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Curriculum Vitae

Department of English
University of Alabama
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Current Position: Professor of Linguistics, current member of the Graduate Faculty through 2021/22
Affiliated faculty member: Summersell Center for the Study of the South
German Program, Dept. of Modern Languages & Classics

Degrees: Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, 1986: [Linguistics]
M.A. Stanford University, 1968: [Foreign Language Education]
B.A. Pomona College, 1967, cum laude: [German, French]

Previous Position: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Florida
Program in Linguistics/English Language Institute (1986-9)

Theses and Dissertations Directed

- "'Teachin' Good': Including Students' and Instructors' Linguistic Identities in the Composition Classroom"
Syreeta Lyons-Burns (co-directed with Dr. Michelle Robinson), 2015
- "Cultural Identity and Language: The Narratives of People of Color with Creole Descent in South Louisiana"
Teranda Joy Donatto, 2012
- "Narrative Analysis of Oral Personal Experience Across Two Languages and Cultures: Brazilian Portuguese and American English"
Luciana Junquiera, 2010
- "A Corpus Inquiry into the Use of German Words in English,"
Romy Proschmann, 2008 (co-chair with Dr. Barbara Fischer)
- "Untersuchungen zur Evaluation, Positionierung and Identität in Erzählungen in ehemaliger DDR-Bürger"
Steffi Kny, 2008 (co-chair with Dr. Barbara Fischer)
- "Grammar and Agency in L2 Pragmatic Proficiency: Toward an Integrated View of L2 Pragmatics"
Irina Konovalova, 2006
- "The Role of Language Ideology in Twentieth Century Artistic Depictions of Southern American English"
Rachel Shuttlesworth, 2004
- "Constructing Sociability through Code-Switching in Mandarin-English Family Conversations"
Susan Olmstead, 2004
- "Assessing Southern Dialect Influences on Business Student Writing "
Charlotte Brammer, 2002

Publications

Add ICMC Journal article

- "Performing Southernness in Country Music," with Caroline Myrick. To appear in *Language Variety in the New South: Change and Variation (LAVIS IV)*, (eds. Jeffrey Reaser, Eric Wilbanks, Karissa Wojcik, and Walt Wolfram). Raleigh: The University of North Carolina Press. 2018.
- "On the Relationship between Interaction and Language Learning: A Usage-based Perspective Grounded in Interactional Sociolinguistics." To appear in *Usage-Inspired L2 Instruction: Researched Pedagogy* (co-eds. Andrea Tyler, Lourdes Ortega, Mariko Uno, & Lauren Park). Amsterdam and New York: John Benjamins Publishing
- "Culture, Gender, Ethnicity, Identity in Discourse: Exploring Crosscultural Communicative Competence in American University Contexts." To appear in *Language Learning, Discourse and Cognition: Studies in the tradition of Andrea Tyler*, (eds. Vyv Evans and Lucy Pickering). Amsterdam and New York: John Benjamins (Human Cognitive Processing Series).
- "Sociolinguistic Approaches to Humor." To appear in *The Routledge Handbook of Language and Humor*, edited by Salvatore Attardo.
- "Twitter as political discourse: The case of Sarah Palin" as a chapter in a volume entitled *Discourse, Politics, and Women as Global Leaders* (eds., Diana Boxer and John Wilson), pp. 93-120. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 2015.
- "Humor in intercultural interaction as both content and process in the classroom" *HUMOR: International Journal of Humor Research*. 28(3): 375-395. 2015.
- New Perspectives on Language Variety in the South: Historical and Contemporary Approaches*, Michael E. Picone and Catherine Evans Davies (eds.), Tuscaloosa: The University of Alabama Press. 2015.
- "Introduction" with Michael D. Picone, In *New Perspectives on Language Variety in the South: Historical and Contemporary Approaches*, Michael D. Picone and Catherine Evans Davies (eds.). pp. 1-15. Tuscaloosa: The University of Alabama Press. 2015.
- "Southern storytelling: Historical and contemporary perspectives," In *New Perspectives on Language Variety in the South: Historical and Contemporary Approaches*, Michael D. Picone and Catherine Evans Davies (eds.). pp. 399-421. Tuscaloosa: The University of Alabama Press. 2015
- "Reaching across the partisan divide: The linguistic construction of an oppositional country music voice". *International Country Music Journal*. pp. 114-145. 2014.
- "Cross-cultural Humor." *The Encyclopedia of Humor* (Salvatore Attardo, ed.) Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2014.
- "Dialect Humor." *Encyclopedia of Humor Studies*. (Salvatore Attardo, ed.) Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2014.
- A vignette on teaching about dialect (1,000 words). In Mallinson, Charity Hudley, A. (Eds.), *We Do Language: English Language Variation in the Secondary English Classroom*, New York, NY: Teachers College Press. 2013.
- "An interview with Robin Tolmach Lakoff," *Journal of English Linguistics*, (Vol. 38, 369-376). 2011.
- "'Training your taste buds': The language of success in diabetes 'self-efficacy,'" with Linda Knol and Lori Turner. In *Language, Body, and Health*, McPherron, P. & Ramanathan, V. (eds). pp. 171-190. Munich: De Gruyter Mouton, 2011.
- "'We had a wonderful time': Individual sibling voices in the joint construction of a family ethos through narrative performance." *Narrative Inquiry*, 20(1) 20-36, 2010.
- "Joking as boundary negotiation among 'good old boys': 'White trash' as a social category at the bottom of the southern working class in Alabama," *Humor: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, 23(2) 179-200, 2010.

- "Southern American English in Alabama," *Tributaries, Journal of the Alabama Folklife Association*, in a special issue on Alabama's Linguistic Tributaries, 10, pp. 71-90, 2008.
- "We digress': Kathryn Tucker Windham and southern storytelling style," *Storytelling, Self, Society: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Storytelling Studies*, 4(3), pp. 167-184, 2008
- "Southern politeness," entry for the *New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, volume 5 "Language," Michael Montgomery and Ellen Johnson (eds.), pp. 174-177. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press. 2007.
- Review of Ronald Macaulay, *Extremely Common Eloquence: Constructing Scottish Identity through Narrative*, *Language in Society*, 36:3: 427-431. 2007.
- "Language and identity in discourse in the American South: Sociolinguistic repertoire as expressive resource in the presentation of self," In *Selves and Identities in Narrative and Discourse*, Bamberg, M., De Fina, A., & Schiffrin, D. (eds.). pp. 71-88. Amsterdam: Benjamins, 2007.
- "Gendered sense of humor as expressed through aesthetic typifications," *Journal of Pragmatics*, 38, pp. 96-113, 2006
- English and Ethnicity*, Janina Brutt-Griffler and Catherine Evans Davies (eds.), New York: Palgrave Macmillan (Signs of Race Series). 2006.
- "English and ethnicity: Introduction," In *English and Ethnicity*, Janina Brutt-Griffler and Catherine Evans Davies (eds.), pp. 1-15. Symposium volume from University of Alabama Department of English, Palgrave Press (Signs of Race Series), 2006.
- "Learning the discourse of friendship," In *Language in Use: Cognitive and Discourse Perspectives on Language and Language Learning*, pp. 85-99, Andrea E. Tyler, Mari Takada, Yiyoun Kim, and Diana Marinova (eds.). Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press (Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics), 2005.
- "Discourse strategies in the context of crosscultural institutional talk: Uncovering interlanguage pragmatics in the university classroom," co-authored with Andrea Tyler. In *Interlanguage Pragmatics: Exploring Institutional Talk*, pp. 133-156, Kathleen Bardovi-Harlig and Beverly Hartford, (eds.). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates (in the Second Language Acquisition Research Series), 2005.
- "Developing awareness of crosscultural pragmatics: The case of American/German sociable interaction," *Multilingua: Journal of Cross-Cultural and Interlanguage Communication*, 23.3, pp. 207-231, 2004.
- "Women's language' and Martha Stewart: From a room of one's own to a home of one's own to a corporation of one's own," *Language and Woman's Place: Text and Commentaries*, second expanded edition by Robin Tolmarch Lakoff, edited by Mary Bucholtz. pp. 187-194. Oxford University Press, 2004.
- Martha Stewart and American "good taste," *New Media Language*, Jean Aitchison and Diana Lewis (eds), pp. 146-155, Routledge, 2003.
- "How English-learners joke with native speakers: An interactional sociolinguistic perspective on humor as collaborative discourse across cultures," *Journal of Pragmatics* 35(9): 1361-1385, 2003.
- "Martha Stewart's linguistic presentation of self," *Texas Linguistic Forum*, vol. 44 (1), pp. 73-89, 2002.
- "A naturalistic inquiry into the cultures of two divergent M.A.-TESOL programs: Implications for TESOL," with Vai Ramanathan and Mary Schleppegrell. *TESOL Quarterly*, vol. 35 (2), pp. 279-305, Summer 2001.
- "Discourse-pragmatic perspectives on examinees' responses to contexts of oral testing." In *Pragmatics and Language Learning*, vol. 9, pp. 313-342, 1999.
- "Maintaining American face in the Korean oral exam: Reflections on the power of crosscultural context." In *Talking and Testing: Discourse Approaches to the Assessment of Oral Proficiency*, pp. 271-296, Richard Young and Agnes W. He, eds., John Benjamins, 1998.
- "Social meaning in Southern speech from an interactional sociolinguistic perspective: An integrative discourse analysis of terms of address." In *Language Variety in the South Revisited*, pp. 225-241, Cynthia Bernstein, Thomas Nunnally & Robin Sabino, eds., Univ. of Alabama Press, 1997.

- "Demystifying crosscultural (mis)communication: Improving performance through balanced feedback in a situated context," with Andrea Tyler, *Discourse and performance of international teaching assistants*, pp. 201-220, Carolyn Madden & Cynthia Myers, eds., TESOL Publications, 1994
- "Cross-linguistic communication missteps," with Andrea Tyler. *Text* 10(4), pp. 385-411, 1990
- "Face-to-face with English speakers: An advanced training class for international teaching assistants," with Andrea Tyler and John J. Koran, Jr. *English for Specific Purposes* 8:2, pp. 139-153, 1989
- "The effect of discourse structuring devices on listener perceptions of coherence in non-native university teachers' spoken discourse," with Andrea Tyler & Ann Jefferies, *World Englishes* 7:2, pp. 101-110, 1988
- "The anonymous collective conversations of women's graffiti: An analysis of supportive advice-giving," *Proceedings of the First Berkeley Women and Language Conference 1985*, S. Bremner, N. Casky and B. Moonwomon, eds., pp. 108-34, Berkeley Women and Language Group, Linguistics Dept., University of California, Berkeley, 1986.
- "Joint joking: Improvisational humorous episodes in conversation," *Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, C. Brugman and M. Macaulay (eds.), pp. 360-371. 1984
- "Cross-cultural communication: Second language acquisition and the sociocultural patterning of feelings," *CATESOL News*, 15(5), 1984

Teaching Experience

LINGUISTICS

University of Alabama, Dept. of English:

The History of the English Language (UG/G) F' 15, S' 16, F'16, S'17

Introduction to English Linguistics (Undergraduate)(F '89, S '90)

Linguistic Approaches to English Grammar (Undergraduate) (S '06)

Introduction to Linguistics (Graduate)(F '91-F '96, F '98-F '03, F '05, S '06, F '07, S'09, S'10, S'11, F'12, F'13, F'15, F'16)

From Stories and Conversation to Literary Narrative and Dialogue (Graduate) (F '05, S '06)

Second Language Development (Graduate)(S '90, S '91)

Language & Sexual Difference (through Sociology/Women's Studies)(Grad and Undergraduate) (Interim 90)

Dialectology/Sociolinguistics (Graduate and Undergraduate) (S '94, '99, '00, '02, '03, '06, '08, '09, F'10, F '11, S'12, S' 13, S'14, S'16, S'17)

Pedagogical Grammar (Graduate) (S '97, '99)

Research Methods in Applied Linguistics (Graduate) (S '00)

Directed Study: Exploring Research Methods through a Case Study of Oneself as a Language Learner (Graduate)('94, '95, '96, '98, '99, '00)

Grammar through Literature (Undergraduate) (Summer '98, '01 Alabama at Oxford Program)

What's in an Accent? Language & Social Identity (UG) (Summer '98, '99, '01, AL at Oxford Program)

The Queen's English and its American Cousin (UG) Summer '04, '06, '08 Alabama at Oxford Program

Language, Thought, and Sociocultural Context (Blount Undergraduate Initiative Seminar) S '01.

University of Florida, Program in Linguistics:

Introduction to Linguistics (Undergraduate)(F '86, '87, '88)

Languages and Dialects [Undergraduate honors section] (S '88)

University of California Berkeley Extension, Certificate Program in Teaching English as a Second Language:

Sociolinguistics (1983)

University of California, Berkeley, Linguistics Department:

Teaching associate for Robin Lakoff [Introduction to Syntax and Semantics]

Teaching associate for Wallace Chafe [Language and Cognition: Psychological aspects of narrative production]

CROSSCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

University of Alabama, Dept. of English, M.A. TESOL Program: Issues in Crosscultural Communication (Graduate) (F '89, S' 92)

University of Florida, Program in Linguistics: Graduate Seminar in Crosscultural Communication (S '87, '89)

English Language Institute, University of Florida: Peer Conversation Group Program involving NS/NNS interaction (1986-89)

University of California Berkeley Extension, San Francisco (English for Professional Development Program): to bilingual immigrants (1981-1984), including a pilot course of half native and half non-native English speakers, "Breaking the Language Barrier"

University of California Berkeley, Extension (Certificate Program in TESL): Crosscultural Communication (1982-1983)

TESOL (TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES)

University of Alabama, M.A.-TESOL Program:

Teaching Academic Language Skills to Non-native English Speakers (F '93, '98)

Teaching Language through Literature (S '94)

University of Alabama, International Programs of the College of Education:

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Graduate)(Summer 1998 in Quito, Ecuador; Summer 1999 in Asunción, Paraguay)

ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)

English Language Institute, University of Alabama, (1991):

Intensive International Teaching Assistant Preparation Program

English Language Institute, University of Florida, (1986-89):

Advanced Oral Skills; Pronunciation Clinic; Culture Orientation; Interactional Skills

University of California Berkeley Extension, San Francisco:

English for Professional Development Program (1981-1984)

UC-Berkeley (1978-80): oral skills; advanced writing

GERMAN AND FRENCH

South San Francisco Unified School District (junior and senior high schools): (1968-1974)

Research

GRANTS

Pilot research in spring and summer of 2007, funded by the College of Human Environmental Sciences, with Dr. Linda Knol and Dr. Lori Waite Turner, on the use of "success storytelling" in diabetes self-management education, developed into proposal to submit to NIH or other health agencies

National Endowment for the Humanities #RZ-50220 (with Michael Picone) (2004-2008) for editing of publication "Language Variety in the South: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives" to be published by the University of Alabama Press, and creation of permanent website as resource, designated as part of the "We the People" initiative, approx. \$100,000

National Science Foundation Collaborative Research Grant #0317553 (with Michael Picone) (2003-2004), for Symposium on Language Variety in the South, Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, approx. \$35,000
Alabama Humanities Foundation, small grant for "English and Ethnicity" Symposium plenary speaker (2002)
UA Arts & Sciences Teaching Grant (2002)

Selected by University of Alabama to send on to the National Endowment for the Humanities for a 2001 Summer Stipend, but not selected by NEH: "To what extent can we change our accents and/or dialects?"

Faculty Grant from the University of Alabama for Innovative Instructional Technology (2000)

Faculty Technology Grant from the University of Alabama (1998)

University of Alabama Arts and Sciences Teaching Grant (1997)

University of Alabama Faculty Research Grant (1997): "Examining Mark Twain's Humorous Dialogue, in Written and Spoken Form, from an Interactional Sociolinguistic Point of View"

University of Alabama Faculty Research Grant (1994): "The Linguistic Enactment of Southern Politeness"

Crosscultural interaction in undergraduate peer support groups, as research component of "Peer International" funded by NAFSA through Office of International Student and Scholar Services, University of Alabama (1993)

University of Alabama Faculty Research Grant (1991): "Crosscultural interaction in the university: enhancing communication between international teaching assistants and American undergraduates"

Other Professional Experience

ADMINISTRATION

- Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Linguistics Minor, College of Arts & Sciences, The University of Alabama, 2015-
- Chair of the English Department at the University of Alabama (2009-2014)
- Co-Director, Alabama at Oxford Program, Summer of 2008
- Director of Graduate Studies, English Department, Univ. of Alabama (2006-2009)
- Director, M.A.-TESOL Program, English Department, Univ. of Alabama (1990-92, 1994-1997, 1999-2004) and Applied Linguistics concentration in the English Ph.D. (Discourse, Culture, and English Language Studies) (2000-2004)
- Academic Coordinator, English Language Institute, University of Florida (1987-89) including responsibility for culture orientation and supervision of the peer conversation group program
- Undergraduate Coordinator, Program in Linguistics, University of Florida (1987-89)
- Coordinator, Academic Spoken English Program [training for international teaching assistants], University of Florida, Summer 1988
- Assistant to consultant involved in organizing, editing and updating local school district policies and regulations. Davies-Brickell Associates, Ltd., San Francisco, CA 1976-1978
- Chairperson of foreign language department, Westborough Junior High School, South San Francisco Unified School District, 1970-1974

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- University of Alabama, Interdisciplinary Linguistics Minor
- University of Alabama: M.A.-TESOL Program curriculum, freshman composition for NNS, Applied Linguistics concentration in the English Ph.D.
- American Culture Orientation for the E. L. I., University of Florida, with emphasis on development of interactional skills with native English speakers through the peer conversation group program, using video playback techniques to train both NS and NNS. (1986-89)
- Academic Spoken English Tutorial as part of training for international teaching assistants with Dr. Andrea Tyler, 1987-1988
- English for Professional Development Program, UC Berkeley Extension: creating and implementing a course developing sensitivity to communication problems in work contexts, providing conceptual tools for analyzing communication in discourse terms, and skills in managing interactions more effectively. (1981-1984)

TRANSLATION

- Apprentice technical translator; paralegal assistant for filing patent applications abroad, Owen, Wickersham & Erickson (patent attorneys), San Francisco, CA 1974-6

Additional Education

- Attending a range of cultural programs to learn about Maori language and culture after participation in the Discourse Conference in New Zealand in December of 2015
- Studying Welsh in Wales during summer of 2015 at Y Nant Gwrtheyrn (an intensive language program), and again in the summer of 2016
- Participation as affiliate in Linguistic Institute at the University of Chicago in summer of 2015, sponsored by the Linguistic Society of America
- Participation as affiliate in Linguistic Institute at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, in summer of 2013, sponsored by the Linguistic Society of America
- Participation in Summer Seminar of the Association of Departments of English of the Modern Languages Association, Stanford University, Palo Alto, June 2011
- Faculty Fellow in Service Learning 2010-2011, Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at the University of Alabama

Participation in Summer Seminar of the Association of Departments of English of the Modern Languages Association, Pomona College, Claremont, California, June 2010
 Participation as affiliate in Linguistic Institute at the University of California, Berkeley, in summer of 2009, sponsored by the Linguistic Society of America
 Participation in Summer Seminar of the Association of Departments of English of the Modern Languages Association, Providence, Rhode Island, June 2009
 Participation in UA System Scholars Institute on Technology, UAB, May 2009
 Participation in Summer Seminar of the Association of Departments of English of the Modern Languages Association, Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 2008
 Participation as affiliate in Linguistic Institute at Stanford University in summer of 2007, sponsored by the Linguistic Society of America
 Study tour to China, May 2007
 Classes in Chinese taught by Dr. Ron Robel in spring of 2007
 Preconference workshops at NWAV in Fall 2007 and GURT in Spring 2008
 Anti-Racism Workshop sponsored by the University of Alabama Faculty Senate, 2001
 Classes in Japanese through University of Alabama Japan Program, 2000-2001
 Faculty Technology Workshops, University of Alabama, 1998, 2000
 University of Alabama Critical Languages Program: introductory Korean, 1994
 Workshop with Dr. Larry Davis on facilitating culturally diverse peer support groups, University of Alabama, 1993
 University of Alabama Critical Languages Program: introductory Polish, 1990
 Introductory Training Session in Gestalt Therapy, Gestalt Center, Gainesville, Florida, 1988
 Stanford Institute for Intercultural Education, summer 1983
 University of California at Berkeley, courses in Old, Middle and Modern Welsh, 1978-1983
 Inlingua, Inc.: individual advanced sessions in French, 1975
 San Francisco State University: individualizing instruction, ESL, 1970-3
 N.D.E.A. Language Institute (German) at UC-Irvine, summer 1966
 German Language Training Center, Bad Godesberg/Mehlem, West Germany, through Marquette University, 1965
 University of Arizona: introductory Spanish courses, summer of 1963

Presentations at International Conferences

Travel awards from the University of Alabama to present papers at:
 The International Society for Humor Studies (Trinity College, Dublin, July 2016)
 Fifth New Zealand Discourse Conference (Auckland University, Dec. 2015)
 Humor Workshop in France at Université Paul Valéry (Montpellier, France, Oct. 2015)
 International Pragmatics Association (Antwerp, Belgium, July 2015)
 Conference on the Sociolinguistics of Globalization (Hong Kong University, June 2015)
 AILA, The World Congress of Applied Linguistics (Brisbane, Australia, August, 2014)
 International Pragmatics Association Conference (New Delhi, India, September 2013)
 International Pragmatics Association Conference (University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Summer 2007)
 International Society for Humor Studies (Danish Institute of Education, Copenhagen, Summer 2006)
 International Pragmatics Association (The University of Toronto, Canada, 2003)
 PALA, Poetics and Linguistics Association (Bosphorus University, Turkey, 2003)
 AILA, The 13th World Congress of Applied Linguistics, (Singapore, 2002)
 Knowledge and Discourse 2 (The University of Hong Kong, 2002)
 Language, the Media, and International Communication (Oxford University, 2001)
 International Society for Humor Studies (Kansai University, Osaka, Japan, 2000)
 International Association of Literary Semantics (University of Freiburg, Germany, 1997)
 Sociolinguistics Symposium 11 (University of Wales at Cardiff, Wales, 1996)
 International Pragmatics Association (University of Mexico, Mexico City, 1996)
 Second Language Research Forum (McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1994)
 Travel award from the College of Letters & Sciences, University of Florida, to present paper at:
 International Pragmatics Association (Antwerp, Belgium, 1987)

Conference Presentations and Guest Lectures

- "Sense of Humor as Embodied Practice." International Society for Humor Studies Conference, Trinity College, Dublin, June 2016.
- "Satirical Multimodal Fake/Faux News Discourse: Stephen Colbert's "Truthiness." Fifth New Zealand Discourse Conference, University of Auckland, December 2015
- "Jokey Americans: An intracultural and crosscultural perspective." Humor Workshop at Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier, France, October 2015
- "Face-Work in Context" as part of a panel: Face Revisited: A valid concept for cultural and linguistic diversity? Conference of the International Pragmatics Association, Antwerp, Belgium, July 2015
- "Globalization and the Sociolinguistic Ecology of an American Public University." Conference on the Sociolinguistics of Globalization: (De)centring and (de)standardization, Hong Kong University, June 2015
- "Performing Southernness in Country Music." LAVIS IV: Symposium on Linguistic Variety in the South, as part of Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, Raleigh, NC, April 2015
- "Expanding Our Perspectives on Humor and Pedagogy." Plenary lecture at 5th Annual Humor Conference, Dallas, Texas, February 2015
- "CTO = 'Central Taking/Takin'/Taken Over': A Local Controversy over Southern Vernacular English" AILA (World Congress of Applied Linguistics), Brisbane, Australia, August 2014
- "CTO = 'Central Taking/Takin'/Taken Over': A Local Controversy over Southern Vernacular English" American Anthropological Association Conference, Chicago, Nov 2013
- "Narrative and Local Identity: Alabama Storytelling." Conference of the International Pragmatics Association, New Delhi, India, Sept. 2013
- "Undergraduate Linguistics in the University of Alabama System" (with David Basilico of UAB and Andrea Word-Albritton of UAH). Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, Spartanburg, SC, April 2013
- "The Use of Discourse Analysis in the Assessment of University Classroom Pedagogy" (with Matthew Wolfgram), Conference of the American Association of Applied Linguistics, Dallas, TX, March 2013
- "Southern Multivocality in an Ideological Context: An English Teacher in Alabama." Conference of the American Anthropological Association, as part of a panel on Speaking Southern English: Locality, Multiplicity, Temporality. San Francisco, CA, November 2012
- "Translating Humor from Literature to Film: Huck and Jim Meet Walt Disney." 35th Colloquium on Literature and Film: The Language of Humor in Literature and Film. West Virginia University, September 2012.
- "Robin's Influence Spreads to Alabama" on the occasion of Professor Robin Lakoff's retirement from the Linguistics Department at the University of California, Berkeley, May 2012
- "The Founders' Accents in Country Music: Jimmie Rodgers and Hank Williams." Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL), Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA, April 2011.
- "Cultural and Linguistic Dimensions of Welsh Identity and Assimilation: A Case Study of an American Family." Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL), Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA, April 2011.
- "The Linguistic Expression of Social Class on the *Blue Collar Comedy Tour*." The American Association for Applied Linguistics conference, Chicago, IL, March 2011.
- "The Representation of Sarah Palin's Communication Style in her Tweets." Georgetown Roundtable on Languages and Linguistics. Washington, D.C., March 2011.
- "Language and (Anti)Cultural Capital on the *Blue Collar Comedy Tour*." NWAV 29 (New Ways of Analysing Variation in Language). San Antonio, TX, November 2010.
- "Welsh-American Identity across Generations." The International Welsh Studies Association Conference, Arlington, VA, July 2010.
- "Discourse Analysis in Health Education: Success Stories in Diabetes Self-Management." SECOL, The University of Mississippi, April 2010
- "The Linguistic Mocking of Sarah Palin," American Association for Applied Linguistics, Atlanta, GA, 3/7/ 2009
- "The Southern Dialects of Jimmie Rodgers and Hank Williams," International Country Music Conference, Belmont University, Nashville, TN, May 2009
- "The Linguistic Mocking of Sarah Palin," Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL), Tulane University, New Orleans, April 2009

- "The relevance of applied linguistics in health care: 'Success stories' in diabetes self-management, (with Linda Knol, Department of Human Nutrition and Hospitality Management, and Lori Turner, Department of Health Science, the University of Alabama), American Association for Applied Linguistics, Denver, CO, March 2009
- "Challenging boundaries of text and of audience: The literary uses of cross-linguistic differences in names," Annual Conference of the American Names Society, San Francisco, CA, January 9-11, 2009
- "Linguistic Communities of a Southern American Public University," NWAV (New Ways of Analyzing Variation in Language), Rice University, November 2008.
- "Southern American English," Association of Alabama Archivists, University of North Alabama, Florence, AL, Sept. 2008.
- "Southern American English: Informal Standard and Vernacular," Southeastern TESOL Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, Sept. 2008.
- "English learners' use of popular music as resource," (with Bill Wallace), Southeastern TESOL Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, Sept. 2008.
- "The Linguistic Construction of an Oppositional Country Music Voice," American Association for Applied Linguistics, Washington, D.C., April 2008.
- "Sense of Humor' and Language," guest lecture at Georgia State University in Dr. Lucy Pickering's class, April 9, 2008
- "CTO = 'Central Taking/Takin'/Taken Over': A Local Controversy over Southern Vernacular English," SECOL (Southeastern Conference on Linguistics), Knoxville, TN, April 2008
- "We had a wonderful time': Individual sibling voices in the joint construction of a family ethos through narrative performance," Georgetown Round Table on Language and Linguistics: Telling Stories: Building bridges among Language, Narrative, Identity, Interaction, Society and Culture. Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., March 13-16, 2008.
- "Self-disclosure through humor within a family system," as part of a panel on humor and self-disclosure, Conference of the International Pragmatics Association, The University of Gothenburg, Sweden, July 2007.
- "Crosscultural chatting: Interactional competence and the pragmatics of conversational topic," Pragmatics and Language Learning Conference, National Foreign Language Resource Center, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa. March 2007.
- "Social Class Distinctions Performed through Language in Northern Alabama," NWAV 35 (New Ways of Analyzing Variation), Columbus, Ohio, November 2006
- "Spontaneous joking as an aspect of political persona," International Society for Humor Studies, Danish Institute of Education, Copenhagen, July 2006
- "A discourse analysis of Bob Newhart's telephone comedy routines," International Society for Humor Studies, Danish Institute of Education, Copenhagen, July 2006.
- "The linguistic construction of a country music voice: 'Takin' My Country Back," International Country Music Conference, Belmont University, Nashville, TN, Ma7 2006.
- "Humor as content and process in the classroom," Joint Conference of the American Association for Applied Linguistics and AILA (International Applied Linguistics Association), University of Wisconsin, July 2005
- "Humor as content and process in the classroom", Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Youngstown State University, June 2005
- "Martha Stewart as semiotician," guest lecture in Dr. Ron Butters' graduate linguistics seminar at Duke University, April 2005
- "Wolfram's principle of linguistic gratuity and the creation of a website on "Language in Alabama," Annual Meeting of SECOL (Southeastern Conference on Linguistics), North Carolina State University, April 2005
- "Dialect and the spread of Country Music: The case of "Alabama," Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society, Oakland, CA, January 2005
- "Preaching to different choirs: A contrastive analysis of discourse on Church and State in Alabama," guest lecture at Georgetown University Linguistics Department, Sept. 2004
- "Genre, the individual voice, and Alabama storytelling," LAVIS "Language Variety in the South" Symposium in conjunction with SECOL LXX, The University of Alabama, April 15-17, 2004.
- "Teaching Southern language and culture through Country Music," Southeast Regional TESOL Conference, New Orleans, LA, Sept. 2003

- "Linguistic pluralism and identity in an American university context: Discourse communities and sociolinguistic repertoire as expressive resource," Conference of the International Pragmatics Association, Toronto, July 13-18, 2003
- "Aspects of Alabama humor: The regionally situated joking of 'Rick and Bubba,'" International Society for Humor Studies, Northeastern Illinois University, July 8-12, 2003.
- "Challenging boundaries of text and of audience: The literary uses of cross-linguistic differences," PALA, Poetics and Linguistics Association, Istanbul, Turkey, June 23-26, 2003
- "The representation of the South in *Alabama's* lyrics," The 20th International Conference on Country Music, Nashville, May 2003
- "Learning the discourse of friendship," GURT, Georgetown University Roundtable on Language and Linguistics, February 15-17, 2003
- "Linguistic ecology and the construction of sociocultural identity: Discourse communities of a southern American university," Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society, Atlanta, January 2-5, 2003
- "A new perspective on language and identity: Sociolinguistic repertoire as expressive resource in the presentation of self, AILA, 13th World Congress of Applied Linguistics, Singapore, Dec. 16-21, 2002
- "Linguistic ecology and the construction of sociocultural identity: Discourse communities of a southern American university" AILA, 13th World Congress of Applied Linguistics, Singapore, Dec. 16-21, 2002
- "Assessing the effects of language in the media on linguistic variation," NWAV31 (New Ways of Analyzing Variation), Stanford University, Oct. 10-13, 2002
- "Gender, ethnicity, culture, and identity: Crosscultural communication in American university classrooms," Knowledge and Discourse 2, The University of Hong Kong, June 25-29, 2002
- "Preaching to different choirs: A contrastive analysis of discourse on Church and State in Alabama," SECOL LXV (Southeastern Conference on Linguistics), University of Memphis, TN, April 2002
- "Sociolinguistic repertoire and presentation of self," NWAV 30 (New Ways of Analyzing Variation [in Language]), North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, Oct. 13, 2001
- "Bi-dialectalism and the projection of sociocultural identity," Abstract Accepted; Paper withdrawn because of lack of time and money to attend Symposium About Language and Society--Austin (SALSA), University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, April 2001
- "Gendered sense of humor as expressed through aesthetic typifications," SECOL LXIV, (Southeastern Conference on Linguistics), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, April 5-7, 2001
- "Inquiry-based learning in introductory linguistics classes: A data-based project on narrative in conversation," SECOL LXIV, (Southeastern Conference on Linguistics), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, April 5-7, 2001
- "Language and American 'good taste:' Martha Stewart as mass media role model," Conference on Language, the Media, and International Communication, Oxford University, March 29-31, 2001
- "Studying oneself learning a new language," National TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, March 2, 2001
- "The multivoiced teacher: a case study from Alabama," Abstract Accepted; Paper withdrawn because of lack of time and money to attend conference of National Council of Teachers of English, Winter Research Conference, UC Berkeley, Feb. 9-11, 2001
- "To what extent can we change our accents and/or dialects?," American Dialect Society, Washington, D.C., January 2001.
- "Gender and language-learner socialization," Modern Language Association Conference, Washington, D.C., December 29, 2000.
- "The cross-cultural interpretation of 'joking' interaction, with implications for a theory of context," American Dialect Society session at SAMLA (South Atlantic Modern Language Association) Conference, Birmingham, AL, November 11, 2000
- "Perceptions of politeness: Martha Stewart interacts with Southern women," Southeastern Conference on Linguistics session, "Pragmatics," at SAMLA (South Atlantic Modern Language Association), Birmingham, AL, November 11, 2000
- "Dialect-shifting in a Southern teacher's English classroom discourse," NWAV 29 Conference (New Ways of Analyzing Variation), Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, October 7, 2000
- "The cross-cultural interpretation of 'joking' interaction, with implications for a theory of context," The 2000 International Conference of the Society for Humor Studies, Kansai University, Osaka, Japan, July

- "Martha Stewart's linguistic presentation of self," Symposium About Language and Society--Austin (SALSA), University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, April 2000
- "Linguistic ecology and the construction of sociocultural identity: Discourse communities of a southern American university," Southeast Regional TESOL, Birmingham, AL, Nov. 1999
- "Popular culture representations of sense of humor: Characterization through joking style in the movie 'Slingblade,'" International Society for Humor Studies, Holy Names College, Oakland, CA, June 1999
- "Dialect-shifting in a Southern teacher's English classroom discourse," SECOL LIX: Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, April 1999
- "Sociopolitical constraints on discourse: Huck and Jim meet Walt Disney," SECOL LVIII: Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA, March 1998
- "Discourse-pragmatic assessment of assessment," invited paper in parasession on methodological issues in the study of pragmatics in language classrooms. International Conference on Pragmatics and Language Learning, University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana, February 1998
- "Examining Mark Twain's dialogue, in written and spoken form, from an interactional sociolinguistic point of view," invited paper for a panel on humorous literary dialogue, International Association of Literary Semantics, University of Freiburg, Germany, Sept. 1997
- "Contextual virtuosity: The case of stand-up comedy routines," International Society for Humor Studies Conference, University of Central Oklahoma, July 1997
- "Huck Finn on the page and in the movies: Interactional sociolinguistic perspectives on Mark Twain's humorous dialogue," International Society for Humor Studies Conference, University of Central Oklahoma, July 1997
- "The linguistic enactment of politeness in the American South: an interactional sociolinguistic perspective on variation," Sociolinguistics Symposium 11, Univ. of Wales, Cardiff, Sept. 1996
- "Conversations at the boundaries of classroom discourse: the facilitated crosscultural negotiation of the presentation of self," International Pragmatics Association Conference, Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, July 1996
- "The South as discourse community: the linguistic enactment of politeness," American Association for Applied Linguistics, Chicago, IL, March 1996
- "Discourse communities in the linguistic ecology of an American university," American Association for Applied Linguistics, Chicago, IL, March 1996
- "The ethnography of communication in action," Southeast Conference on Linguistics, Texas A&M University, March 1996
- "Facilitating crosscultural negotiation of the presentation of self," Alabama/Mississippi TESOL Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, Jan. 1996
- "Contexts of oral testing," Regional TESOL Conference, Memphis, TN, Oct. 1995
- "Trying to maintain face in the language proficiency interview: Americans learning Korean," American Association for Applied Linguistics, Long Beach, CA, March 1995
- "Lessons from joking: what this mode of interaction can tell us about the potential dangers of our research paradigm," American Association for Applied Linguistics, Long Beach, CA, March 1995
- "Examining the examiners" (with Ron Robel), National Association of Self-Instructional Language Programs, Washington, DC, Dec. 1994
- "Beyond 'input': guided feedback oriented to pragmatics and discourse," (with Andrea Tyler), Second Language Research Forum, McGill Univ., Montreal, Canada, Oct. 1994
- "Using Southern English as a resource in the ESL classroom," Regional TESOL Conference, New Orleans, LA, Sept. 1994
- "Integrating qualitative and quantitative research methodologies," (with Andrea Tyler), as part of a panel on data gathering and analysis that I was invited to organize in a parasession on pragmatics research at the 8th Annual International Conference on Pragmatics and Language Learning, University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana, April 1994
- "Language in institutional context," an invited paper at the inaugural academic session on International Teaching Assistants, National TESOL Conference, Baltimore, MD, March 1994
- "Internationalizing the institution: Ways of orienting undergraduates to ITAs," an invited paper as part of the Pre-Conference Symposium on the Training of International Teaching Assistants, National TESOL Conference, Baltimore, MD, March 1994

- "Interactional consequences of prototypical gender differences in discourse strategies," as part of a colloquium entitled "Language and Gender in the Classroom" which I co-organized for the National Conference of the American Association for Applied Linguistics, Baltimore, MD, March 1994
- "Using Southern English as a resource in the ESL classroom," Alabama-Mississippi TESOL Conference, Univ. of Alabama, Jan. 1994
- "Social meaning in Southern speech: An integrative discourse analysis of the use of address terms," as part of the special session on Language Variety in the South at the Southeast Conference on Linguistics at Auburn Univ., April 1993
- "The dilemma of 'stigmatized' varieties for ESL teachers: Tales from Alabama," as part of the Academic Session for Applied Linguistics which I co-organized, entitled "Language and Social Identity," at the 1993 International TESOL Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- "Journal-writing for the EFL classroom" as part of a U.S.I.A.-sponsored teleconference on March 4, 1993, with Maputo, Mozambique.
- "Using conversational narratives to incorporate key sociolinguistic concepts into introductory linguistics classes," at NWAWE XXI Conference (New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English), Univ. of Michigan, 1992
- "Using diaries to reflect on language learning and teaching," Colloquium organized for National TESOL Conference, Vancouver, BC, 1992
- "Solving math (ITA) problems: A remedial course", (with Billy Haselton), Alabama-Mississippi TESOL Conf., Huntsville, AL, 1992
- "Learning the discourse of friendship", NAFSA Regional Conference (Association of International Educators), Biloxi, MS, 1991
- "Exploring one's own language learning as part of ESOL teacher education," Colloquium organized for Southeast Regional TESOL Conference, Atlanta, GA, 1991
- "The challenge of transforming conversational politics," 4th International Conference on Language and Social Psychology, University of California at Santa Barbara, 1991
- "Gender and language-learner socialization," Fifth Annual International Conference on Pragmatics & Language Learning, University of Illinois, 1991
- "Pragmatic feedback in ITA training," International TESOL Conference, Pre-conference symposium on the training of international teaching assistants, 1991
- "How English learners joke: Exploiting limited sociolinguistic resources," National TESOL Conference, New York, NY, March 1991
- "Working together: Graduate TESOL and intensive English programs," panel with other M.A.-TESOL faculty and ELI co-directors and faculty, National TESOL Conference, New York, NY, March 1991
- "Understanding crosscultural misunderstanding," Alabama/Mississippi TESOL Conference, Univ. of Alabama, Oct. 1990
- "Effects of pragmatic feedback in second language acquisition," with Andrea Tyler, National TESOL Conference, San Francisco, CA March 1990
- "The role of sense of humor in the interactional construction of crosscultural rapport," Southeastern Regional TESOL Conference, Raleigh, NC, Oct. 1989
- "Demystifying crosscultural miscommunication: Positive results from 'negative evidence'," with Andrea Tyler, National TESOL Conference, San Antonio, TX, March 1989
- "Potential sources of crosscultural pragmatic failure in German and American conversational style," Southeast Conference on Foreign Languages and Literatures, Rollins College, Orlando, FL, 1989
- "Complex conversational involvement: The specialized communicative competence of a t.v. talk show host," Annual Meeting of the American Association for Applied Linguistics, New Orleans, LA, 1988
- "Illuminating crosscultural interaction: feedback on pragmatic and discourse competence as awareness training in a peer conversation group program," Southeastern Regional TESOL Conference, Orlando, FL, Sept. 30, 1988
- "Face-to-Face with English speakers: an advanced training class for international teaching assistants," with Andrea Tyler, Symposium on the Training of International Teaching Assistants, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 23, 1988
- "A pragmlinguistic analysis of non-serious communication," Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, San Francisco, CA, 1987
- "Crosscultural 'joking'," First Conference of the International Pragmatics Association, University of Antwerp, Belgium, August 1987

- "The effect of discourse-structuring devices on listener perceptions of coherence in non-native university teachers' spoken discourse", with Ann Jefferies and Andrea Tyler, Conference on Pragmatics and Language Learning, University of Illinois, April 17, 1987
- "Individual sense-of-humor variations within the world's common language," 6th International Humor Conference, Arizona State University, April 4, 1987
- "The anonymous collective conversations of women's graffiti," Conference on Talk and Social Structure, University of California, Santa Barbara, Sociology Department, March 1986
- "Traces of verse in the Four Branches of the *Mabinogi*," Annual Meeting of the Celtic Studies Association of North America in conjunction with the University of California Seventh Annual Celtic Studies Conference, UC Berkeley, March 1985
- "The anonymous collective conversations of women's graffiti: An analysis of supportive advice-giving," Women and Language Conference, University of California, Berkeley, March 1985
- "Training for self-diagnosis of miscommunication in the workplace," with Douglas R. Campbell, 83rd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO, Nov. 16, 1984
- "Joint joking: Improvisational humorous episodes in conversation," W.H.I.M. Conference on Contemporary Humor, Phoenix, AZ, 4/1/84
- "Joint joking: Improvisational humorous episodes in conversation," 10th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, Berkeley, CA 2/84

Teaching Areas

Discourse Analysis, Pragmatics, Sociolinguistics, Dialectology, General and Applied Linguistics, TESOL, Crosscultural Communication

Languages Studied

German, French, Spanish, Welsh, Lakhota Sioux, Seneca, Polish, Korean, Guaraní, Japanese, Turkish

Professional Associations

International Pragmatics Association (current)
 Linguistic Society of America (current)
 Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (current)
 American Dialect Society (current)
 American Anthropological Association, Society for Linguistic Anthropology (current)
 International Society for Humor Studies (current)
 American Association for Applied Linguistics (past but not current)
 The American Names Society (past but not current)
 Poetics and Linguistics Association (past, but not current)
 Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (past but not current)
 Alabama-Mississippi TESOL (past, but not current)

Service to the Profession, to the University and to the Community

Role of secretary for SECOL (Southeastern Conference on Linguistics) beginning in April of 2016 for a 5-year term
 Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Linguistics Minor, College of Arts & Sciences, The University of Alabama (2015-
 Consultation with the Alabama Archives and Museum about exhibits that could include information on language in Alabama
 Two weeks of Jury Duty for the Tuscaloosa Circuit Court, October 2014
 Executive Board of the Southern Journal of Linguistics
 Member of the "Linguistics in Higher Education Committee" of the Linguistics Society of America (-2014)
 Member of the Advisory Board of the Digital Humanities Initiative of the University of Alabama Libraries.

Strand Coordinator for “discourse and social interaction” for the Annual Conference of the American Association for Applied Linguistics (2008, 2010)

Editorial Advisory Board for the *TESOL Quarterly* (2009-2012)

Presidency of SECOL (The Southeastern Conference on Linguistics), 2003-2004

Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers Bureau,
 2004-2006, a lecture entitled “An Overview of Dialects in Alabama.”
 2006-2008, a lecture entitled “Southern American English in Alabama,” which has also been included in the programs offered to the public schools
 2008-2010 two lectures: “Southern American English in Alabama,” and “The Southern Accents of Jimmie Rodgers and Hank Williams”

Co-organizer (with Michael Picone) of NSF-funded symposium, Language Variety in the South, Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, April 2004, at the University of Alabama, and co-editing of the resulting volume(s) to be published by the University of Alabama Press

Leader in organization of the English Department Symposium on “English and Ethnicity,” Nov. 2002, including outreach to Stillman College and to local school districts

Co-editing of volume resulting from “English and Ethnicity” symposium, Palgrave Press

Reviewer for various professional journals: *TESOL Quarterly*, *Journal of Applied Linguistics*, *Humor*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *System*, *Pragmatics and Language Learning*

Elected to Graduate Council, University of Alabama, 2007: member of subcommittees on recruitment and admissions, and on electronic submission of theses and dissertations

Elected to Executive Committee of the English Department, 2006

Chair of University Research Advisory Committee for Arts and Humanities 2006-2008

Co-Chair of the Campus Master Plan Committee 2006-
 University of Alabama Faculty Senate: (2001-2004), co-chair of Financial Affairs (2003-2004)

University of Alabama Standing Committees during my time at UA: UG Programs and Services, Libraries, Senate liaison to F&S Benefits

Faculty co-sponsor of student chapter of Alabama Environmental Council (2005- 2008)

Service on the board of the Tuscaloosa Chapter of the League of Women Voters

Service in facilitating “community conversations” through the Challenge 21 group in Tuscaloosa

Source for recent article in the *Tuscaloosa News* on Southern speech

Source for a 2016 article in the *Crimson White* on “Roll Tide” from a linguist’s perspective

References

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 UC-Berkeley (currently at
 UC-Santa Barbara)

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