

L165F13.S01

**American Dialects
Syllabus**

Sep 2, 2013

Class web page, www.ling.upenn.edu/~wlabov/L165/L165.htmlText: Labov, Ash & Boberg, *Atlas of North American English* [ANAE]<http://www.degruyter.com/view/product/178229>ANAE web site: <http://www.atlas.mouton-content.com>

Week	Topic and reading	ANAE	Assignments
Sep 2	Introduction to ANAE and American dialects. The International Phonetic Alphabet.	1:3-10	Assgt 1: Reading IPA
Sep 9	The phonetics and phonemics of English vowels. <i>Wikipedia: Vowel</i>	2:11-15	Assgt 2: Transcribing a dialect sample
Sep 16	Acoustic phonetics; the use of PRAAT		
Sep 23	Short vowels and the Northern Cities Shift	14:187-197	Assgt 3: The Northern Cities Shift
Sep 30	Front upgliding diphthongs and the Southern Shift..	18:242-253	Assgt 4: Southern monophthongization
Oct 7	Back upgliding diphthongs; The Midland and Western Pennsylvania.	19:263-276	Assgt 5: The low back merger
Oct 14	Lexical and grammatical diversity: <i>soda/pop/coke; hoagie/hero/sub; positive anymore .</i>	21:289-296	Assgt 6: Aligning lexical and phonological isoglosses
Oct 21	Canada and the West: Canadian raising; the Canadian shift..	15:216-221	
Oct 28	Eastern New England and Boston.	16:225-232.	Assgt 7: Charting a vowel system
Nov 4	New York City.	17:233-236	
Nov 11	Philadelphia and the Mid-Atlantic States	17:237-239	Assgt 8: Philadelphia short-a
Nov 18	African American English	22:297-301	
Nov 25	Charleston and the Outer Banks of North Carolina	18:259-260	
Dec 2	The causes of sound change		
Dec 9	Final exam		