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**Education**

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- May 2005            Ph.D. in Linguistics  
                         The University of Georgia  
                         Athens, GA  
                         Dissertation: "Piece of the Rock: An Interdisciplinary Study of Blacks in Bermuda"
- December 1997    M.S. In Technical and Professional Communication  
                         Southern Polytechnic State University  
                         Marietta, GA
- December 1994    B.A. in International Studies  
                         Southern Methodist University  
                         Dallas, TX

**Teaching and Related Experience**

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- 2013-present      Senior Lecturer  
                         The College of William and Mary  
                         Africana Studies and Linguistics Programs
- 2007-2013        Visiting Assistant Professor of English  
                         The College of William and Mary  
                         English Department, Linguistics Program, and Africana Studies Program
- 2005-2007        Postdoctoral Fellow  
                         Washington University in St. Louis  
                         African and African American Studies
- 2002-2004        Graduate Research Assistant  
                         The University of Georgia  
                         Linguistic Atlas of the Mid and South Atlantic States
- 1999-2004        Graduate Teaching Associate  
                         The University of Georgia  
                         English Department and the Linguistics Program

**Competitive Fellowships & Grants**

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- 2008 & 2009      The College of William and Mary University Fellowship (May Seminar)
- 2006                Bank of Bermuda Foundation Research Grant
- 2005                Linguistic Society of America Graduate Minority Travel Fund
- 2005                American Education Research Association Minority Dissertation Fellowship
- 2004                University of Georgia Dissertation Completion Award
- 2003                University of Georgia Center for Humanities and Arts Dissertation Travel Award

## Courses Taught

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The College of William and Mary	LING 220: Study of Language (Intro to Linguistics) x 17 LING 406: Language in Society (Sociolinguistics) x 4 LING 303: History of the English Language x 3 LING 464: Caribbean Linguistics x 3 LING 464: Language Variation x 1 LING 464: Writing in the Discipline x 1 AFST 150W: Caribbean Identities: Freshman Seminar x 3 AFST 306: Caribbean Identities: Junior Seminar x 5 AFST 406: Caribbean Diaspora: Senior Seminar x 5 AFST 150: How Rastafari Moved the World: Freshman Seminar x 3 AFST 306: How Rastafari Moved the World: Seminar x 1 AFST 205: Introduction to Africana Studies x 3 AFST 306: Soon come: Caribbean Languages and Identity
Washington University in St. Louis	AFAS 2031: Caribbean Identities x 2 AFAS 3241: Contemporary contexts of language use in the African Diaspora x 2
The University of Georgia	ENGL 1101: Freshman Composition x 5 ENGL 2100: Introduction to Linguistics x 8 ENGL 3590: Technical Writing x 1

## Publications

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Articles	Revise and resubmit	I'm been doing it for so long now: Perfective <i>be</i> paradox in Bermudian English: <i>American Speech</i> .
	Revise and resubmit	An Accidental English: A Speculative History of Black English in Bermuda: <i>The Journal of Pidgin and Creole Linguistics</i> .
	in progress	With Britnni Fubler The structure of Bermudian English
Book Chapters	2009	We Just Sound So Nice: Language and Identity among Black Bermudian Women in Sonja Lanehart (Ed) <i>African American Women's Language</i> . Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
Book Reviews	2012	Variation in the Caribbean: <i>American Speech</i> .
	2012	Challenges in the Social Life of Languages: <i>Language in Society</i> .
	2012	An Introduction to Sociolinguistics: <i>Linguistics and Education</i>
	2007	Sociolinguistics: The Study of Speakers' Choices. <i>Language in Society</i> 36(3).
	2007	Politeness and Face in Caribbean Creoles. <i>Journal of English Linguistics</i> 35 (2).

	2006	Contact Englishes in the Eastern Caribbean. <i>Journal of English Linguistics</i> 34(1).
	2006	Urban Bahamian Creole: System and Variation. <i>Journal of English Linguistics</i> . 34(3).
Entries	2005	R. Baxter Miller in <i>The Encyclopedia of African American Literature</i> . (Vol. 3). Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.
	2005	Slang in <i>The Encyclopedia of African American Literature</i> . (Vol. 4). Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.
	2005	The Vernacular in <i>The Encyclopedia of African American Literature</i> . (Vol. 5). Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.

### **Publications in Preparation**

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Articles	Past Temporal Reference in Black Bermudian English: Perfective Be/Perfective Done a Variationist Approach
	Real Bad Road: Bare NPs in Bermudian English
	Doing Sociolinguistics Differently: Phenomenology and the Sociolinguistic Interview.
Manuscripts	An English of their own: Variation in Bermudian English Intro to Caribbean Linguistics

### **Conference Presentations**

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January 2009	“Sentence Intonation among Black Bermudian Women: A Creole Connection” with Gooden, S. U. Pittsburgh, at the Society for Pidgin and Creole Languages, San Francisco, CA.
November 2008	“Sentence Intonation in Black Bermudian English” with Gooden, S. U. Pittsburgh, at the Society for Pidgin and Creole Languages, San Francisco, CA.
March 2008	“Language and Identity among Black Bermudian Women” at the Invited Conference: African American Women’s Language. San Antonio, TX.
August 2006	“Past Temporal Reference in Black Bermudian English: Perfective Be/Perfective Done” at the meeting of The Society for Caribbean Linguistics, Dominica, WI. August, 2006. [paper submitted and read by colleague]
April 2006	“Black Bermudian English: The Privileged Language” at the Invited Conference: Linguistic Profiling and Linguistic Human Rights. St. Louis, MO.

- March 2006 “Past Temporal Reference in Black Bermudian English: Perfective Be/Perfective Done—preliminary findings” at the Invited Panel Presentation: Innovations in African American Vernacular Research, St. Louis, MO.
- November 2005 “Doing Sociolinguistics Differently: Phenomenology and the Sociolinguistic Interview” at the Invited Symposium: Perspectives on Linguistic Variation, St. Louis, MO.
- January 2005 “Fixed Format Elicitation in the Atlanta Survey Project” at the meeting of American Dialect Society, Oakland, CA.
- April 2004 “Language Variation in the South: A Study of Atlanta Speech” with Barry, B. The University of Georgia, at the meeting of Language Variety in the South III, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- October 2003 “Atlanta in Black and White: A New Random Sample of Urban Speech” with Kretzschmar, W.A. Jr., Lanehart, S., Barry, B., and Kim, M., The University of Georgia, at the meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation, Ann Arbor, MI.
- May 2003 “Black English in Bermuda: Possible Development Theories” at the meeting of the International Society for Language Studies, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands.
- November 2002 “Country, Ghetto, or Slang: Influence of Language Attitudes” with Zeigler, M., Georgia State University, on Linguistic Profiling at the meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Baltimore, MD. November, 2002.
- April 2002 “Little Attitudes Count: Toward a Lexico-Syntactic Model for Linguistic Profiling” with Zeigler, M., Georgia State University, at the meeting of the South Eastern Conference on Linguistics, Atlanta, GA.
- November 2001 “Language Attitudes and Regional Linguistic Profiling” with Zeigler, M., at the meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Atlanta, GA.
- June 2001 “Black English in Bermuda: Early Sociohistorical Evidence” at a special conference on (Re)thinking Caribbean Culture, Barbados, WI.

#### **Undergraduate Honors Students**

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- Ben Weismann 2013-2014  
Thesis committee supervisor
- Davis 2013-2015  
Richardson Thesis committee supervisor
- Michael Schilling 2012-2013  
Thesis committee supervisor
- Sarah Seiler 2012-2013  
Thesis committee supervisor

#### **Professional Service**

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2013-2015	President, Non-Tenure Eligible Faculty Association
2014-	William and Mary A&S Committee on Academic Status
2013-2014	William and Mary Reves Center International Advisory Committee
2010-	Language and Communication Sage Open
2011-2013	Chair, Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics, The Linguistic Society of America
2009-2011	Co-Chair with Jennifer Bloomquist, Gettysburg College Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics, The Linguistic Society of America
2007-2011	W&M Africana Studies Advisory Board
2003-2005	Research Methodology Chair, International Society of Language Studies
2003-2005	Graduate Student Editor, <i>Educational Researcher</i> . Research News and Comment Student Editorial Advisory Board
2003-2004	University of Georgia Graduate School Future Leaders Program
2003-2004	Linguistics Chair, South Atlantic Modern Language Association
2001-2003	President, University of Georgia Linguistics Society
2000-2001	Co-Chair University of Georgia Graduate Association of Multicultural Studies, The Multicultural South: A Graduate Conference

### **Professional Associations**

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Linguistic Society of America  
Society for Pidgin and Creole Languages  
Society for Caribbean Linguistics  
American Educational Research Association

## References

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