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Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- PhD **University of Pennsylvania**, Linguistics, expected June 2012
Thesis: Variation above the Phonology
Co-advisors: William Labov and David Embick
Committee: Gillian Sankoff and Anthony Kroch
- BA **University of California, Berkeley**, Linguistics, French, 2006
Honors in Linguistics, Distinction in General Scholarship
Thesis: Emergence of the Velar Nasal in Toulousain French: A Perceptual Study
Advisor: Keith Johnson

Additional Coursework

- Stanford University**, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, 2007
Université de Toulouse II le Mirail, Toulouse, France, study abroad, 2004–2005

Research Interests

- Auxiliary contraction in English
- Grammatical variation and change
- Quantitative and corpus methods
- Language change across the lifespan
- Sound change and sociophonetics
- Sociolinguistic and documentary fieldwork
- Romance linguistics: French (European and Canadian), Occitan

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

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| Dissertation Completion Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania | 2011–2012 |
| Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania | 2006–2011 |
| 2nd place, Student Paper Prize, NWAV 40, Georgetown (with Josef Fruehwald) | 2011 |
| 2nd place, Student Poster Prize, NWAV 39, UT San Antonio | 2010 |
| Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching by Graduate Students, University of Pennsylvania
One of ten selected from among the School of Arts and Sciences graduate student body; intended "to recognize teaching that is intellectually rigorous, exceptionally coherent, and that has considerable impact upon students" | 2009 |
| 3 Dean's Summer Fellowships, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania | 2008–2010 |
| 7 Travel Grants, University of Pennsylvania | 2008–2012 |
| Presidential Prize Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania | 2007 |

University Medal Finalist, University of California, Berkeley One of six selected from among the graduating class	2006
Departmental Citation in French, University of California, Berkeley	2006
Phi Beta Kappa, University of California, Berkeley	2006

Publications

- MacKenzie, Laurel. To appear. English Auxiliary Contraction as a Two-Stage Process: Evidence from Corpus Data. To appear in *Proceedings of WCCFL 29*.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. To appear. Locating linguistic variation: A case study of English auxiliary contraction. To appear in Nick LaCara et al., *Proceedings of NELS 41*.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2010. /s/-deletion and the preservation of plurality in Modern Occitan. In Marielle Lerner (ed.), *Selected Papers from NWAV 38*. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics, Vol. 16.2, Philadelphia, PA.
- MacKenzie, Laurel and Gillian Sankoff. 2010. A quantitative analysis of diphthongization in Montreal French. In Kyle Gorman and Laurel MacKenzie (ed.), *Selected Papers from NWAV 37*. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics, Vol. 15.2, Philadelphia, PA.
- Johnson, Keith, Christian DiCanio, and Laurel MacKenzie. 2007. The acoustic and visual phonetic basis of place of articulation in excrescent nasals. *UC Berkeley Phonology Lab Annual Report*. 529–561.

Work in Progress

- MacKenzie, Laurel. In prep. Variation in English auxiliary realization: A new take on contraction.
- Embick, David and Laurel MacKenzie. In prep. Grammar and language use in the analysis of variation.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. In prep. /s/-deletion and the preservation of plurality in Modern Occitan. *Journal of Dialect Geography*.
- Fruehwald, Josef and Laurel MacKenzie. In prep. New results from multilevel models of the speech community.

Presentations and Posters

- MacKenzie, Laurel and Constantine Lignos. 2012. Size matters: The effect of subject length on contraction. Paper to be presented at the 2012 Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics, March 8–11, 2012.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2012. Conditions on auxiliary contraction as evidence for variation outside the grammar. Paper presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, January 5, 2012.
- Fruehwald, Josef and Laurel MacKenzie. 2011. New results from multilevel models of the speech community. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 40, Georgetown University, October 28, 2011.
- Ingason, Anton Karl and Laurel MacKenzie. 2011. “Heaviness” as evidence for a *derive-and-compare* grammar. Poster presented at the 19th Manchester Phonology Meeting, May 20, 2011.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2011. English auxiliary contraction as a two-stage process: Evidence from corpus data. Paper presented at the 29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, University of Arizona, April 22, 2011.
- Ingason, Anton Karl and Laurel MacKenzie. 2011. Þyngd. [Heaviness.] Paper presented by Anton Karl Ingason at HugvísindaÞing [Humanities Conference], University of Iceland, March 25, 2011.

- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2011. Quantitative data as a clue to auxiliary contraction processes. Paper presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Pittsburgh, January 8, 2011.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2010. Contraction beyond the copula. Poster presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 39, University of Texas, San Antonio, November 5, 2010.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2010. Locating linguistic variation: A case study of English auxiliary contraction. Poster presented at North East Linguistic Society 41, University of Pennsylvania, October 22, 2010.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2010. Reduplication in Itawes. Poster presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Baltimore, January 9, 2010.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2009. /s/-deletion and the preservation of plurality in Modern Occitan. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 38, University of Ottawa, October 24, 2009.
- MacKenzie, Laurel and Gillian Sankoff. 2009. Issues in longitudinal vowel analysis: Evidence from Montreal French. Paper presented at Change and Variation in Canada III, York University, June 21, 2009.
- Gorman, Kyle and Laurel MacKenzie. 2009. A boho in SoHo: Emerging specificity in English templatic hypocoristics. Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, San Francisco, January 8, 2009.
- MacKenzie, Laurel and Gillian Sankoff. 2009. Longitudinal evidence for vowel change in Montreal French. Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, San Francisco, January 10, 2009.
- MacKenzie, Laurel and Gillian Sankoff. 2008. A quantitative analysis of diphthongization in Montreal French. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 37, Rice University, November 8, 2008.
- Johnson, Keith, Christian DiCanio, and Laurel MacKenzie. 2008. The acoustic and visual phonetic basis of place of articulation in excrescent nasals. Paper presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Chicago, January 5, 2008.

Invited Talks

- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2011. Can patterns of variation shed light on grammar? English auxiliary contraction's the right place to look. Talk given at Language Matters Working Group, Texas A&M University, November 21, 2011.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2011. Grammatical implications of factors conditioning English auxiliary contraction. Talk given at F-MART, weekly morphology reading group, University of Pennsylvania, February 11, 2011.
- MacKenzie, Laurel and Gillian Sankoff. 2008. Phonetic and sociolinguistic aspects of diphthongization in Montreal French. Talk given at Splunch, weekly phonetics lab meeting, University of Pennsylvania, September 23, 2008.
- MacKenzie, Laurel. 2008. The acoustic- and visual-phonetic basis of place of articulation in excrescent nasals. Talk given at Splunch, weekly phonetics lab meeting, University of Pennsylvania, February 5, 2008.
- Johnson, Keith and Laurel MacKenzie. 2006. Visual-phonetic cues in the phonology of Toulousain French. Talk given by Keith Johnson at Phonetic Bases of Distinctive Features, Carré des Sciences, Paris, July 3, 2006.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Introduction to Sociolinguistics Designed course syllabus, assignments, and exams; gave 9 3-hour lectures to a class of 6 students	Summer 2011
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociolinguistics, Instructor: Gillian Sankoff Gave one weekly 50-minute recitation to 14 students; graded and assisted in designing assignments and exams; led review sessions; held weekly office hours	Spring, Fall 2008
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor: Mark Liberman Gave two weekly 50-minute recitations to 20 students each; graded assignments, exams, and projects; held weekly office hours	Fall 2007

Other Teaching and Research Experience

Guest lecturer, “Phonetics: Vowels.” Presentation for Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor Aaron Dinkin, Swarthmore College, January 26, 2012.	2012
Teaching Certificate, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania	2011
Guest lecturer, “Style and intra-speaker variation.” Presentation for Introduction to Sociolinguistics, Instructor Aaron Dinkin, Swarthmore College, September 29, 2011.	2011
Workshop leader, School of Arts and Sciences TA Training, University of Pennsylvania. Led a workshop for new TAs on Grading in the (Social) Sciences; facilitated and critiqued teaching demos; led group discussion of hypothetical scenarios	2011
Participant, Course in College Teaching, Instructor Ian Petrie. Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania.	2011
Guest lecturer, “The analysis of linguistic variation.” Presentation for Introduction to Sociolinguistics, Instructor Aaron Dinkin, Swarthmore College, September 9, 2010.	2010
Lecturer, “How to be a good TA.” Invited presentation for Department of Linguistics Professional Development seminar series, University of Pennsylvania, April 6, 2010.	2010
Guest lecturer, “Introduction to linguistics.” Presentation for Introduction to Cognitive Science, Instructor Thomas Lee, University of Pennsylvania, August 4, 2008.	2008
Research Assistant, Language Change Across the Lifespan, P.I. Gillian Sankoff	2006–2007, Spring 2009

Professional Service

Editorial board, <i>Penn Working Papers in Linguistics</i> . (Co-)editor of volumes 15.2, 15.1, 14.1	2007–present
Member, Linguistic Society of America	2006–present
Reviewer, Penn Linguistics Colloquium	2011–2102
Student coordinator, Sociolinguistic Archival Preparation workshop, LSA Annual Meeting	2011–2012
Student coordinator, Sociolinguistic Corpus Archive Preparation workshop, NWAV 40	2011
Co-president, Graduate Students’ Linguistics Club, University of Pennsylvania	2008–2011
Program committee, NELS 41	2010
Organizing committee, NWAV 36, University of Pennsylvania	2007
Co-chair, 32nd Penn Linguistics Colloquium	2007–2008
Organizing committee, Penn Linguistics Colloquium	2006–2009

Language Proficiency

Advanced: French

Reading knowledge: Spanish

Research: Itawes, Occitan

Programming languages: Python, R, Praat, LaTeX, HTML