

Betsy Sneller

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- PhD **University of Pennsylvania** Linguistics, 2012–Present
Dissertation: “Mechanisms of Phonological Change: Allophonic restructuring of /æ/ in Philadelphia”
- MA **University of Essex** Sociolinguistics, 2012
MA with Distinction
- BA **Calvin College** English Literature, Linguistics, 2010
Honors in Linguistics

Honors and Awards

- 2017–2018 Critical Speaking Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016–2018 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (#1628408)
- 2014 Best student paper prize, NWAV 43. With Sabriya Fisher and Hilary Prichard.
- 2013 NSF East Asia and Pacific Studies Institute Grant to New Zealand
(#OISE-1308902).
- 2013 Joseph M. Bennet Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2012–2017 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 5 years.
- 2011 Fulbright Postgraduate Fellowship to the University of Essex.

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Under Review **Betsy Sneller** and Gareth Roberts. Why some behaviors spread while others don't: A laboratory simulation of dialect contact.
- Under Review **Betsy Sneller**. Phonological rule spreading across hostile lines: (TH)-fronting in Grays Ferry.

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- 2016 William Labov, Sabriya Fisher, Duna Gylfadottir, Anita Henderson and **Betsy Sneller**. Competing Systems in Philadelphia Phonology. *Language Variation and Change* 28:3 273-305.
- 2014 **Betsy Sneller**. Using rate of change as a diagnostic of vowel phonologization. In Tuzzi, A., Benešová, M., and Macutěk, J. (Eds.). *Recent Contributions to Quantitative Linguistics*. De Gruyter Mouton.

Proceedings and Edited Volumes

- In prep **Betsy Sneller**. Allophonic systems as a variable within individual speakers. *Selected Proceedings of the Georgetown University Round Table in Linguistics*.
- 2016 **Betsy Sneller** and Gareth Roberts. Alien species and alienable traits: An artificial language game investigating the spread of cultural variants between antagonistic groups. In Papafragou, A., Grodner, D., Mirman, D., and Trueswell, J.C. (Eds.). *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.
- 2015 Sabriya Fisher, Hilary Prichard and **Betsy Sneller**. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree: Incremental change in Philadelphia families. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 21.2.
- 2015 **Betsy Sneller** and Sabriya Fisher. When GET got noticed: The emerging salience of GET-passives. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 20.1.
- 2014 **Betsy Sneller**. Antagonistic contact and inverse affiliation: Appropriation of (TH)-fronting by White speakers in South Philadelphia. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 20.2.

Invited Talks

- 2015 Michigan State University. The systematic incrementation of a phonological change in Philadelphia. MSU Sociolinguistics Talk, Feb. 5.

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2017 **Betsy Sneller**. *On the unobservability of structure: Perception of phonology vs. phonetics in experimental data*. Paper presented at LAGB 2017. Kent, September 2nd.

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- 2017 **Betsy Sneller**. *Dialect contact in South Philadelphia: Indexing “street” with an outside variant*. Paper presented at UKLVC 11. Cardiff, August 30th.
- 2017 **Betsy Sneller**. *Rules with exceptions: Using the Tolerance Principle to diagnose allophones*. Paper presented at FWAV 4. York, June 29.
- 2017 **Betsy Sneller**. *Intraspeaker competition of two allophonic subsystems*. Paper presented at LSA 91. Austin, Jan 8.
- 2017 Gareth Roberts and **Betsy Sneller**. *The role of indexicality in phonological feature adoption: A novel experimental approach*. Paper presented at LSA 91. Austin, Jan 8.
- 2016 **Betsy Sneller**, Josef Fruehwald, and Charles Yang. *The Nasal Invasion: Predicting systemic change in dialect contact*. Paper presented at NWAV 45. Vancouver, Nov 4.
- 2016 **Betsy Sneller** and Josef Fruehwald. *Evaluating the inevitability of phonological change: /ae/ in Philadelphia*. Paper presented at FWAV 3. New York, May 18.
- 2016 Josef Fruehwald and **Betsy Sneller**. *Simplicity versus data in phonological change*. Paper presented at the 24th annual meeting of the Manchester Phonology Meeting. May 28.
- 2016 **Betsy Sneller**. *Retention of two phonological subsystems in adult speakers*. Paper presented at BLS 42. Berkeley, Feb 6.
- 2015 William Labov, Sabriya Fisher, Duna Gylfadottir, Anita Henderson, Hilary Prichard and **Betsy Sneller**. *The re-organization of short-a systems in Philadelphia*. Paper presented at NWAV 44. Toronto, Oct 23.
- 2015 **Betsy Sneller** and Gareth Roberts. *Sociolinguistics in an alien language: A laboratory simulation of linguistic behavior in a South Philadelphia neighborhood*. Poster presented at NWAV 44. Toronto, Oct 23.
- 2015 **Betsy Sneller**. *A community divided: co-occurrence in salient feature shift*. Poster presented at UKLVC 10. York, Sep 2.
- 2015 **Betsy Sneller** and Sabriya Fisher. *The limits of the sociolinguistic monitor*. Paper presented at FWAV 2. Reykjavik, May 28.
- 2015 **Betsy Sneller** and Joel Wallenberg. *Allophonic emergence: three ways allophonic rules come to be*. Paper presented at FWAV 2. Reykjavik, May 28.

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- 2015 **Betsy Sneller.** *Individual conditioning factors and system knowledge contribute to evaluation of phonological systems.* Paper presented at PLC 39. Philadelphia, March 21.
- 2015 Laura Walker, **Betsy Sneller** and Sabriya Fisher. *Untangling language attitudes from linguistic knowledge in self-reports of stigmatized speech.* Paper presented at PLC 39. Philadelphia, March 21.
- 2015 **Betsy Sneller.** *Phonotactics of (TH)-fronting in AAVE.* Paper presented at LSA 89. Portland, OR. Jan 11.
- 2015 William Labov, Sabriya Fisher, Anita Henderson, Hilary Prichard, and **Betsy Sneller.** *A systematic partition of the speech community: Short-a in Philadelphia.* Poster presented at LSA 89. Portland, OR. Jan 9.
- 2014 **Betsy Sneller.** *Phonotactic simplification in borrowed (TH)-fronting.* Paper presented at NWAV 43. Chicago, Oct 24.
- 2013 **Betsy Sneller.** *Hometown affiliation and language change.* Poster presented at UKLVC 9. Sheffield, Sep 3.

Professional Service

Volume Editor, Penn Working Papers in Linguistics 23.2	2016–2017
Reviewer, Penn Linguistics Conference	2015–2017
Co-President, Graduate Linguistics Society, University of Pennsylvania	2014–2016
Student rep, Search Committee for tenure-track position in Linguistics	2015
Chair, Penn Linguistics Conference 38	2013–2014
Organizing committee, Penn Linguistics Colloquium 37	2012–2013
Student committee, Essex Language and Asylum Research Conference	2012

Languages

Intermediate	Spanish, French
Research	Dutch, Kurdish, Fur
Programming	R, Python, L ^A T _E X, Praat, CSS, HTML