

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2002 – 2007 **Georgetown University.** Ph.D., Department of Linguistics (Expected: Dec. 2007)
Improvising onstage and off: *Combining variationist, discourse, and ethnographic approaches to style*
Committee: Natalie Schilling-Estes (chair), Deborah Schiffrin, Heidi Hamilton.
- 1998 – 2002 **New York University.** M.A., Department of Linguistics, Sociolinguistics.
- 1991 – 1995 **University of Arizona.** B.A., Department of English, British Literature.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociolinguistics, Discourse Analysis, Language Variation, Interactional Sociolinguistics, Ethnography, Language and Performance, Language and Style, Language and Identity

PUBLICATIONS

Trester, Anna Marie. in preparation. The role of discourse marker “oh” in realizing the identity potential of constructed dialogue.

Trester, Anna Marie. under review. A look at Subject-Verb Concord in Smith Island English. To: *Language Variation and Change*.

Trester, Anna Marie. 2005. Do you speak presidential? A web essay for the PBS companion website to *Do You Speak American?* <http://www.pbs.org/speak/seatosea/standardamerican/presidential/>

Trester, Anna Marie. 2003. Bienvenidos a Costa Rica, la tierra de la pura vida: A study of the expression “pura vida” in the Spanish of Costa Rica. *Selected Proceedings of the First Conference on Spanish Sociolinguistics*. Lotfi Sayahi, Ed. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla. 61-69.

Laufenberg, George and Anna Marie Trester. 2003. Along the spectrum of dissent. *Visual Communication*. London: SAGE Publications. 2 (3) 331-340.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS: SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED AND CHAIRED

Investigating Language in Performance. Panel organizer and chair. International Pragmatics Association Conference (IPrA.) July 8- 13, 2007. Göteborg, Sweden.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS: PAPERS PRESENTED

The role of discourse marker “oh” in interpreting constructed dialogue as identity work. Presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV 36). October 11-13, 2007. Philadelphia, PA.

Oh-prefacing in quotatives: implications for speaker stance, alignment, and style. Presented at the Linguistic Society of America Conference (LSA). January 4- 7, 2007. Anaheim, California.

Framing Performance: Style and the Construction of Identity in Improv. Presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV 35). November 9 - 12, 2006. Columbus, Ohio.

Improvised performances and the linguistic (re)production of cultural knowledge. Workshop on dialects, standards, and public performance. Organizer: Natalie Schilling-Estes. Discussant: Nikolas Coupland. Sociolinguistics Symposium (SS16). July 6 - 8, 2006. Limerick, Ireland.

Intertextuality and the production of cultural meaning in improv performances. Presented at American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL). June 17 - 20, 2006. Montreal, Canada.

Making it up as you go along: The construction of identity in improv performances. Presented at Georgetown Linguistics Society (GLS) 2005. Feb 18 - 20, 2005. Washington, D.C.

Dialect stylization in improv: What performance data can tell us about authenticity. Presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV 33). Sept 30 - Oct 3, 2004. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Intertextual Humor in Improv Games. Presented at the International Society for Humor Studies Conference (ISHS 16). June 14 - 18, 2004. Dijon, France.

“Pura Vida” as a Discourse Marker in the Spanish of Costa Rica. Poster presented at the Sociolinguistics Symposium (SS15), April 1 - 5, 2004. Newcastle, England.

Using Silence to be Heard: A Nexus Analysis of a Peace Vigil. Presented at the American Anthropological Association Conference (AAA). Nov 19 - 23, 2003. Chicago, Illinois.

Dialect Loss in Smith Island English: A look at Non-Standard Concord. Presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV 32). October 9 - 12, 2003. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bienvenidos a la Tierra de la Pura Vida: The Expression ‘Pura Vida’ in the Spanish of Costa Rica. Presented at the First Seminar in Spanish Sociolinguistics. March 14-15, 2002. Albany, New York.

FELLOWSHIPS GRANTS AND AWARDS

2002 - 2007 Georgetown University Graduate School Assistantship Award

2002 - 2007 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Travel Award

Summer 2001 Tinker Foundation Grant through the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at New York University

1996 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for one year of study in Costa Rica.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: INSTRUCTOR

- Fall 2007** LING 283: Language and Social Life (undergraduate)
Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University
- Summer 2007** COMM 380: Language in Social Contexts (undergraduate)
Department of Communication Studies, University of Maryland University College
- Spring 2007** LING 355 Language in the USA (undergraduate / graduate)
Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University
- Fall 2007** LING 001 Introduction to Language (undergraduate)
Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University
- Spring 2006** LING 355 Language in the USA (undergraduate / graduate)
Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University
ENGL 110 Language Foundation (undergraduate)
Department of English, Howard University
- Fall 2006** LING 001 Introduction to Language (undergraduate)
Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University
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- Fall 2005** LING 001 Introduction to Language (undergraduate)
Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University
- Fall 2004** LING 001 Introduction to Language (undergraduate)
Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Positions

- 2003 – 2005 Mac Neil/Lehrer Productions: Research Intern
Research for the companion website to the film *Do You Speak American?*
Advised production team on current issues and terminology in sociolinguistics.
Assisted with the development of educational activities for general audience on current topics in sociolinguistics including: language style, dialect features of US varieties of English, language attitudes, and linguistic discrimination.
- 2004 – 2005 Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL): Research Intern
Developed educational resources for CAL contributions to *Do You Speak American?*
Project liaison between CAL and web development team at MacNeil/Lehrer.
- 2002 – 2003 *Linguistics Department, Georgetown University: Research Assistant*
Supervisor: Dr. Deborah Schiffrin
Analysis, transcription, and coding of Holocaust testimonies

Reviewing for Professional Journals:

- ad hoc Reviewer: Blackwell Linguistics and Language Compass
- ad hoc Reviewer: eVox (Online publication of Georgetown University graduate students' working papers in Sociolinguistics)
- 2006 Reviewer: Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics
Endangered and Minority Languages and Language Varieties: Defining,
Documenting, Developing (Proceedings of GURT 2006, ed. by Kendall King, Natalie
Schilling-Estes, Lyn Fogle, Jackie Lou, and Barbara Soukup). forthcoming.
Washington, DC. Georgetown University Press.

Conference / Workshop Organization:

- 2005 Co-chair: The Language and Identity Tapestry: Linguistic (re)presentation of
identities in social interaction. Georgetown Linguistics Society 2005 Conference.
(Graduate -student-organized conference with 150 participants).
- 2003 Organizer: Georgetown Graduate Student Research Forum (Spring 2003)
(Two-day poster session featuring graduate student research University-wide).
- 2003 – 2004 Co-founder: Georgetown Linguistics Student Association Brown Bag Series
(Weekly session featuring workshops, presentations, and discussion of research).

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2005-present Ethnographic research with a community of performers of improvisational theater.
Washington, D.C.
- 2004 – 2005 Ethnographic research with an anti-war demonstration on Capital Hill
Washington, D.C.
- Summer 2001 Sociolinguistic interviews and participant observation research into the phrase
"pura vida." San José, Costa Rica.

LANGUAGES

Written and oral proficiency in Spanish
Working knowledge of French

MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
International Pragmatics Association (IPrA)
Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
Modern Languages Association (MLA)

REFERENCES

Natalie Schilling-Estes, Associate Professor
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