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Education

- May 2018 **PhD in Linguistics**, University of Pennsylvania
- 2013 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, University of Michigan
- 2011 **MS in Language Sciences**, University of Lyon (Lyon 2)
Thesis: Nominal predication and the copula in French Guianese Creole
Supervisor: Anna Sörös
- 2008 Certificate in French to English translation
New York University School of Professional Studies
- 2003 **BA in English Literature and Rhetoric** (*Magna Cum Laude*), Binghamton University
Minor in Anthropology
Honor Societies: Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key, Phi Eta Sigma

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

Grants

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| 2017-2018 | Dissertation Research Improvement Grant | National Science Foundation |
| 2014, -16-17 | Arts & Sciences (SASgov) Travel Grant | University of Pennsylvania |
| 2013-2016 | Arts & Sciences Dean's Travel Subvention Grant | University of Pennsylvania |
| 2013, -16 | Fontaine Society Travel Grant | University of Pennsylvania |
| 2013, -15-17 | GAPSA Research Travel Award | University of Pennsylvania |

Fellowships

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| 2016-2018 | Urban Studies Graduate Fellowship | University of Pennsylvania |
| 2011-2016 | Fontaine Society Fellowship | University of Pennsylvania |
| 2011-2016 | Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (Linguistics) | University of Pennsylvania |

Awards

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| 2014 | Best Student Paper (w/ H. Prichard & B. Sneller) | NWAV 43 |
| 2001 | SUNY Scholarship for Academic Achievement | Binghamton University |

Publications

Dissertation

Expected 2018 **Sabriya Fisher**. Variation and Change in Past Tense Negation in African American English.
Committee: William Labov, Meredith Tamminga, David Embick.

Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2016 William Labov, Anita Henderson, **Sabriya Fisher**, Duna Gylfadóttir, Hilary Prichard, and Betsy Sneller. Competing Systems in Philadelphia Phonology. *Language Variation and Change* 28.3:273-305.
- 2015 **Sabriya Fisher**. Is French Guianese Creole *sa* a Pronoun or a Copula? In Katia Golovko and Maria Mazzoli, editors, *Lingue e Linguaggio: Special Issue on Copulas*, 271-286.
- 2015 William Labov and **Sabriya Fisher**. African American Phonology in a Philadelphia Community. In Sonja Lanehart, editor, *The Oxford Handbook of African American Language*, 256-279. Oxford University Press.

Conference Proceedings

- 2015 **Sabriya Fisher**, Hilary Prichard, and Betsy Sneller. The Apple Doesn't Fall Far from the Tree: Incremental Change in Philadelphia Families. In Sabriya Fisher, editor, *Selected Papers from NWA 43*, 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. In David Wilson, editor, *Proceedings of the Penn Linguistics Conference 38*, University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 21.1.

Conference Presentations and Posters

Presentations

- 2017 **Sabriya Fisher**. The Expansion of *ain't* in AAE. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Austin, January 2017.
- 2016 **Sabriya Fisher**. What's *ain't* Got to Do with Tense in AAE? Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45, Vancouver, November 2016.
- 2015 William Labov, **Sabriya Fisher**, Guðrún Gylfadóttir, Anita Henderson, Hilary Prichard, and Betsy Sneller. The Re-organization of Short-*a* Systems in Philadelphia. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44, Toronto, October 2015.
- 2015 **Sabriya Fisher** and Betsy Sneller. The Limits of the Sociolinguistic Monitor. Paper presented at Formal Ways of Analyzing Variation 2, Reykjavik, May 2015.

- 2015 **Sabriya Fisher.** Contact and Linguistic Behavior: African Americans in Philadelphia. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, January 2015.
- 2014 **Sabriya Fisher,** Hilary Prichard, and Betsy Sneller. The Apple Doesn't Fall Far from the Tree: Incremental Change in Philadelphia Families. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 43, Chicago, October 2014.
- 2014 **Sabriya Fisher.** Portuguese Influence on the French Guianese Creole Copula. Paper presented at the 20th Biennial Conference of the Society of Caribbean Linguistics, Aruba, August 2014.
- 2014 **Sabriya Fisher.** Evidence for a Copula Continuum: the Case of Pronominal Copulas. Paper presented at the 1st Workshop on Copulas, Bologna, March 2014.
- 2014 Betsy Sneller and **Sabriya Fisher.** When *Get* Got Noticed: the Emerging Salience of *get*-passives. Paper presented at the 38th Penn Linguistics Conference, Philadelphia, March 2014.
- 2013 **Sabriya Fisher** and Betsy Sneller. *Get* vs. *Be*: Social Class Differences in Variable Passive Auxiliary Use. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 42, Pittsburgh, October 2013.
- 2013 **Sabriya Fisher.** Grammatical Factors Affecting Copula Use in French Guianese Creole. Paper presented at the Summer Meeting of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Lisbon, June 2013.

Posters

- 2017 **Sabriya Fisher.** *Ain't* for *Didn't* in African American English: Change vs. Age Grading. Poster to be presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 46, Madison, WI, November 2017.
- 2016 **Sabriya Fisher.** Verbal Morphology and Tense Aspect Meaning. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington, D.C., January 2016.
- 2015 **Sabriya Fisher.** Innovation in the Tense-Aspect System of AAVE: the Emergence of Past-tense *ain't*. Poster presented at UK Language Variation and Change 10, York, September 2015.
- 2015 Betsy Sneller and **Sabriya Fisher.** Syntax, Stigmatization, and the Sociolinguistic Monitor. Poster presented at UK Language Variation and Change 10, York, September 2015.
- 2015 Laura Walker, Betsy Sneller, and **Sabriya Fisher.** Untangling Language Attitudes from Linguistic Knowledge in Self-reports of Stigmatized Speech. Poster presented at the 36th Penn Linguistics Conference, Philadelphia, March 2015.
- 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 the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, January 2015.

2012 **Sabriya Fisher.** On the Topic of Creole Copulas: the Case of French Guyanais Creole.
Poster presented at the 19th Biennial Conference of the Society of Caribbean Linguistics,
Bahamas, July 2012.

Research Positions

2013-2015 Research Assistant, *The Impact of Higher Education on Local Phonology*
With PIs William Labov and Anita Henderson (National Science Foundation)

Laboratory Affiliations

2014-2018 Variation and Cognition Lab, Meredith Tamminga (University of Penn)

Teaching Positions

Instructor

Spring 2017 Fieldwork, Urban Studies Program (University of Pennsylvania)
Spring 2018 Fieldwork, Urban Studies Program (University of Pennsylvania)

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2014 Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor: Florian Schwartz (University of Pennsylvania)
Spring 2013 Introduction to Sociolinguistics, Instructor: Aaron Dinkin (University of Pennsylvania)
Fall 2012 Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor: Rolf Noyer (University of Pennsylvania)

Guest Lecturer

Spring 2017 *African American English* for Introduction to Sociolinguistics
Instructor: Meredith Tamminga (University of Pennsylvania)

Research Related Media Appearances

April 2016 “How does Philly’s accent change around the city? Hear for yourself.” by Cassie Owens
<http://billypenn.com/2016/04/11/how-does-phillys-accent-change-around-the-city-hear-for-yourself/>

Professional Service

2015-2017 Abstract Reviewer, Penn Linguistics Conference
2014-2015 Volume Editor, Penn Working Papers in Linguistics, vol. 21.2
2013-2016 Co-editor in Chief, Penn Working Papers in Linguistics
2011-2017 Editorial Board, Penn Working Papers in Linguistics

Departmental Service

2016-2017 Coordinator, Panel on Job Diversity for Linguistics PhDs, Dept. of Linguistics, U. Penn
2016-2018 Coordinator, U. Penn Urban Studies Program Colloquium Series
2012-2014 Representative, Grad Student Government of the School of Arts and Sciences at U. Penn
2012-2013 Speaker Series Coordinator, Department of Linguistics, U. Penn
2011-2013 Organizing Committee, Penn Linguistics Conference

Related Work Experience

Teaching

2009-2011 Acadomia, Lyon, France, *Private English Instructor*
2009 ELS Language Centers, Riverdale, New York, *ESL Teacher*
2008-2009 Collège et Lycée Professionnel du Bugey, Belley, France, *English Language Assistant*
2004-2005 YBM English Center for Children, Daejon, South Korea, *English Teacher*

Educational Publishing

2006-2007 YBM Si-sa, Seoul, South Korea, *Editorial Team Member, TOEIC Test Prep Research and Development*

Languages

Advanced French
Basic Korean
Research French Guianese Creole, Shona, Haitian Creole, Korean, Fang, Hungarian
Programming R, LaTeX, Praat, HTML

References

Available upon request