar, UK)
"Dialects and Stereotypes" – PHI 100 (Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality, UK; honors section)
"Linguistics and the world of work" – BE 240 (Intercultural Business Communication, UK)
- 2023 "Exploring Linguistics" – A&S 141 (Aspire: Academically Sound Preparation for Involved Research Education, UK [x2])
"Dialects and Stereotypes" – PHI 100 (Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality, UK; honors section)
"Perceptual Dialectology" – LIN 331 (Language in US Society, UK)
"Perceptual Dialectology" – LING 342 (Language Prejudice, Emory University)
"Accents, Stereotypes, Identity" – PHI 100 (Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality, UK; honors section)
- 2022 "Language, Identity, Names" – PHI 100 (Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality, UK; honors section)
- 2020 "Appalachian Englishes" – HON 301 (Honors Proseminar: Cameras, UK)
- 2018 "The Contested Southernness of Kentucky" – LING 325 (Introduction to Linguistics, University of Louisville)
"Geospatial Data and Linguistic Research" – LIN 601 (Research Methods in Linguistics, UK)
Discussion of my research program – LIN 701 (Research Seminar in Linguistic Theory and Typology, UK)
- 2017 "Appalachian Englishes" – APP 200 (Fall, Introduction to Appalachian Studies, UK)
"Surveys and Interviews" – LIN 601 (Research Methods in Linguistics, UK)
"Linguistic Anthropology" – ANT 101 (Introduction to Anthropology, UK)
"Appalachian and Southern English" – LIN 331 (Language in US Society, UK)
"Appalachian Englishes" – APP 200 (Spring, Introduction to Appalachian Studies, UK)
- 2016 "Why Linguistics is Awesome!" – Arts & Sciences Ambassadors meeting (UK)
"Surveys and Interviews" – LIN 601 (Research Methods in Linguistics, UK)
"Perceptual Dialectology" – LIN 506 (Sociolinguistics, UK)
"Appalachian and Southern English" – LIN 331 (Language in US Society, UK)
- 2015 "Appalachian and Southern English" – LIN 331 (Language in US Society, UK)
- 2014 "Language, Identity, and the 'Other'" – WRD 110 (Composition and Communication I, UK)
"Surveys and Interviews" – LIN 601 (Research Methods in Linguistics, UK)
- 2013 "Language in Kentucky" – ENG 330 (Seminar in Language, Berea College)
"What is Linguistics?" – FR 204 (Introduction to French and Francophone Studies, UK)
"Language in Kentucky" – LIN 325 (Language and Culture, UK)
"Linguistic Anthropology" – ANT 101 (Introduction to Anthropology, UK)
"Ethics and IRB" – LIN 601 (Research Methods in Linguistics, UK)
- 2012 "Discussion of GIS methods used in Perceptual Dialectology" – LIN 601 (Research Methods in Linguistics, UK)
"Language in Kentucky" – LIN 212 (Introduction to Linguistics II, UK)

- “From Chi-Town to the Dirty-Dirty: Regional Identity Markers in U.S. Hip Hop” – LIN 317
(Language and Society: Language and Global Hip Hop Culture, UK)
- 2011 “Language in Kentucky” – LIN 210 (History of the English Language, UK)
“Language in Kentucky” – MCL 100 (The World of Language, UK)
- 2009 “From Chi-Town to the Dirty-Dirty: Regional Identity Markers in U.S. Hip Hop” – LIN 317
(Language and Society: Language and Global Hip Hop Culture, UK)
“From Chi-Town to the Dirty-Dirty: Regional Identity Markers in U.S. Hip Hop” – LING 250
(Language Diversity in the USA, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Other Teaching Experience

- Private Tutor, TOEFL preparation with Purdue Writing Lab (Spring 2006)
English Teaching Assistant in Dijon, France (Spring 2003)

Professional Activities

Conference Organizer

- 2020 Appalachian Studies Association (ASA) 43rd annual meeting – Lexington, KY²
- 2013 Conference on Appalachian Language II (in conjunction with ASA 2013) – Boone, NC (co-organizer with Michael Montgomery)
- 2012 Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) 79 – Lexington, KY
Conference on Appalachian Language (in conjunction with SECOL 79) – Lexington, KY
- 2006 Purdue Linguistics Association Symposium 2006 (formerly “Purdue Graduate Symposium in Linguistics”), Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN (co-organizer)
- 2005 11th Annual Conference of the International Association for World Englishes, Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN (Associate Chair)
Purdue Graduate Symposium in Linguistics 2005, Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN (Co-organizer and Co-initiator)

Program Reviewer

Brigham Young University, MA in Linguistics

Manuscript Reviewer

American Speech; Journal of Appalachian Studies; Language in Society; International Journal of Bilingualism; Text & Talk; Journal of Linguistic Geography; Language and Linguistics Compass; Journal of Pragmatics; Cambridge University Press; Routledge; Journal of English Linguistics; Edinburgh University Press; Journal of Language, Identity, and Education; Language Variation and Change; Publication of the American Dialect Society (PADS); Languages; Journal of Language and Discrimination; (Dia)lects in the 21st century: Selected papers from Methods in Dialectology XVII (Mainz, 2022); Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages; University of North Carolina Press

Grant Reviewer

National Endowment for the Humanities Social Sciences panel (Summer 2024); UK Vice President for Research (limited submission competition, Fall 2023), National Science Foundation Expert Reviewer (Fall 2022), Marsden Fund, New Zealand/Royal Society Te Apārangi (Summer 2020), National Science Foundation Senior Panelist (Fall 2018, Fall 2023), National Science Foundation Individual Proposal Review (Fall 2024)

Conference Abstract Reviewer

- 2024 Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference 2024 – Lexington, KY

² This conference was cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis.

- Southeastern Conference on Linguistics/Language and Variation in the South – Athens, GA
- American Dialect Society 2025 – Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference 2023 – Lexington, KY
- American Dialect Society 2024 – New York, NY
- 2022 Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference 2022 – Lexington, KY
- American Dialect Society 2023 – Denver, CO
- 2021 American Dialect Society 2022 – Washington, DC
- 2019 American Dialect Society 2020 – New Orleans, LA
- 2018 American Dialect Society 2019 – New York, NY
- Linguistic Society of America 2019 – New York, NY
- Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference – Lexington, KY
- 2017 American Dialect Society 2018 – Salt Lake City, UT
- Linguistic Society of America 2018 – Salt Lake City, UT
- Southeastern Conference on Linguistics 84 – Charleston, SC
- Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference – Lexington, KY
- 2016 Linguistic Society of America 2017 – Austin, TX
- Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference (formerly “LexiCon”) – Lexington, KY
- 2015 Linguistic Society of America 2016 – Washington, D.C.
- Southeastern Conference on Linguistics 82 – Raleigh, NC
- LexiCon: 3rd Annual Graduate Conference on Linguistics at UK – Lexington, KY
- 2014 New Ways of Analyzing Variation 43 – Chicago, IL
- 2013 American Association of Applied Linguistics 2014 – Portland, OR
- Linguistic Society of America 2014 – Minneapolis, MN
- 2012 New Ways of Analyzing Variation 41 – Bloomington, IN
- Sociolinguistic Symposium 19 – Berlin, Germany
- 2010 Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 2: Novel Technologies and Methodologies in
Linguistics Research – Urbana, IL
- 2009 Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 1: Language Online – Urbana, IL

Session Chair and Conference Volunteer

- 2023 Appalachian Studies Association 46th annual meeting – Athens, OH
- American Dialect Society annual meeting – Denver, CO
- 2022 Appalachian Studies Association 45th annual meeting – Morgantown, WV
- 2021 Southeastern Conference on Linguistics 88 – Virtual (Zoom; Moderator)
- Appalachian Studies Association 44th annual meeting – Virtual (Microsoft Teams; Producer)
- 2017 Southeastern Conference on Linguistics 84 – Charleston, SC
- 2016 Southeastern Conference on Linguistics 83 – New Orleans, LA
- 2015 English Graduate Student Organization (EGSO), Sociolinguistics – Lexington, KY
- Language Variety in the South IV: The New South and the Southeastern Conference on
Linguistics 82 (jointly held) – Raleigh, NC
- 2014 New Ways of Analyzing Variation 43 – Chicago, IL
- Southeastern Conference on Linguistics 81 – Myrtle Beach, SC
- 2012 Georgetown University Roundtable on Linguistics – Washington, DC
- Southeastern Conference on Linguistics 79 – Lexington, KY
- 2010 New Ways of Analyzing Variation 39 – San Antonio, TX
- International Association for World Englishes 2010 – Vancouver, Canada
- 2007 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Linguistics one-day workshop on
Language and Hip-Hop in a Globalizing World – Urbana, IL
- Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) 2007, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
– Urbana, IL

Invited Professional Presentations

- “Do bees use language?” – presentation for the UK Office of the Vice President for Research, CURATE Committee, Research Advisory Group meeting; part of a panel titled “Bees: One Topic, Many Research Approaches” (with Jeffrey Peters, Clare Rittschof, Rae Goodwin, Daniel Mason, and Jacob Coleman)
- Presentation on experience teaching for the Gaines Center for the Humanities in Fall 2019 (HUM 301), which focused on Southernness (Summer 2020)
- “Looking at Language in Kentucky: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow” – departmental presentation to the Dean’s Circle (Fall 2019)
- “Linguistic Diversity in the Classroom” – co-facilitator of a lunchtime series designed to provide space for discussion among interest faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences, coordinated by the Associate Dean of Inclusion and Internationalization (Fall 2019)
- “Digital Communication: Teaching, Creating, Learning” – two, one-hour workshops for Presentation U! Faculty Fellows (Fall 2018)
- “Promotion and Tenure Beginnings” – presentation on my progression to tenure for pre-tenure faculty at UK, coordinated by the Office for Faculty Advancement (Fall 2017)
- “What’s the Focus? (WTF?)” – presentation of how to use Lecture Tools within a multimedia community of practice at UK, sponsored by UKAT, CELT, and Presentation U! (Spring 2016)
- “What are Kentucky students like?” – presentation with Kathi Kern (CELT) and Jesse Hedge (A&S) for the New Faculty Orientation for the College of Arts & Sciences (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
- “Teaching, Creating, Learning” – presentation at the Presentation U! Faculty Fellows Showcase (Fall 2016)

Other Professional Activities

- National Museum of the United States Army (<http://thenmusa.org/>), in conjunction with Shot Glass Productions, reviewer of soldier stories to be presented as an exhibit in the museum (Fall 2017)
- “I am Kentucky” celebration, part of UK’s Constitution Day, in conjunction with the College of Arts & Sciences “Keys to our Common Future” program, video presenter and discussant [“It’s not just a drawl, y’all”: Fact vs. fiction in Kentucky Speech, video created by Spring 2015 LIN/ENG 310 students] (Fall 2017)
- Legal consultant, linguistic expert (Fall 2021)
- The Implementation Group, pre-reviewer for a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship application (Spring 2023)
- American Board of Family Medicine Differential Item Functioning Review Panel, panelist/linguist (Summer 2017, Summer 2021, Summer 2023, Summer 2024)

Engagement and Outreach

Community Outreach

- 2020–present Kentucky Humanities Council, elected board member
Offices held: Chair (2025–present), Vice Chair (2023–2024)
Committee membership: Executive Committee (2023–present; Committee Chair 2025–present); Nominating and Bylaws Committee (2021–present; Committee Chair, 2023–present); Planning and Evaluation Committee (2020–2023); Strategic Planning Committee for NEH site review (2021–2022); Development Committee (2020–2021); ad hoc committee for the 50th anniversary of Kentucky Humanities (2020–2021)
Additional service: DEI Leadership Discussion with Harper Slade, participant (Fall 2022); NEH site review, participant (Fall 2022); Chautauqua reviewer (Spring 2023); mini-grant reviewer (Spring 2023); Board meeting invited speaker (Spring 2023); attendee at the National Humanities Conference (Fall 2023, Fall 2024), Kentucky Nonprofit Network webinar attendee (Spring 2025)

- 2017–present Kentucky Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, speaker
Presentations: “Speaking Our Piece: Language Variation in Kentucky” – John Knox Club (April 2019); Clark Co. Public Library (September 2019); Daughters of the American Revolution St. Asaph Chapter (October 2019); Trimble Co. Public Library (October 2020 [virtual]); City of Morgantown, KY (December 2020 [virtual]); Woodford County Woman’s Club (April 2023); “The Myths and Realities of Appalachian Englishes” – Pike Co. Public Library (March 2021 [virtual]); Trimble Co. Public Library (November 2021 [virtual]); Lawrence Co. Genealogical and Historical Society (September 2023)
- 2015–2017 Kentucky Linguistics Educational Outreach (KLEO), faculty facilitator
- 2015–2016 Camp LingoCats, faculty facilitator

Media Engagement

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- “Kentucky Accents Wanted.” Live with Lee & Hayley. WLEX 18, Lexington. 16 October 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJe29CDUy5M>.
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Service

University of Kentucky (university-level service)

2023–present	Chellgren Center, Chellgren Endowed Professor and faculty of record <i>Served as mock interviewer, reviewed student applications for the Chellgren Fellowship Program, attended networking functions</i>
2022–present	Academic Area Advisory Committee for Humanities and Arts, president-appointed member, chair (2023–present)
2022–present	UNited in True racial Equity (UNITE) Research Priority Area, member <i>Participant in Research Networking Event (Fall 2022)</i>
Spring 2024	University Senate ³ Council, elected member
2023–2024	University Senate, elected representative from A&S (humanities)
Fall 2023	Terrell-McDowell Chair of Construction Engineering and Management Selection Committee, UK College of Engineering, outside committee member
2022–2024	Senate Faculty Affairs Committee (SFAC), co-chair (2022–2024) <i>Served as member of the Senate Committee on Committees</i>
2022–2023	UK CURATE (Celebrating University Research Across the Enterprise), Committee for the Office of the Vice President for Research, member <i>Served as panelist for the Office of the Vice President for Research "Lunch & Learn" event titled "A spotlight on research from the arts, humanities, and social sciences" (with Elizabeth Lorch and other members of the committee, Fall 2022)</i>

³ All University Senate service was terminated when the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees voted in favor of the dissolution of this body in June 2024.

2021–2022 Working Group for the Office of the Vice President for Research: Creative and Other Research Outputs, member
 2016–2019 Presentation U! Advisory Board, member (2018–2019, faculty mentor)
 January 2018 Wildcat Foundations: Enhancing first year success, Roles and Purposes subcommittee, member
 January 2017 International TA Language Screening, department representative

University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences

2023–2024 Review Committee, Bachelor of Liberal Studies, chair
 Spring 2024 National Humanities Alliance Annual Meeting, participant (with support from the College of Arts & Sciences)
 2021–2022 Passport to the World: Cultures without Borders, co-director (with Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby, MCLLC)
 2021 Appalachian Studies Program Director Appointment Advisory Committee, chair
 2015–2016 College of Arts & Sciences Faculty-Student Mentoring Program, mentor
 2016 Linguistics Department Inaugural Chair search committee, member
 2015 Appalachian Studies Program/Appalachian Center Directors search committee, member
 2014–2015 Teaching/Learning Advisory Committee, member

University of Kentucky Linguistics Department (Linguistics Program prior to 2016)

2023–present TA Supervisor
 2012–present Faculty Advisor
 2014–2018, 2023–present Curriculum Committee, member (2016–2018, ex officio)
 2017–2018, 2024–present Admissions and Awards Committee, member
 2022–2024 Executive Committee, member
 2016–2018 Faculty Merit Review Committee, member
 2012–2016 Upperclassmen Advising Coordinator
Attended Campus-wide Faculty Advising Retreat (May 2015); Attended Campus Forum on Advising (September 2015); Attended UK Athletics Academic Integrity Symposium (July 2016)
 2011–2014 Undergraduate Studies Committee, member
 2012–2013 College of Arts & Sciences' *Reimagining Russia's Realms* Linguistics Planning Committee, member

University of Kentucky English Department

2013–2015 Faculty Merit Review Committee, member

University of Kentucky Appalachian Studies Program/Appalachian Center

2024–present Appalachian Center Advisory Committee/Board, member (faculty)
 2024–present Appalachian Studies Program/Appalachian Center Personnel Committee, member
 2021–2024 Appalachian Studies Program/Appalachian Center Advisory Committee, member
 2012–2021 Awards Committee (formerly James Brown Award Committee), member

Professional Organizations

Global Council for Anthropological Linguistics, Regional Advisory Committee (2022–present), member
 Appalachian Studies Association (2012–present), member

Steering Committee (2017–2021); Immediate Past Program Chair (2020–2021); Program Chair (2019–2020; ASA 2020 in Lexington); Program Chair Elect (2018–2019); Vice Co-Program Chair (2017–2018)

Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (2011–present), member

Immediate Past President (2017–2021); President (2015–2017); Vice President and Chair of Program Committee/President-elect (2013–2015)

American Dialect Society (2009–present), member

Atlas Advisory Board Member (2022–present); Kurath Fund Trustee (2023–present); Editorial Advisory Committee for American Speech (2023–2024); Senior Associate Editor for American Speech (2025–present)

Linguistic Society of America (2008–present), member

International Association for World Englishes (2010–2011, 2005–2008), member

Semiotics Society of America (2006–2007), member

Popular Culture Association (2005–2006), member

Other Organizations

2024–present American Sign Language and Deaf Culture Club, faculty sponsor

2021–present Alpha Alpha Alpha Honor Society, faculty member

2013–2019 Sociolinguistics Reading Group (SRG), faculty facilitator

2013–2018 Linguistics Incubator for Collaborative Digital Research (LINCD), co-director (with Mark R. Lauersdorf)

2007–2010 Language and Society Discussion Group, coordinator (2009–2010)

2006–2010 Linguistics Student Organization (UIUC)

2005–2006 Purdue Linguistics Association, Treasurer