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Academic appointments

Assistant Professor of Linguistics (2024-present). Department of Linguistics & TESOL, University of Texas at Arlington.

Education

Ph.D. (2024). The Ohio State University, Linguistics.

Thesis Advisors: Cynthia Clopper, Kathryn Campbell-Kibler.

M.A. (2019). North Carolina State University, English (Linguistics).

Thesis Advisor: Jeff Mielke.

B.A.. (2017). Washington University in St. Louis, Linguistics and Anthropology.

Thesis Advisor: John Baugh.

Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Summer Institute (2017). University of Kentucky.

Publications

Refereed journal articles

Bissell, M. (to appear). Effects of exposure on perceptual evaluations of dialect-specific allophonic variation. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*.

Bissell, M., & Clopper, C. G. (2025). The effect of listener dialect experience on perceptual adaptation to and generalization of a novel vowel shift. *Laboratory Phonology: Journal of the Association for Laboratory Phonology*, 1-24.

Bissell, M. (2023). Placing /aw/ retraction in the retreat from the Southern Vowel Shift in Raleigh, North Carolina. *Journal of English Linguistics*, 51(1): 66-83.

Bissell, M., & Carmichael, K. (2022). "Dialect B" on the Mississippi: An acoustic study of /aw/ raising patterns in Greater New Orleans, Louisiana. *Laboratory Phonology: Journal of the Association for Laboratory Phonology*, 13(1).

Bissell, M., & Wolfram, W. (2022). Oppositional identity and back vowel fronting in a tri-ethnic context: The case of Lumbee English. *American Speech*, 97(1): 51-68.

Bissell, M. (2018). Evaluating language attitudes towards south-perceived speech in the United States. *Southern Journal of Linguistics*, 12. By invitation.

Refereed book chapters

Bissell, M., Álvarez-Retamales, J., Champagne, M., Hatcher, J., Omar, S., & Wolfram, W. (2024). Linguistic literacy and advocacy in action: Case studies in community engagement. In A. H. Charity Hudley, M. Bucholtz, & C. Mallinson, *Oxford Collection on Inclusion in Linguistics*. Oxford University Press.

Refereed conference proceedings

Shport, I., Bissell, M., Berkson, K., & Carmichael, K. (2023). Regional and individual variation in acoustic targets of /ai/ and /au/ in American English. *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. 3735-3739.

Other conference proceedings

Bissell, M., Walker, A., & Clopper, C. G. (2025). Moved around? You might process words differently than homebodies! *Lay Language Papers for the 188th Meetings of the Acoustical Society of America*.

<https://acoustics.org/moved-around-you-might-process-words-differently-than-homebodies/>.

Lilley, K. D., Ross, J. P., Bissell, M., & Clopper, C. G. (2024). The stories and words online regional dialect (SWORD) corpus. *Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics*, 54 (1).

Bissell, M. (2021). Automatic phonetic classification of vocalic allophones in Tol. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 6(1). 403-410.

Bissell, M. (2021). An acoustic study of /o/ fronting among Lumbee English speakers in Robeson County, North Carolina. *Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics*, 36 (1).

Presentations

Invited

Bissell, M., Clopper, C. G., & Walker, A. (2025). Effects of dialect familiarity and dialect exposure on cross-dialect lexical processing. Paper presented at Acoustical Society of America (ASA) 188. New Orleans, LA.

Bissell, M. (2025). Effects of dialect exposure on allophonic processing. University of Texas at Arlington Student Conference in Linguistics & TESOL (UTASCILT). Arlington, TX.

Bissell, M. (2025). Effects of dialect exposure on allophonic processing. Linguistics Program, Washington University in St. Louis. St. Louis, MO.

Bissell, M. (2021). Phonetic /ai/ raising patterns in Columbus, Ohio. Phonetics and Phonology Lab, Indiana University. Remote.

Bissell, M. (2017). Designing perceptual dialectology tasks for Qualtrics software. Linguistics Brown Bag Series, Washington University in St. Louis. St. Louis, MO.

Refereed conferences

Bissell, M. (accepted). Dialect exposure and the role of allophony in lexical processing. Paper presented at American Dialect Society (ADS) Conference. New Orleans, LA.

Bissell, M. (2025). Dialect exposure and recognition of allophonic variants: Evidence from eye-tracking. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 53. Ann Arbor, MI.

Campbell-Kibler, K., & Bissell, M. (2025). Midwest vowels are changing, but not in college. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 53. Ann Arbor, MI.

Bissell, M. (2025). Dialect exposure and auditory priming for allophones. Poster presented at Acoustical Society of America (ASA) 188. New Orleans, LA.

Bissell, M. (2025). Perceptions of /ai/ raising in Ohio: Exposure, representations, and implications for sound change. Paper presented at American Dialect Society (ADS) Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

Bissell, M. (2024). Sound change in perception: Evidence from the American English nasal split /æ/ system. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 52. Miami, FL.

Bissell, M. (2024). Effects of dialect exposure on perceptions of allophonic variation. Paper presented at Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Metroplex Conference. Denton, TX.

- Bissell, M., & Clopper, C. G. (2024). Effects of exposure to dialect-specific allophonic variation on perceptual similarity ratings of vowels. Poster presented at Acoustical Society of America (ASA) 186. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
- Lilley, K., Ross, J., Bissell, M., & Clopper, C. G. (2024). Stories and words online regional dialect corpus collection. Poster presented at Acoustical Society of American (ASA) 186. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
- Bissell, M., Berkson, K., Shport, I., & Davis, S. (2024). The actuation problem: Identifying phonetic precursors of phonological /aɪ/ raising. Paper presented at American Dialect Society (ADS) Conference. New York, NY.
- Bissell, M., Bryan, L., Romaine, P. J., & Clopper, C. G. (2023). Effect of dialect familiarity on word recognition in a visual-world eye-tracking task. Poster presented at Acoustical Society of America (ASA) 184. Chicago, IL.
- Bissell, M. (2023). A case study of rapid dialect changes in a geographically mobile adult speaker. Paper presented at American Dialect Society (ADS) Conference. Denver, CO.
- Bissell, M., & Clopper, C. G. (2022). The effect of listener dialect experience on generalization of a novel vowel shift. Poster presented at Acoustical Society of America (ASA) 183. Nashville, TN.
- Bissell, M. (2022). Phonetic, phonological, and morphological effects on /aj/ raising in central Ohio. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 50. Stanford, CA.
- Bissell, M., Bryan, L., Romain, P. J., & Clopper, C. G. (2022). Cross-dialect lexical competition in American English. Paper presented at Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference (MidPhon) 27. St. Louis, MO.
- Bissell, M., Berkson, K., Carmichael, K., & Shport, I. (2022). Methodological considerations in the analysis of pre-voiceless diphthong raising. Poster presented at Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference (MidPhon) 27. St. Louis, MO.
- Clark, H., Bissell, M., Clopper, C. G., & Walker, A. (2022). Effects of lexical competition, dialect familiarity, and dialect exposure on lexical processing. Poster presented at LabPhon 18. Remote.
- Mielke, J., Bissell, M., Smith, B., Paye, C., & Trudan, E. (2022). Pharyngealization of American English laterals and interdentals. Poster presented at LabPhon 18. Remote.
- Bissell, M. (2022). The effect of listener dialect experience on generalization in perceptual adaptation to a novel vowel shift. Poster presented at Buckeye Language Network Symposium 9. Remote.
- Cramer, J., & Bissell, M. (2022). ‘Appalachia is its own thing’—The role of Appalachianiness in Kentucky’s regional linguistic identification. Paper presented at Appalachian Studies Association (ASA) Meeting. Morgantown, WV.
- Bissell, M., & Cramer, J. (2022). Discursive strategies for constructing regional dialect identities on Twitter. Poster presented at American Dialect Society (ADS) Conference. Remote.
- Bissell, M. (2022). The social stratification of change over time among white residents in /aw/ in Raleigh, North Carolina. Paper presented at American Dialect Society (ADS) Conference. Remote.
- Bissell, M. (2021). The social stratification of change over time in /aw/ in Raleigh, North Carolina. Poster presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 49. Remote.
- Bissell, M., & Carmichael, K. (2021). “Dialect B” on the Mississippi: An acoustic study of /aw/ raising in Greater New Orleans, Louisiana. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 49. Remote.

- Bissell, M., & Carmichael, K. (2021). Sound Change Down South: An Examination of /au/-raising in New Orleans English. Paper presented at Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) 86. Remote.
- Bissell, M., & Cramer, J. (2021). Contesting Southernness in digital borderlands: An analysis of constructions of regional dialect identities for Louisville, Kentucky on Twitter. Paper presented at Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) 86. Remote.
- Bissell, M. (2021). Stability of status-based and integrity-based folk judgments for historically stigmatized American English talkers. Paper presented at Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference (CKLiC) 9. Remote.
- Bissell, M. (2021). The impact of phonologization on the acoustics of /ai/ raising for American English speakers in Columbus, Ohio. Paper presented at Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference (MidPhon) 25. Remote.
- Bissell, M. (2020). Get out of town!: Evidence of male speakers leading changes in /aʊ/ nucleus height in Raleigh, North Carolina. Paper presented at American Dialect Society (ADS) Conference. New Orleans, LA.
- Bissell, M., & Wolfram, W. (2020). Oppositional identity and back vowel fronting in a tri-ethnic context: The case of Lumbee English. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 48. Eugene, OR.
- Bissell, M. (2019). The phonology of intrusive [l]: An analysis of the /aʊ/ diphthong in Raleigh, North Carolina. Poster presented at Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- Bissell, M. (2019). The role of linguistic self-perception in perceptual dialectology tasks. Paper presented at American Dialect Society (ADS) Conference. New York, NY.
- Bissell, M. (2018). Stancetaking and identity construction in reactions to imitations of American regional accents. Paper presented at Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) 85. Blacksburg, VA.
- Bissell, M. (2018). A perceptual dialectology approach to examining gender-region interactions for southern speech. Paper presented at American Dialect Society (ADS) Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.
- Bissell, M. (2017). Maps and medias: A perceptual dialectology approach to evaluating language attitudes towards south-perceived American speech. Poster presented at Georgetown University Roundtable on Languages and Linguistics (GURT). Washington, D.C.
- Bissell, M. (2017). A perceptual dialectology approach to evaluating language attitudes towards south-perceived speech in the United States. Paper presented at Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) 84. Charleston, SC.

Grants and honors

- Texas Linguistics Emissary (2025-present). Center for Advancing Linguistic Science, Rice University.
- Presidential Honorary Membership. (2024-2028). American Dialect Society.
- Arts & Humanities Small Grant. (2022). College of Arts & Sciences. The Ohio State University.
- Reza Ordoubadian Best Student Paper Award. (2018). Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL).
- University Grant for the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Summer Institute at the University of Kentucky. (2017). Office of the Chancellor and University Council, Washington University in St. Louis.

Merle Kling Undergraduate Honors Fellowship. (2015-2017). Center for the Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis.

Research experience

Graduate Research Associate. (2021-2023). NSF grant BCS-1843454: Geographic mobility, lexical processing dynamics, and perceptual adaptation (PI: Cynthia Clopper).

Graduate Research Associate. (2018-2019). NSF grant BCS-1451475: Phonological implications of covert articulatory variation (PI: Jeff Mielke).

Research Assistant. (2017-2019). Linguistics laboratory at North Carolina State University (PI: Walt Wolfram).

Research Assistant. (2016-2017). Book project: Baugh, J. (2018). *Linguistics in Pursuit of Justice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Teaching experience

University of Texas at Arlington

Instructor (undergraduate). Language in a Multicultural USA (Spring 2025, Fall 2025), Speech Perception (Fall 2025).

Instructor (graduate). Introduction to Sociolinguistics (Fall 2024), Speech Perception (Fall 2025).

Ohio State University

Graduate instructor of record. (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2023, Spring 2024). Analyzing the Sounds of Language (LING 2051).

North Carolina State University

Graduate teaching assistant. (Fall 2017, Spring 2018). Introduction to Linguistics (ENG 210). Robin Dodsworth, Jon Forrest.

Mentoring experience

University of Texas at Arlington

Advisor: Danielle Quaye, Erica Dagar.

Committee member: Shawn Tang (Qualifying paper, 2024-present), Danielle Quaye (Dissertation, 2024-present), Erica Dagar (Dissertation, 2025-present).

Research supervision: Shawn Tang (2024-present), Danielle Quaye (2024-present), Erica Dagar (2025-present), Dema Smadi (2025-present), Duaa Makhoul (2025-present).

Ohio State University

Research supervision: Eva Lahiri (Spring 2023, Spring 2024), Anna Boyer (Spring 2023), Larisa Bryan (Summer 2022, Fall 2022), Precious-Janae Romain (Summer 2022), Hali Clark (Spring 2021).

Service

Department

University of Texas at Arlington

Member, Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences Faculty Search Committee (2024-present).

Member, Graduate Studies Committee (2024-present).

Co-Organizer, Phonetics/Phonology Research Group (2024-present).

Principal Investigator, Language Variation and Change Laboratory (2024-present).

Ohio State University

Founding Member, Graduate Student Mentorship Committee (2023-2024).

Member, Graduate Studies Committee (2022-2024).

Member, Working Group on Department Climate (2022-2023).

Member, Development Committee (2021-2022).

President, Student Linguistics Association (2020-2021).

Member, Speakers Committee (2019-2020).

North Carolina State University

Colloquia Organizer (2018-2019).

Laboratory Manager, Linguistics Laboratory (2018-2019).

Vice President, Language Diversity Ambassadors.

University

University of Texas at Arlington

Member, College of Liberal Arts Travel Committee (2025-present).

Member, Spotlight Undergraduate Conference Committee (2024-present).

Ohio State University

Delegate, Department of Linguistics (2021-2024). Council of Graduate Students.

Member, Committee on Academic Misconduct (2021-2024). University Senate.

Member, Linguistics Chair Search Committee (2022-2023). College of Arts & Sciences.

Field

Peer review

Reviewer [journals] (2024-present). *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, *Laboratory Phonology: Journal of the Association for Laboratory Phonology*.

Reviewer [conferences] (2024-present). Linguistic Society of America, American Dialect Society.

Professional societies

Member, Program Committee (2025-present). Linguistic Society of America.

Member, Elizabeth Dayton Award in Sociolinguistics Committee (2025-present). Linguistic Society of America.

Student representative to the Executive Committee (2022-2024). Linguistic Society of America.

Chair, Committee on Student Issues and Concerns (2022-2024). Linguistic Society of America.

Member, Organizing Committee (2020). Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference (MidPhon) 25.

Professional memberships

Acoustical Society of America (2019-present)

American Dialect Society (2017-present)

Linguistic Society of America (2017-present)