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EDUCATION

2005	Ph.D., Linguistics, The Ohio State University
2004	M.A., Linguistics, The Ohio State University
2000	B.A. (Honors, *summa cum laude*), French and Economics, University of Dayton

EMPLOYMENT

2019-	Professor, North Carolina State University Department of English
2013-2019	Associate Professor, North Carolina State University Department of English
2007-2013	Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University Department of English
2005-2007	Assistant Research Scientist, Center for Advanced Study of Language, University of Maryland

RESEARCH FUNDING

2025 Dodsworth, Robin and Steve McDonald. Social network correlates of African American English features. $3966. NC State CHASS Research Seed Grant.

2025 Dodsworth, Robin. Language variation and social network analysis: High-impact undergraduate research. $1950. NC State Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Research and Mentorship Award.

2022-2023 McDonald, Steve, Andrew Davis, Branda Nowell, Robin Dodsworth. Wolfwebs: Social network analysis at NC State. (2022) Data Science Academy Seed Grant. $35,000.

2017-2020 Mielke, Jeff, Morgan Sonderegger, and Jane Stuart-Smith (PIs). Co-PIs Paul Fyfe, Erik Thomas, Tyler Kendall, Robin Dodsworth. Speech Across Dialects of English (SPADE) NSF SMA-1730479 (Digging into Data/Trans-Atlantic Platform). $199,791.

2013-2017 Dodsworth, Robin. Class, network, and dialect contact in Raleigh, NC. National Science Foundation BCS 1323153. $250,003.

2011 Dodsworth, Robin. NC State Extension grant, $1300.

2009-2010 NC State FRDP Multidisciplinary grant, “On place: A framework for multidisciplinary exploration of place-based narratives”. $20,000.

2008-2009 NC State FRDP Individual Program grant, “An exploratory study of sociolinguistic variation in Raleigh, NC”. $5,600.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2020 Dodsworth, Robin and Richard Benton. *Language variation and change in social networks: A bipartite approach*. Routledge.

2011 Michnowicz, Jim and Robin Dodsworth (eds.). *Selected Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla.

Articles and Book Chapters

Dodsworth, Robin and Tyler Kendall. Asset storage and organization. Forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook of Research Methods in Sociophonetics*.

2025 Dodsworth, Robin and Jeff Mielke. /t d/ releases are strengthening among White speakers: Evidence from a large-scale acoustic study of English in Raleigh. *Language Variation and Change* 1:30.

2025 Hummel, J. R., Holley, J., & Dodsworth, R. Conceptualizing and Coding Social Class in Linguistic Corpora. *Dimensions of Linguistic Variation*, 232.

2024 Tanner, James, Morgan Sonderegger, Jane Stuart-Smith, Tyler Kendall, Jeff Mielke, Robin Dodsworth, Erik Thomas. Exploring the anatomy of articulation rate in spontaneous English speech: Relationships between utterance length effects and social factors. *Proceedings of Interspeech 2024*. https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.06732

2023 Dodsworth, Robin, Mary Kohn and Jonathan Owens. Language stability II: Watching paint dry: Metrics for measuring language stability. Chapter 11 in Owens, *Arabic and the case against linearity in historical linguistics*. Oxford University Press. 303-338.

2022 Dodsworth, Robin. Don's contribution to Sociolinguistics. In Migge & Gooden (eds.), *Social and structural aspects of language contact and change*. Language Science Press.

2021 Dodsworth, Robin and Mary Kohn. Supraregional changes are uncorrelated: A community comparison. *American Speech* 106: 125-146.

2021 Forrest, Jon, Steve McDonald, and Robin Dodsworth. Linguistic employment niches: Southern dialect across industries. *Socius*. https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2378023121999161

2020 Sharma, Devyani and Robin Dodsworth. Language variation and social networks. *Annual Review of Linguistics*.

2020 Dodsworth, Robin, Jon Forrest and Mary Kohn. Network characteristics of American Raising. *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*. https://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol26/iss2/9/

2019 Dodsworth, Robin. Bipartite network structures and individual differences in sound change. *Glossa* 4(1).

2018 Dodsworth, Robin. Community detection and the reversal of the Southern Vowel Shift in Raleigh. *Language Variety in the New South* (Reaser, Wilbanks, Wojcik & Wolfram, eds). UNC Press.

2017 Dodsworth, Robin and Richard Benton. Social network cohesion and the retreat from Southern vowels in Raleigh. *Language in Society* 46: 371-405.

2017 Owens, Jonathan and Robin Dodsworth. Semantic mapping: What happens to idioms in discourse. *Linguistics* 55: 641-682.

2017 Dinkin, Aaron and Robin Dodsworth. Gradience, allophony, and chain shifts. *Language Variation and Change* 29: 101-127.

2017 Dodsworth, Robin. Migration and dialect contact. *Annual Review of Linguistics* 3: 331-346.

2016 Carignan, Christopher, Jeff Mielke, and Robin Dodsworth. Tongue trajectories in North American English short-a tensing. In Marie-Hélène Coté, Remco Knooihuizen, and John Nerbonne, editors, *The Future of Dialects*, pages 313–319, Language Science Press, Berlin.

2016 Forrest, Jon and Robin Dodsworth. Towards a sociologically grounded view of occupation in sociolinguistics. *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics 22.2: Selected Papers from NWAV 44*.

2014 Dodsworth, Robin. Network embeddedness and the retreat from Southern vowels in Raleigh, NC. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 20.2: Selected Papers* from NWAV 42.

2013 Dodsworth, Robin. Speech communities, social networks, and communities of practice. In Janet Holmes and Kirk Hazen (eds.), *Research Methods in Sociolinguistics*. Wiley-Blackwell. 262-275.

2013 Dodsworth, Robin. Retreat from the Southern Vowel Shift in Raleigh, NC: Social factors. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected Papers* from NWAV 41, 19.2.

2013 Owens, Jonathan, Robin Dodsworth, and Mary Kohn. Subject expression and discourse embeddedness in Emirati Arabic. *Language Variation and Change* 25.

2013 Dodsworth, Robin and Mary Kohn. Dialect reallocation in Southern U.S. English. M. Putz, Monika Reif, and J. Robinson (eds.) *Variation in Language and Language Use: Linguistic, Socio-Cultural, and Cognitive Perspectives*. Frankfurt: Peter Lang. 16-35.

2012 Dodsworth, Robin and Mary Kohn. Urban rejection of the vernacular: The SVS undone. *Language Variation and Change*, 24: 221-245.

2010 Dodsworth, Robin. Social class. In P. Kerswill, B. Johnstone, and R. Wodak (eds.) *The Sage Handbook of Sociolinguistics*.

2010 Durian, David, Robin Dodsworth, and Jennifer Schumacher. Convergence in blue-collar Columbus, Ohio, African American and White vowel systems? *American Speech*, 84, supplement 94: 161-190.

2009 Dodsworth, Robin. Modeling socioeconomic class in variationist sociolinguistics. *Language and Linguistics Compass*, 3, 5: 1314-1327.

2009 Owens, Jonathan and Robin Dodsworth. Stability in subject-verb word order: From contemporary Arabian Peninsular Arabic to Biblical Aramaic. *Anthropological Linguistics* 51, 2: 151-175.

2009 Mallinson, Christine and Robin Dodsworth. Revisiting the need for new approaches to social class in variationist sociolinguistics. Special issue of *Sociolinguistic Studies*, 'Analysing language to understand social phenomena'.

2009 Owens, Jonathan, Robin Dodsworth, and Trent Rockwood. Subject-verb order in spoken Arabic: Morpholexical and event-based factors. *Language Variation and Change* 21/1.

2009 Owens, Jonathan, Bill Young, Trent Rockwood, David Mehall, Robin Dodsworth. Explaining null and overt subjects in spoken Arabic. In *Information Structure in Spoken Arabic*. Owens, Jonathan and Alaa Elgibali (eds). Routledge.

2008 Dodsworth, Robin. Sociological consciousness as a component of linguistic variation. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 12: 34-57.

2005 Dodsworth, Robin. Attribute networking: A technique for modeling social perceptions. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 9: 225-253.

2004 Dodsworth, Robin. Attribute networking: A sociolinguistic technique for modeling subjective social space. *Berkeley Linguistics Society: Proceedings of the Annual Meeting*, 30: 69-80.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

2016 Dodsworth, Robin. Hey, y'all! Are we losing our drawl? *Tarheel Junior Historian Magazine*.

2015 Dodsworth, Robin. Review of B. Johnstone, *Speaking Pittsburghese: The story of a dialect*. In *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 25: 93-95.

2015 Dodsworth, Robin. Review of D. Block, *Social class in applied linguistics*. In *Language in Society* 44.

2012 Dodsworth, Robin. Review of W. Maguire and A. McMahon (eds.), *Analysing Variation in English*. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 16/5: 713-716.

2008 Dandaneau, Steven P. and Robin Dodsworth. A consuming passion: An interview with George Ritzer. *Consumption, Markets & Culture*, 11/3: 191-201.

2006 Dandaneau, Steven P. and Robin Dodsworth. Being (George Ritzer) and nothingness: An interview. *American Sociologist*, 37/4: 84-96.

2005 Dodsworth, Robin and Elizabeth Hume. Review of J. Marshall, *Language Change and Sociolinguistics: Rethinking Social Networks*. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 9: 289-293.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2025 Dodsworth, Robin, Stephen Black, and Steve McDonald. The influence of personal social network structure on rhythm in Raleigh. Presentation at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 53*, University of Michigan, November 5.

2025 Dodsworth, Robin. Linguistic variation and social network structure: Large-scale community-based research. Invited presentation at the LSA Summer Institute workshop *Community-based sociolinguistics: Data collection in school and neighborhood settings*, University of Oregon, August 2.

2025 Dodsworth, Robin and Steve McDonald. Linguistic variation and ego networks: Ethnicity, social class, and ongoing language change in Raleigh, North Carolina. Invited presentation at an online research seminar at Linnaeus University, Finland. February 6.

2024 Lowry, Griffin, Jeannene Matthews, and Robin Dodsworth. Continued restructuring of the English quotative system: It's like. Presentation at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 52, Miami.

2024 Dodsworth, Robin. Structural ego network characteristics in variationist sociolinguistics. UNC Linguistics Spring Colloquium plenary, April 26.

2024 Dodsworth, Robin. Structural ego network characteristics in sociolinguistics. Michigan State University, March 8.

2024 Smith, Irene, Morgan Sonderegger, and Robin Dodsworth. PIN/PEN in Raleigh: Socially conditioned unmerger. Presentation at the American Dialect Society meeting, January 4.

2024 Lowry, Griffin and Robin Dodsworth. 'Like' in Raleigh: Black and White speakers. Poster at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, January 7.

2023 Dodsworth, Robin. Linguistic variation and social networks. Duke Social Networks and Health workshop, May 18.

2022 Dodsworth, Robin and Jeff Mielke. (2022) Pre-pausal /t/ and /d/ in American English are increasingly affricated: A new change in progress. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 50, Stanford University, October 14.

2022 Dodsworth, Robin. Data Science in Sociolinguistics. Invited presentation in the *Broadening Participation in Data Science* Webinar, NC State, July 8.

2021 Dodsworth, Robin. Why and how to collect better personal network data for variationist sociolinguistics: A pilot study. *LCUGA*, October 10.

2018 Dodsworth, Robin. What network structure can (and can't) reveal about linguistic variation: The loss of the Southern Vowel Shift in Raleigh. *SECOL* 85, Blacksburg, April 21.

2018 Dodsworth, Robin. Social network position, social class, and the Southern Vowel Shift. Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley, February 12.

2017 Dodsworth, Robin, Jessica Hatcher, and Jordan Holley. Social networks and intra-speaker variance for changes in progress. *NWAV* 46, Madison, November 5.

2017 Forrest, Jon, Aaron Dinkin, and Robin Dodsworth. Word frequency in a contact-induced change. *NWAV* 46, Madison, November 5.

2017 Dodsworth, Robin. How to report many mixed-effects models at once. In the workshop 'Guidelines for statistical reporting of multivariate analysis'. *NWAV* 46, Madison, November 2.

2017 Dodsworth, Robin. Bipartite network structures and individual differences in sound change. *4th Workshop on Sound Change*, Edinburgh, April 21.

2016 Forrest, Jon and Dodsworth, Robin. An intersectional model of the social factors in Raleigh's retreat from the Southern Vowel Shift. *NWAV* 45, Vancouver, BC, November 5.

2016 Dodsworth, Robin and Benton, Richard. Network structural equivalence and the reversal of the Southern Vowel Shift. *LabPhon* 15, Ithaca, NY, July 13-17.

2016 Dodsworth, Robin. Sociolinguistic network analysis and the problem of time. Invited colloquium, Stanford University, January 15.

2016 Wagner, Suzanne and Dodsworth, Robin. Conceptualizing and coding social class in North American sociolinguistics. *Preparing your corpus for archival storage*, a workshop at the *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C., January 7.

2015 Dodsworth, Robin. Network analysis of sociolinguistic complex contagions. Poster at NWAV 44, Toronto, October 23.

2015 Forrest, Jon and Dodsworth, Robin. Towards a sociologically grounded view of occupation in sociolinguistics. NWAV 44, Toronto, October 23.

2015 Dodsworth, Robin. Network cluster detection and the reversal of the Southern Vowel Shift in Raleigh. Invited presentation at *LAVIS IV*, Raleigh, April 11.

2015 Dodsworth, Robin. New approaches to network analysis in sociolinguistics. Invited presentation at *Penn Linguistics Conference 39*, March 20.

2014 Dinkin, Aaron and Robin Dodsworth. Gradience, allophony, and the Southern Shift trigger. *Methods in Dialectology XV*, Gronigen.

2014 Carignan, Christopher, Jeff Mielke, and Robin Dodsworth. Temporal dynamics of /ae/ tensing in North American English: An ultrasound study. *Methods in Dialectology XV*, Gronigen.

2014 Dodsworth, Robin. Oppression via linguistic prejudice: Rachael Jeantel's testimony in the trial of George Zimmerman. Invited panel presentation at the NC State Association of English Graduate Students Conference, March 21.

2013 Dodsworth, Robin. Network structure and the reversal of the Southern Vowel Shift in Raleigh, NC. Invited colloquium, University of Pennsylvania Department of Linguistics, December 5.

2013 Dodsworth, Robin. Two-mode network data and the Southern Vowel Shift. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 41, Pittsburgh, October 19.

2013 Prichard, Hilary and Dodsworth, Robin. Where education and salience meet, local dialects retreat. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 41, Pittsburgh, October 19.

2013 Dodsworth, Robin. Uniformity and exceptional speakers at the inception of contact-induced change. Workshop on Sound Change Actuation, Chicago, April 18.

2013 Dodsworth, Robin. Social factors at the inception of dialect contact: The reversal of the Southern Vowel Shift in Raleigh, NC. UNC Linguistics Spring Colloquium, Chapel Hill, NC, April 13.

2012 Dodsworth, Robin. The inception of dialect contact: Social factors. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 41, Bloomington, IN, October 28.

2012 Kendall, Tyler, William Rivers, and Robin Dodsworth. Grouping speakers and assessing speaker groups: A case study of Chinese Americans in New York City. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 41, Bloomington, IN, October 27.

2012 Hazen, Kirk and Robin Dodsworth. Going to L in Appalachia: Language change for L-vocalization in the Mountain State. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, January 6.

2011 Dodsworth, Robin. The interaction between community-level network and social class. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 40, Washington, DC, October 28.

2011 Dodsworth, Robin and Kirk Hazen. Over hill and dale: L-vocalization across space, time, and method. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 40, Washington, DC, October 29.

2011 Hazen, Kirk and Robin Dodsworth. Transitions of L over hill and dale: L-vocalization through space, time, and methods. Methods in Dialectology 14, London, Ontario, August 5.

2011 Dodsworth, Robin. Complexity in dialect contact outcomes. Poster presented at the Information-Theoretic Approaches to Linguistics workshop, Linguistic Institute, Boulder, July 16.

2010 Dodsworth, Robin, Mary Kohn, and Kelly Abrams. Fusing class and network in community-level variationist sociolinguistics. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 39, San Antonio, November 6.

2010 Dodsworth, Robin. Conflict in the indexical field: The Southern Vowel Shift in Raleigh. LAUD, Landau, Germany, March 18.

2009 Dodsworth, Robin and Mary Kohn. Urban and rural African American English vowels in North Carolina. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 38, Ottawa, October 24.

2008 Dodsworth, Robin and Mary Kohn. An exploratory study of front vowels in Raleigh, NC. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 37, Houston, Nov. 8.

2007 Dodsworth, Robin, Christine Mallinson, and Lykara Charters. Undershoot in intraspeaker variation. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 36, Philadelphia, Oct. 14.

2007 Durian, David and Robin Dodsworth. /aw/ in Columbus AAVE. LSA Symposium on Vowel Phonology and Ethnicity, Anaheim, Jan. 7.

2006 Dodsworth, Robin, Bartlomiej Plichta and David Durian. Columbus /l/ vocalization: An acoustic approach. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 35, Columbus, Nov. 11.

2006 Dodsworth, Robin and Christine Mallinson. The utility of intersectionality theory in sociolinguistic variation. LSA Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, Jan. 8.

PhD Committees

In progress

Daulton Selke, (NC State, Sociolinguistics track in Sociology)
Adam Goldberg (NC State, Sociology)
Guillaume Fernandez (University of Geneva, Sociology)

2025 Hannah McQueen (NC State, Sociology)

2022 Amy Reynolds (UNC-Chapel Hill, Linguistics)

2019 Joel Schneier (NC State, CRDM)

2018 Jon Forrest (NC State, Sociolinguistics track in Sociology)
Daniel Duncan (New York University)

2016 Hillary Prichard (University of Pennsylvania)

2013 Erin Callahan (Duke University)

MA THESIS COMMITTEES

2026 Joaquin Perez (Capstone director)
Gabriel Holder (Capstone director)

2025 Rashed Mobarki (Capstone director)
Stephen Black (Capstone director)

2024 Griffin Lowry (Capstone director)

2023 Kaela Fong (Capstone director)
Sydney Caudill (Capstone director)
Savanna Kindley (Foreign Languages, Hispanic linguistics track; committee member)

2022 Drew St. Claire (Capstone director)
Masoud Sheikhbahaie (Capstone director)

2021 Emily Peebles (Capstone director)
Darien Dixon (Sociolinguistics track in Sociology; committee member)

2020 Adam Barnhardt (Capstone director)
Matt Champagne (Capstone director)
Marissa Morgan (Capstone director)

2019 Autumn Hyatt (Sociolinguistics track in Sociology, co-chair)
Kathryn Cavanaugh (Foreign Languages)
Jane Craven (MFA, Capstone reader)
Mary Anna Rice (MFA, Capstone reader)

2018 Katherine Connor (Capstone director)
Lars Naborn (Capstone director)
Sarah Chetty (Foreign Languages)

2017 Arianna Janoff (Capstone director)
Michael Fox (Sociolinguistics track in Sociology)

2014 Meghan Cooper (Capstone director)
Dee Lalley (Capstone reader, MFA program)

2013 Jon Forrest (Capstone director)
Mary Raudez (Foreign Languages)
Carol Owens (Foreign Languages)

2012 Hayley Heaton (Capstone director)

2011 Mario Piergallini (Capstone director)

2010 Jeremy Needle (Capstone director)

2009 Michelle Hewitt (Capstone director), Alexis Smith, Janneke Van Hofwegen

2008 Erin Callahan

COURSES TAUGHT AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, 2007-PRESENT

ENG 210 Introduction to Language and Linguistics

ENG 324 Modern English Syntax

ENG 325 Spoken and Written Traditions

ENG 327 Language and Gender

ENG 491 Language in Raleigh

ENG 494 Sociolinguistic Variation

ENG 523 Language Variation Research Seminar

ENG 524 Introduction to Linguistics

ENG 534 Quantitative Methods for Linguistics

Undergraduate directed readings course on the diffusion of lexical variables

Undergraduate directed readings course on syntactic theory

Undergraduate directed readings course on language variation and change

Graduate directed readings course on socioeconomic inequality and linguistic variation

COURSES TAUGHT ELSEWHERE

Summer 2025 Linguistic Variation and Social Networks, LSA Summer Institute, Eugene, OR.

Spring 2007 Language and Race at the Turn of the 21st Century, University of Maryland

Summer 2004 Language and Social Identity in the United States, The Ohio State University

2003-2004 Substitute instructor and guest lecturer in graduate and undergraduate sociolinguistics courses, The Ohio State University

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

- Senior advisory committee member, *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* (elected)
- Editorial Board member, *Language Variation and Change*, Fall 2019-
- NSF Dissertation panelist, 3-year term
- Reviewer, NSF Linguistics program
- Panelist, "Grant writing for early-career researchers." *NWAV* 46, Madison, November 3, 2017.
- Presentation at the Hunt Library "Coffe & Viz" event on visualizations in social network analysis, Feb 19, 2016.
- Presentation to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) entitled "Losing the Southern drawl in Raleigh", April 15, 2016.
- Presentations about language variation and change to Raleigh-area nursing homes (2012-present)
- Faculty advisor, Alternative Service (Spring) Break, Raleigh trip (focus on hunger and homelessness), 2013-2014
- Advisor to high school senior project on pidgins and creoles, Wilmington, NC. (2008)
- Forensic linguistics consultant, Wake County Sheriff's office. (2007)
- Editorial Associate, *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*. (2003-2004)