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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Ph.D., 1987-1993; Linguistics.
University of Kentucky, M.A., 1985-1987; English.
Grambling State University, B.S., 1981-1985; English Education.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts,
Amherst, 2006-present.
Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin,
2002-present.
Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin,
1995-2002.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of
Massachusetts, Amherst 1997-1998.
Assistant Professor, Program in Linguistics, Department of English, Binghamton
University 1994-1995.

HONORS/AWARDS

Faculty Research Assignment, University of Texas, 2003.
Robert W. Hamilton Book Award for *African American English: A Linguistic
Introduction*, Runner up, University of Texas Cooperative Society, 2003.
NAFEO's Distinguished Alumni Award, Grambling State University, 2003.
ASHA Journal Editors' Award for article of the year in *Language, Speech,
and Hearing Services in Schools* presented to Seymour, Harry N., Linda
Bland-Stewart, Lisa J. Green, for "Difference Versus Deficit in Child
African American English," 2000.
Summer Research Assignment, Faculty Development Program, Office of the
Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at
Austin, 1999.
Chair, Linguistic Society of America, Committee on Ethnic Diversity in
Linguistics, 1999-2001.
Member, Linguistic Society of America, Committee on Ethnic Diversity in
Linguistics, 1998.
Stanford University Science and Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowship 1993-1994.
Temple University Postdoctoral Fellowship 1992-1993.

GRANTS AND FUNDED PROJECTS

- Principal Investigator (2007) University of Massachusetts Small Grant in Support of Diversity Education, "Oral Discourse and Rhetorical Strategies in African American English." \$3, 283.
- Principal Investigator (2004) University of Texas Research Grant, "Temporal Structure of Discourse in Ex-Slave Narratives," \$5,707.
- Principal Investigator (2002-2005) National Science Foundation, Grant BCS-0214388 "The Development of Syntactic and Semantic Patterns in Child African American English," \$262,898.
- Principal Investigator (2002-2003) Spencer Foundation, "The Effect of Specific Linguistic Patterns in African American English on Reading Achievement," \$27,500.
- Principal Investigator (2002-2003) Research Internship Award for Graduate Student in the Department of Linguistics, Research Internship Program, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin, \$15,500.
- Principal Investigator (2001) University Cooperative Society Subvention Grant Award, University of Texas at Austin, \$1,200.
- Principal Investigator (2000-2001) National Science Foundation Grant BCS-0124916, (Supplement for BCS-003158), Research Experiences for Undergraduates, \$5,420.
- Principal Investigator (2000-2001) National Science Foundation Grant BCS-0003158, "Syntactic and Semantic Patterns in Child African American English," \$17,952.
- Principal Investigator (1999-2000) Research Internship Award for Graduate Student in the Department of Linguistics, Research Internship Program, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin, \$15,000.
- Principal Investigator (1997-1998) Faculty Research Grant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, \$1,500.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- (In Preparation) *Language and the African American Child: Mastering the System*. Cambridge University Press.
- (2002) *African American English: A Linguistic Introduction*. Cambridge University Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

- (2004) "Research on African American English: Origins, Description, Theory, and Practice." *Journal of English Linguistics*, 32, 210-229.
- (2002) "A Descriptive Study of African American English: Research in Linguistics and Education." *The International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, 15, 673-690.
- (2000) "Aspectual *Be*-Type Constructions and Coercion in African American English." *Natural Language Semantics*, 8, 1-25.
- (1998) "Remote Past and States in African American English." *American Speech* 73, 115-138.
- (1995) "Study of Verb Classes in African American English: Implications for

Education.” *Linguistics and Education*, 7, 65-81.

Refereed Co-authored Journal Articles

- (To appear) Roeper, Thomas and Lisa Green. “Node Labels and Features: Stable and Unstable Dialects and Variation in Acquisition.” *Linguistic Variation Yearbook* 7, 1-26.
- (2007) Green, Lisa and Thomas Roeper. “The Acquisition Path for Aspect: Remote Past and Habitual in Child African American English.” *Language Acquisition*. 269-313.
- (1998) Seymour, Harry, Linda Bland-Stewart, and Lisa Green. “Difference Versus Deficit in Child African American English.” *Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools*, 27, 97-109.

Invited Journal Article

2007. “The Debate about African Influence on African American English: Discourse and Rhetorical Strategies in Ex-Slave Narratives and Prison Work Songs.” *International Journal of Africana Studies* 12, 65-79.

Chapters in Books

- (2007) “Syntactic Variation.” In Robert Bayley and Ceil Lucas. *Sociolinguistic Variation: Theories, Methods, and Applications*.
- (2007) “NPs in Aspectual *Be* Constructions.” In Marlyse Baptista and Jacqueline Gueron (eds.) *Noun Phrases in Creole Languages: A Syntactic, Semantic and Pragmatic Account*. John Benjamins. 403-420.
- (2005) with Janice Jackson. “Habitual Aspect in Child African American English.” In Henk Verkuyl, Henriette deSwart, and Angeliek van Hout (eds.) *Perspectives on Aspect*. Springer. 232-250.
- (2004) “African American Vernacular English.” In Edward Finegan and John R. Rickford, (eds.) *Language in the USA: Themes for the 21st Century*. Cambridge University Press, 76-91.
- (1998) “Aspect and Predicate Phrases in African American Vernacular English.” In Salikoko Mufwene, John R. Rickford, John Baugh and Guy Bailey, (eds.) *African American English: Structure, History and Use*. 37-68. Routledge.

Encyclopedia Entry

2006. “African American English.” *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*. Macmillan Reference USA.

Conference Proceedings

- (2005) with Nikki Seifert and Rebecca Quigley. “Distinctions in Past-Time Marking in Child African American English.” In A. Brugos, M. R. Clark-Cotton, and S. Ha (eds.) *Proceedings of the 29th Boston University Conference on Language, Development*. Vol. 1: pp. 248-259. Somerville: Cascadilla Press.
- (2004) “Syntactic and Semantic Patterns in Child African American English.” In W. F. Chiang, E. Chun, L. Mahalingappa, and S. Mehus (eds.) *Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Symposium About Language and Society*, Texas Linguistic

- Forum, Vol. 47: pp. 55-69, Austin: University of Texas.
- (2001) "Past Time Reference in Ex-slave Narratives." *Proceedings from the Third Workshop on Spoken and Written Texts. Texas Linguistic Forum*. University of Texas at Austin, Department of Linguistics. 1-18.
- (1994) "A Unified Account of Auxiliaries in African American English." *Papers from the Thirtieth Regional Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, Volume 2: The Parasession on Variation in Linguistics*. 116-132.

Book Reviews

- (2003) "Review of *The English History of African American English*." Shana Poplack (ed.). *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 7, 103-106.
- (1994) "Review of *Verb Phrase Patterns in Black English and Creole*." Walter F. Edwards and Donald Winford (eds.). In *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*, 9, 192-198.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- "Negative Inversion and Negative Focus in African American English," New York University Department of Linguistics Colloquium, March 2007.
- "Temporal Interpretation and Oral Discourse: Prison Work Songs and Ex-slave Narratives," Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri and Workshop on Discourse, University of Texas, Austin, March 2006.
- "-ing as an Agreement Marker in African American English: Implications for Acquisition," keynote presentation, Texas Linguistic Forum 9, University of Texas, Austin, November 2005.
- "Developing the Adult Grammar: Variation in Child African American English," Perspectives on Linguistic Variation Conference, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2005.
- "The Development of Tense-Aspect Marking in Child African American English," Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, Department of Classics and University of Texas, Austin, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, October 2005.
- "Negation and Tense-Aspect Marking in African American English: Early and Adult Grammars," International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2005.
- "Representations of Blackness in Literature and Media," University of Texas Literature and Linguistics Workshop, Austin, May 2005.
- "The Development of Tense-Aspect Markers in Child African American English," Rice University, Houston, TX, Department of Linguistics and University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Department of Linguistics, March 2005 and February 2005.
- "Securing Private Funds for Educational Research: Bridging the Gap Between Linguistics and Education," LASER (Linking Academic Scholars to Educational Resources) Research and Collaboration Think Tank IX, Norfolk/Virginia Beach, VA, February 2005.
- "Acquisition of Distinctions in Past-Time Marking in Child African American English," University of Texas Workshop on Aspect, Austin, February 2005.
- "Theory and Practice: Research on African American English and Application in Educational Contexts," Michigan Linguistics Society, October 2004.

- “Understanding Rules of African American English: Implications for Classroom Instruction,” BEAM, Boston, MA, May 2004.
- “Patterns in Child African American English: Moving Towards the Adult Grammar,” California State University, Fullerton, April 2004.
- “The Emergence of Aspectual Markers in Child African American English, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Presentation” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 2004.
- “D.I.R.E.C.T: A Roadmap to Understanding African American English and Teaching Students to Use the Language of the Marketplace,” workshop presented at the National Alliance of Black School Educators Conference/Dallas Region, Dallas, TX, October 2003.
- “African American English: Rhetoric and Discourse,” seminar presented at the University of Texas, Austin, Writing Center, October 2003.
- “Syntactic and Semantic Patterns in Child African American English,” keynote presentation, SALSA XI, University of Texas, Austin, April 2003.
- “Systematic Uses of African American English,” seminar presented at the University of Texas, Austin, Writing Center, March 2003.
- “African American English and its Speakers: Legitimacy and Socio-Political Issues,” paper presented at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, February 25, 2003.
- “Negative Inversion in African American English,” paper presented in the Linguistics Program, Department of English, University of Georgia, Athens, February 2002.
- “Study of Verb Classes in African American Language: Implications for Education,” lecture presented at the 10th Professional Development Conference for Educators, Academic English Mastery Program, Los Angeles, March 2001.
- “The Man, the Message and the Movement: Why We Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” keynote speech presented to Jefferson Davis Parish on the occasion of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Jennings, LA, January 2001.
- “Bridging the Gap Between Syntax and Foreign Language Education: The Case of *Wh*-Movement,” lecture presented in the Department of Education, Foreign Language Education Forum, University of Texas at Austin, November 2000.
- “Predicate Coercion and Bare Plural Subjects in *Be*-Type Constructions,” paper presented in the Department of Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, November 1999.
- “The Interpretation of Predicates and Bare Plural Subjects in *Be*-Type Constructions: Questions about the Development of *Be* as an Aspectual Marker,” paper presented in the Department of Communication Disorders, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, November 1999
- “Embedded Inversion and Double COMP in African American English,” paper presented in the Linguistics Program, Department of English, Purdue University, April 1998.
- “Semantic and Syntactic Patterns in African American English,” paper presented at the Ebonics Forum, Temple University, October 1997.
- “African American English and Grammar,” lecture presented in the Department of Foreign Language Education, University of Texas at Austin, April 1997.
- “Considering the Convergence and Divergence Controversy in a Theoretical Analysis of the African American English Language System,” paper presented at the Research Symposium in Multicultural Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Texas at Austin, March 1997.
- “Teaching Grammar: Contexts and Methods, Problems and Possibilities. The African American English Language System,” paper presented at the Conference on College Composition and Communication, Milwaukee, March 1996.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Theory and practice: Research on varieties of English and application in educational contexts,” paper presented at the Linguistic Society of Southern Africa/Southern Africa Applied Linguistics Association Annual Meeting, Stellenbosch, South Africa, January 2007.
- “Tense-Aspect Distinctions in Child English,” paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA, January 2005.
- “Production and Comprehension of Three *Be*’s in Child African American English,” paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2004.
- “Rhetorical Strategies and Language Use in Ex-Slave Narratives and Prison Songs,” paper to be presented at the 35th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Panel on Pidgins and Creoles/Speech Varieties, Harvard University, April 2004.
- “The Debate About African Influence on African American English: Discourse and Rhetorical Styles in Ex-Slave Narratives and Prison Work Songs,” paper presented at the Globalizations and the African World Conference, Gettysburg, PA, February 2004.
- “Understanding Rules of African American English: Implications for Classroom Instruction,” paper presented at the National Alliance of Black School Educators, Las Vegas, NV, November 2003.
- “Patterns-Based and Features-Based Approaches to the Assessment of Child African American English: Implications for Communication Disorders and Educational Specialists,” seminar presented at the National Black Association for Speech Language and Hearing, Atlanta, GA, April 2003.
- “Practical Approaches to Incorporating Linguistic Diversity into Linguistics Courses,” paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 2003.
- “Negative Concord and Negative Inversion in African American English,” paper presented at the Conference on the Semantics of Underrepresented Languages in the Americas, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April 2001.
- “Past Time Reference in Ex-slave Narratives,” paper presented at the Workshop on the Structure of Text, University of Texas at Austin, October 2000.
- “Null Subjects, PF and Agreement in African American English,” paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, January 1999.
- “Embedded Inversion and Double COMP in Varieties of Nonstandard English,” paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, New York, January 1998.
- “Theoretical Analysis of African American English: The Missing Link in the Ebonics Debate,” paper presented at the Creole Workshop, Florida International University, March 1997.
- “Syntactic Patterns in African American English: What Speakers Know about the Language System,” paper presented at the Memphis Research Symposium, University of Memphis, June 1996.
- “Verb Classes in African American English,” paper presented at the National Black Association of Speech-Language and Hearing Association Conference, Milwaukee, April 1996.
- “Auxiliaries in African American English,” paper presented at the Conference on African American English, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, March 1995.
- “The Habitual Operator in African American English,” paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, January 1993.
- “Towards a Semantic Analysis of Aspectual Markers in African American English,” Stanford, CA, paper presented at the Conference on African American English

- in Schools and Society, Stanford University, June 1992.
- “Consonant Clusters in African American English,” paper presented at New Ways in Analyzing Variation Conference, Georgetown University, October 1991.
- “Intonational Patterns in Black English,” paper presented at New Ways in Analyzing Variation Conference, University of Pennsylvania, October 1990.
- “Auxiliaries and Aspectual Markers in Black English,” paper presented at the African Linguistics Conference, University of Georgia, April 1990.

CO-AUTHORED PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Stable Nodes and Unstable Features: A Feature-Based Account of Question Inversion and Negative Inversion in African American English,” paper presented at Formal Approaches in Variation in Syntax, with Tom Roeper, York University, York, Great Britain, May 2007.
- “Event Arguments and Be in Child African American English,” paper presented at the New Ways of Analyzing Variation Conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, with Toya Wyatt and Nikki Seifert, November 2006.
- “Developmental Patterns in Child African American English: Tense-Aspect Marking and Negative Concord, paper presented at the University of Texas, Department of Linguistics, Austin, with Nikki Seifert, Kendra Lewis, and Jess White, April 2005.
- “Distinctions in Past Marking in Child African American English,” paper presented at the Boston University Conference on Child Language Development, Boston University, Boston, MA, with Rebecca Quigley and Nikki Seifert, November 2004.
- “Temporal Structure of Ex-Slave Narratives: Marking Events in the Distant Past,” paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, with Nikki Seifert, October 10, 2003.
- “Tense and Habitual Aspect in Child African American English,” paper presented at Utrecht Conference, Perspectives on Aspect, Utrecht, The Netherlands, with Janice Jackson, December 2001.
- “Difference Versus Disorder in AAE: The Role of Linguistic Theory,” seminar presented at the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association Convention, Washington, DC, with Janice Jackson, Jill deVilliers and Tom Roeper, November 2000.
- “Variation and Change in African American Vernacular English,” seminar presented at the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association Convention, San Antonio, with Karen Pollock, Guy Bailey and Toya Wyatt, November 1998.
- “A Description of Language Disorders in African American English,” paper presented at the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association Conference, Atlanta, with Harry Seymour and Ruth Huntley, November 1991.

SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZED

- “Recent Advances in Research in African American English,” organized symposium and presented paper at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC; panel included Lisa Green, Charles DeBose, John Rickford, Geneva Smitherman and Arthur Spears, January 2001.

SERVICE

National

Faculty, Linguistic Society of America Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University 2005.

National Science Foundation

Panelist, Linguistics Panel, 2005 Fall Cycle

Panelist, Linguistics Dissertation Fellowship Review Committee 2000-2001

Reviewer, Grant Proposals

National Research Council

Panelist, NRC Ford Foundation Award Review Committee 2000-2001

Reviewer for Cambridge University Press

Reviewer for University of Alabama Press

Reviewer for National Council of Teachers of English

Reviewer for Blackwell (for David Crystal's *A Dictionary of Linguistics and Phonetics*, 5th edition)

Reviewer for *Language and Society*

Reviewer for *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research*

Reviewer for *Journal of Child Language*

Reviewer for *New Ways of Analyzing Variation*

Reviewer for Northeast Linguistics Society

Reviewer for Texas Linguistic Society

Community

ABC Reading Program, Lake Arthur, LA 1996-present

Coordinate summer reading program activities and teach summer reading classes to students ages 3-14

Radio Interview, Z106 Lafayette, LA, "African American English and Education," March 6, 2004

University of Massachusetts

Center for the Study of African American

Language, Director (2006-present)

Department of Linguistics Committees

Admissions (2006-2007)

Job Search (2006-2007)

RESEARCH CONSULTING

Consultant for Psychological Corporation for the Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals test, 2001-2003

Consultant for "Development and Validation of a Language Test for Children Speaking Non-Standard English: A Study of Children Who Speak African American English," Principal Investigator: Professor Harry N. Seymour, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1998-2003

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Linguistic Society of America

National Alliance of Black School Educators