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EDUCATION/Degrees

1979 University of Pennsylvania, PhD., Linguistics.
(Thesis: Context-determined variation in Montreal French vowels.)
Committee: L. Lisker, W. Labov, D. Sankoff

1966 University of Rochester, B.A., Linguistics.

REFEREED EDITORIAL WORK

JOURNALS

Editorial Boards formerly served on.

American Speech; Ampersand.

Edited special issues of Journals since 1990

2015

Language and Communication 42 — Religion as a Sociolinguistic Variable. [[*TOC](#)]

2014

Double issue of *Language and Linguistic Compass- Sociolinguistics* [with Chris Cieri] [[*TOC](#)]

Language and Communications 35(1) New perspectives on linguistic variation and ethnic identity in North America [with Lauren Hall-Lew] [[*TOC](#)]

2010

Special issue of *American Speech* 85(2) [with Thomas Purnell] [[*TOC](#)]

Special issue of *Journal of English Linguistics* 38(3) [with Thomas Purnell] [[*TOC](#)]

PADS#94 [with Erik Thomas] [[*TOC](#)]

2002

Special issue of *Journal of Pragmatics* 34 [[*TOC](#)]

1992

Special Double Issue of *Language and Communication* [[*TOC](#)]

*TOC indicates an available Table of Contents.

OTHER REFEREED Edited Volumes

Forthcoming

Sociophonetics: A Student Guide. Second edition. [ed., with Marianna di Paolo & Christopher Strelluf]. Routledge.
[[*TOC](#) available on request]

2025

Dimensions of Linguistic Variation [ed. with Lauren Hall-Lew, Chris Cieri, and Katie Drager] [[*TOC](#) available on request] Oxford University Press. -- <https://linguistlist.org/issues/36/1275-->

Reissue of: *The Private Lives of English Words*. [with P.A. Humez] Routledge: London. (333+xxxii pp.)

2011

Sociophonetics: A Student Guide. [ed., with Marianna di Paolo]. Routledge.(250+xii pp) [\[*TOC\]](#) [\[Order Form\]](#)

2010

AAE speakers and their participation in local sound changes: A comparative study. Publications of American Dialect Society #94. [ed., with Erik Thomas] Duke University Press.(225+viii pp) [\[*TOC\]](#)

1984/1989

The Private Lives of English Words. Routledge & Kegan Paul: London. (333+xxxii pp.) Simultaneously, at Gale Research Co.: Detroit [with L. Heller & P. Humez]; 2nd edition, 1989

1973/1982

[A Quantitative Study of Sound Change in Progress](#). US Regional Survey: Philadelphia. (352+50 pp.) [with W. Labov & R. Steiner]

REFEREED ARTICLES IN BOOKS

Forthcoming

Chapters on corpus development, corpus analysis & sociophonetics of vowel analysis [with Marianna di Paolo & Chris Strelluf]; variation in /r and /L/ [with Eleanor Lawson, Margaret MacLagan, Jim Scobbie and Jane Stuart Smith]; and of prosody [with J. Stanford] in *Sociophonetics: A Student Guide*, Routledge.

2025

'Introduction [with Lauren Hall-Lew], Religion & Religiosity [with David Bowie] in Chris Cieri, Katie Drager, Lauren Hall-Lew, & Malcah Yaeger (eds) *Dimensions of Linguistic Variation*. Oxford University Press. [Paper in PDF](#)

2020

'Prolegomenon to a study of biblical prosody' in A. Koller, M. Z. Cohen and A. Moshavi (eds) *Biblical, Semitic and Jewish Studies in honor of Richard Steiner*, pp. 182-205. Bialik Institute and Yeshiva University Press. [Paper in PDF](#)

2018

'Alternative sources of panel study data' [with Chris Cieri] pp.53-72. in the book *Panel Studies of Variation and Change* Routledge: NYC. [\[https://www.routledge.com/Panel-Studies-of-Variation-and-Change/Wagner-Buchstaller/p/book/9781138903906\]](https://www.routledge.com/Panel-Studies-of-Variation-and-Change/Wagner-Buchstaller/p/book/9781138903906)

2015

[Change in Real Time](#) [with David Bowie] — in P. Honeybone & J. Salmons (eds) *Handbook of Historical Phonology*:OUP. 603-619.

2013

[Prolegomenon for an analysis of dialect coding conventions for data sharing](#). [with Chris Cieri] in A. Barysevich, A. D'Arcy, & D. Heap (eds) *Methods in Dialectology*. Bamberg Series: Lang. pp189-204.

2012

Christopher Cieri, Malcah Yaeger-Dror *Toward the Harmonization of Metadata Practice for Spoken Languages Resources* [LREC 2012](#): 8th International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation, Istanbul, May 21-27. [SpeechCorpora 2012](#): Workshop on Best Practices for Speech Corpora in Linguistic Research. Available: [Paper in PDF](#)

2011

Chapters on corpus development, corpus analysis & sociophonetics of vowel analysis [with Marianna di Paolo & Alicia Wassink]; variation in /r and /L/ [with Eleanor Lawson, Margaret MacLagan, Jim Scobbie and Jane Stuart Smith]; and of prosody [with S. Fagyal] in *Sociophonetics: A Student Guide*, Routledge.

[Sound judgements: Perception of indexical features in children's speech](#) [with Gerry Docherty, Paul Foulkes, Ghadda Khatab]; in Preston & Niedzielski (eds) *Sociophonetic Reader*. Walter de Gruyter, Inc., New York. pp.327-356.

The sociophonetics of prosodic contours on NEG in three language communities: teasing apart socio-, -linguistic and phonetic influences on speech [with Shoji Takano, Lauren Hall-Lew, Tania Granadillo]; in Preston & Niedzielski (eds) *Sociophonetic Reader* [*TOC], 133-176. Mouton de Gruyter: Berlin. [[PDF](#)]

2010

Introductory Chapter in PADS #94, Duke University Press, [with Erik Thomas] [*TOC]

2003

Situational variation in intonational strategies. In C. Meyer (ed.) *Corpus Analysis: Language Structure and Language Use*, 209-224, Rodopi: Amsterdam, [with S. Deckert and L. Hall-Lew]

2001

Primitives for the analysis of register. In P. Eckert & J. Rickford (eds.), *Style and Sociolinguistic Variation*, 170-185. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.

1996

Phonetic evidence for the evolution of lexical classes: The case of a Montreal French vowel shift. In G. Guy, C. Feagin, J. Baugh, and D. Schiffarin (eds.), *Towards a Social Science of Language*, 263-287. Benjamins: Philadelphia.

Intonation and Register Variation, In J. Arnold, R. Blake, B. Davidson, S. Schwenter & J. Solomon (eds.), *Sociolinguistic Variation: Data, Theory and Analysis*, 243-260. CSLI: Stanford.

1994

Phonetic evidence for sound change in Quebec French. In P. Keating (ed.), *Phonological Structure and Phonetic Form. Papers in Laboratory Phonology 3*, 267-292. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.

1991

Changing realizations of A in (a)tion in relation to the front-A back-A opposition in Quebec French. In P. Eckert (ed.), *New Ways of Analyzing Sound Change*, 127-184. Academic Press: N.Y., [with W. Kemp].

1990

Phonetic constraints on sociolinguistic variation. In J. Edmondson, C. Feagin, & P. Mühlhäusler (eds.), *Development and Diversity: Linguistic Variation across Time and Space*, 35-70. SIL: Austin

1989

Patterned symmetry in a Montreal French vowel shift. In R. Fasold & D. Schiffarin (eds.), *Language Change and Variation*, 59-84. (Current Issues in Linguistic Theory, 52) Benjamins: Philadelphia.

1988

Sound Change. In Ammon, Dittmar & Mattheier (eds.), *Handbook of Sociolinguistics II*, 1591-1603. de Gruyter: Berlin.

1986

Changements en chaîne dans le français parlé à Montréal. In D. Sankoff (ed.), *Diversity and Diachrony*, 223-38. Benjamins: Philadelphia.

1980

A linguistic and social description of final consonant cluster simplification in Montreal French. In R. Shuy & A. Shnukal (eds.), *Language Use & the Uses of Language*, 12-40. Georgetown University Press: Washington, D.C., [with W. Kemp & P. Pupier.]

REFEREED ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

2015

Review of 'r-atics 3' by Alessandro Vietti and Lorenzo Spreafico. *Linguist List* 26.1175. Introductory article, in Yaeger-Dror (ed), *Religion as a Sociolinguistic Variable. Language & Communications* 42. ([PDF](#))

2014

Introductory article, in Yaeger-Dror & Cieri (eds), *Metadata for the Analysis of Sociolinguistic Variation. Language and Linguistic Compass-Sociolinguistics* 8.

Coding for Religion, in *Language and Linguistic Compass-Sociolinguistics* 8:577-589.

Introductory article, in Hall-Lew & Yaeger-Dror (eds) *New Perspectives on Ethnicity in Sociolinguistic Variation. Language and Communications* 35(2).

Teaching and Learning Guide for Speech Variation, Utility and Game Theory. *Language and Linguistic Compass-Sociolinguistics* 8: 230-242. [M.Dror, D. Granot, M.Yaeger}

2013

Speech variation, Utility and Game Theory. *Language and Linguistic Compass-Sociolinguistics*. 7: 561-79.
[M. Dror, D. Granot, M. Yaeger-Dror]

2010

Introductory article in Yaeger-Dror & Purnell (eds) *American Speech* 85 (2)
Introductory article in Yaeger-Dror & Purnell (eds) *Journal of English Linguistics* 38 (3)

2006

Presidential use of negation. *Texas Linguistic Forum* 45(Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Symposium about Language and Society – Austin), 187-194. [with Lauren Hall-Lew] <https://asol.ling.utexas.edu/salsa/proceedings/2002/yaeger.pdf>

2002

Register and prosodic variation, a cross language comparison. *Journal of Pragmatics* 34:1495-1536.

Multi-modality in girls' game disputes. *Journal of Pragmatics*. 34:1621-49, [with the Goodwins].

It's not or isn't it? Using large corpora to determine the influences on contraction strategies. *Language Variation & Change*. 14:79-118, [with Lauren Hall-Lew and Sharon Deckert].

2000

Disagreement, contraction and dialect: Evidence from a large corpus of American English. *CLIC* 2. 49-59, [with Sharon Deckert].

1998

Factors influencing the contrast between men's and women's speech. *Women and Language* 21:40-46.

1997

Contraction of negatives as evidence of variation in register-specific interactive rules. *Language Variation & Change* 9:1-38.

1996

Register as a variable in prosodic analysis: the case of the English negative. *Speech Communication*. 19:39-60.

1993

Linguistic data solving social psychological questions: The case for (resh) as a measure of ethnic self-identification. *Israel Social Science Research* 9: 109-160.

Linguistic analysis of dialect 'correction' and its interaction with cognitive salience. *Language Variation & Change* 5:189-224

Critical Review: E. Ben-Rafael & S. Sharot (1991) Ethnicity, Religion and Class in Israeli Society. *Journal of Language & Social Psychology*. 12: 352-358.

1992

Communicative Accommodation: A new perspective on 'Hypercorrect' Speech — Introduction. *Language & Communication* 12:181-193.

Lexical Classes in Montreal French. *Language & Speech* 35: 251-293 [with W. Kemp].

1991

Linguistic evidence for social psychological attitudes: Hyperaccommodation of (r) by singers from a Mizrahi background. *Language & Communication* 11:309-31.

1989

Sound change in real and apparent time. *York Papers in Linguistics* 13:141-54.

1988

The influence of changing group vitality on convergence toward a dominant norm. *Language & Communication* 8: 285-305.

1987

'Scuse me wait a minute': Directive use in Israeli Hebrew. *Linguistics* 25: 1127-63, [with E. Sister].

Language, dialect and society: a review article. *Language & Communication* 6: 277-292.

1985

Intonational prominence on negatives in English. *Language & Speech* 28: 197-230.

1977

'... PI QUE à Montréal', *Recherches sur le français parlé* 1: 87-99 [with A. Giacomi and H. Cedergren].

MEDIA

<http://talkbank.org/data/CABank/CallFriend/>: Aligned transcriptions of CallFriend conversations for parallel corpora in American English (engn, engs), Japanese (japn), and Spanish (span, spac); aligned with the sound files from LDC; sound and transcriptions maintained at CMU's talkbank. Call Grandma corpus of bilingual conversations, archived at LDC.

REFEREED CONFERENCE WORKSHOP ORGANIZER

2025

IPRA 2025, organized workshop on Disagreement Strategies. at IPRA in Brisbane [with Malin Roitman and B. Fonseca-Greber]

2016

LSA satellite workshop on 'Preparing your Corpus for Archival Storage' [with Christopher Cieri]

2014

ICLASP, Hawaii. Session on The Linguistic Study of Language and Attitudes [with Katie Drager]

2012

LSA satellite workshop on 'Coding for Linguistic Archive Preparation' [with Christopher Cieri]

LSA, Portland. Satellite Session on Data Archiving [with Christopher Cieri.]— to appear in *LLC-Sociolinguistics*

LSA, Portland. Symposium on New Frontiers in analysis of Ethnicity and Lg Variation. [with Greg Guy]—recently published in *Language & Communications* [with Lauren Hall-Lew]

2011

NWAV40, Washington. Panel on demographic coding for sociolinguistic corpus archive preparation [with Chris Cieri].

2006-2010

NWAV Organizer of workshops on Best Practices in Sociophonetics. [with Marianna di Paolo]

2008

•ICLASP session organizer [with George Ray]. Tucson. – AAE and accommodation.

[Speakers: Malcah Yaeger-Dror, George Ray, Tom Purnell, Gerard vanHerk, Maeve Eberhardt].

•LSA/ADS/CEDL Session organizer [with Erik Thomas].1/08. – Symposium on AAE *vs.* urban koiné Vowel Phonologies. [Papers on NYC, Pittsburgh, Houston, Milwaukee and Detroit].

2007

•NNAV/LSA/ADS/CEDL Session organizer [with Erik Thomas].1/08. – Symposium on AAE *vs.* southern Vowel Phonologies. [Papers on Louisiana, NC, suburban Georgia & Ohio].

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Forthcoming

ICLASP 19 (with Jeff Kallen) Linguistic Landscaping: evidence from the web.

2025

IPRA 19 papers: Pragmatics conference in Brisbane:

*Organizer with Malin Roitman & Bonnie Fonseca-Greber (2025) Panel on 'Negation and Corpus Pragmatics in Action'

*Respondent on the papers to be delivered in the panel.

*Poster: Linguistic Landscaping of dialect variables indexes authors' political and religious agenda.

2018

Georgetown University Roundtable — <https://gurt.georgetown.edu/GURT2018-Game> Theory, Accommodation and Strategic Sociolinguistic Variation (with M.Dror)

2017

Methods in Dialectology XVI, Tokyo. —<http://pj.ninjal.ac.jp/Methodsxvi/>—**Strategic Sociolinguistic Variation: Game Theoretical Enrichment of Accommodation Theory** (with T.Vance & M. Dror)

2016

LSA, 90th meeting in Washington, DC – Demographic coding for must be adapted to permit corpus re-visiting and sharing, Satellite Workshop Presentation

NNAV45, Vancouver, BC – New/Old Horizons in Multilingual Research, Workshop Presentation.

NNAV45, Vancouver, BC -Poster: Call Grandma! On collecting and analyzing intergenerational spontaneous phone calls (with Ana Caravalho, Marta Ramirez, Miriam Rodriguez, and Eric Willbanks)

2014

ICLASP14, Honolulu. Organizer and Discussant for Symposium on Language Attitudes [with Katie Drager]

New Methods in Dialectology XV, Groningen. Presenter at Workshop : Panel studies:Challenges, food for thought and ways forward [with Chris Cieri]

2012

LSA, Portland. Discussant for Satellite Session on Linguistic Archiving.

LSA, Portland. Discussant for Symposium on New Frontiers in analysis of Ethnicity and Lg Variation. [with Greg Guy]

2010-2011

NNAV40, Washington. Discussant for Satellite Session on Linguistic Archiving.

NNAV39, San Antonio, Workshop on Best Practices in Sociophonetics

Analyzing Rhythm I [With Zsuzsanna Fagyal]

Analyzing Rhythm II [With Zsuzsanna Fagyal] [Presentation Slides in PDF](#)

[format http://papers.ldc.upenn.edu/#2011](http://papers.ldc.upenn.edu/#2011) [\[Presentation 1\]](#) [\[Presentation 2\]](#) [\[Handout\]](#) [\[Zipped Prosody File\]](#) [\[zipped timing file\]](#)

2009

IPRA. Melbourne IPrA, Melbourne. Predisagreements in different cultural settings

[with Shoji Takano, Carol Rinnert]

LSA, San Francisco. Perception of 'r', a cross-dialect comparison. [\[PPT\]](#)

[with Paul Foulkes, Dom Watt, Tyler Kendall, Dan Johnson, Jillian Oddie, Philip Harrison] [\[zipped \(r\) presentation\]](#)

2008

NWAV, Houston. Perception of 'r' [with Paul Foulkes, Dom Watt, Tyler Kendall, Jillian Oddie, Philip Harrison] [[zipped \(r\) presentation](#)]

ICLASP [Intl. Conference on Language and Social Psychology.] Tucson 7/08. AAE and accommodation. Conclusions.

Sociolinguistics Symposium 17, Amsterdam 4/08. Sound Judgements: Perception of indexical expressions in children's speech. [with Paul Foulkes, Gerry Docherty and Ghada Khattab].

BAAP [British Assn of Acoustic Phoneticians] Sheffield 3/08. Variation in American rhoticity.

Linguistics Society of America. Chicago 1/08. – Conclusions. Regional variation in the importance of the divide between AAE and other vowel phonologies.

Linguistics Society of America. Chicago 1/08. – The effect of informational and interactive factors on the prosodic prominence of negation [with Nancy Hedberg]

TECHNICAL REPORTS

2010 White paper providing background of social factors relevant for Philly ingroup-defined clusters.

2010 'Answer to Peter Ladefoged on the problem of sociolinguistic variation in English', *Technical Report, US ARPA/SUR Note*, classified.

2004 'Forensic Dialectology.' Lincoln Laboratories [with J. Campbell, W. Campbell, D. Reynolds, P. Torres].

1992 'Prosodic Variation in Naturally Occurring Discourse.' *Proceedings of the IRCS Workshop on Prosody in Natural Speech. IRCS Technical Report*

1978 'Montreal French Vowel Durations.' *Rapport Technique*, EP80-R-8, Ecole Polytechnique. (12pp.) *JASA* 63:S87(A) [with M. Bourdeau].

1975 'Statistical analysis of vowel harmony', TR No. 580, Centre de Recherches Mathematiques: Universite de Montreal. (25pp.) [with M. Bourdeau].

1975 'Problems in the vowel phonology of Montreal French', *EECS Research Report*: UC Berkeley (20pp.)

1975 'The problem of sociolinguistic variation in English', *EECS Research Report*: UCBerkeley, & Technical Report, US ARPA/SURE 1975.

1974 'Prosodic Variation in Naturally Occurring Discourse.' *Proceedings of the IRCS Workshop on Prosody in Natural Speech. IRCS Technical Report*

1974 'Speaking style: some phonetic realizations and their significance', *Penn Working Papers in Linguistic Change* I, 1 (60 pp.)

COURSES TAUGHT

At Ben Gurion University: [1980-1988] Articulatory Phonetics, Acoustic Phonetics, Linguistic Variation and Change [in Israeli Hebrew [taught in Hebrew] in Canadian and 'Hexagonal' French [taught in French] in American and British English [taught in English]. Seminars in Conversational Analysis and in Linguistic Variation and Change [taught to students in English, French and Hebrew].

At University of Arizona: [1990-2010] Intro to Anthropological Linguistics, Sociophonetics, Language Variation and Change, as well as seminars in Conversation Analysis, and Sociophonetics and Lg Change.

Since moving to NYC [in Feb]: I gave a seminar at QC in political and social aspects of Linguistic Landscaping in NYC. I was not intending to teach here.

RELEVANT GRANTS

2015 UA Faculty Collaboration Grant. Intergenerational Telephone Calls: Linguistic & Communicative Parameters [corpus archived at LDC]
PI: Ana Carvalho
Co-PI: Malcah Yaeger-Dror

2015 NSF BCS Grant #1549994. Funding for a satellite workshop on '[Coding for Linguistic Archive Preparation](#)'
PI: Malcah Yaeger-Dror
Co-PI: Chris Cieri

2012 NSF BCS Grant #1144480. Funding for the workshop on '[Coding for Sociolinguistic Archive Preparation](#)'
PI: Chris Cieri
Co-PI: Malcah Yaeger-Dror

2011 NSF Grant 1058778, funding for a workshop on [Best Practices in Sociophonetic Methodology](#) held at the [Summer Institute in Boulder](#), CO, 2011

PI: Marianna Di Paolo

Co-PI: Malcah Yaeger-Dror

2008 York 'Distinguished Visitor' Fellow

Grant for research visit in Britain. Funding to collaborate with researchers at York in Edinburgh and Glasgow, considering both phonetic/sociophonetic & conversation analytical problems with different coworkers.

2004-2005 Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture

Research Fellowship Grant.

Topic: Oral histories of a Boston religious community; analysis of sound change in progress and cognition.

2001-2002 University of Arizona, VP for research 'Small Grants'

Topic: Pilot analysis of variation in Chicano & South American Spanish disagreement strategies

Carnegie Mellon University, NSF subcontract

Topic: Adapting the CallFriend English, Japanese, & Spanish conversations to CLAN format (cf., www.talkbank.org)

White House Historical Association, Archival Research Grant

Topic: Analysis of prosodic variation contrasting conversation with news interviews and political debates, using presidential sound files.

2001 Kennedy Archives, Kennedy Library Foundation Research Grant

Topic: Analysis of prosodic variation contrasting conversation with new interviews and political debates, using presidential sound files.

1998-2001 US, National Science Foundation, #98-0-899-4

Topic: Negatives and Register: an Acoustic Study.

1990 British Council, English Language Scholar Grant.

Ben Gurion University Behavioral Sciences Research Grant.

Ben Gurion University-UCLA Joint Research Grant.

1989-1990 Ben Gurion University Humanities Research Grant.

1986-1989 US, National Science Foundation, #86-0-8714-3.