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**Education**

Ph.D. in Hispanic Linguistics, The Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio, Keith Johnson and Terrell Morgan (advisors)	2005
M.A. in Hispanic Linguistics, The Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio, Scott Schwenter (advisor)	2002
B.A. (Honors) in Hispanic Linguistics, The University of Virginia Charlottesville, Virginia, Joel Rini (advisor)	2000
B.A. (Honors) in Linguistics, The University of Virginia Charlottesville, Virginia, Mark Elson (advisor)	2000

**Specializations**

Sociolinguistics, Language Attitudes, and Variation  
L1 and L2 Speech Perception and Production  
Latin American Spanish Dialectology  
Sociophonetics and Speech Perception

**Publications**

- Boomershine, Amanda. In Press. The Perception of English Vowels by Monolingual, Bilingual, and Heritage Speakers of Spanish and English. In S. Blackwell and C. Howe (Eds.), *Selected Proceedings of the 15th Hispanic Linguistics Symposium*. Massachusetts: Cascadilla Press.
- Boomershine, Amanda. 2009. *Perceptual Processing of Variable Input in Spanish*. Germany: VDM Verlag.
- Boomershine, Amanda, Kathleen Currie Hall, Beth Hume, and Keith Johnson. 2008. The Influence of Allophony vs. Contrast on Perception: The Case of Spanish and English. In P. Avery, E. Dresher & K. Rice (eds.), *Phonological Contrast*. New York: Mouton de Gruyter. pp. 143-172.
- Boomershine, Amanda. 2007. An Exemplar Based Approach to Speech Processing. In P. Reich and B. Sullivan (eds.), *Selected Proceedings of the LACUS Forum XXXIII*.
- Boomershine, Amanda. 2006. Perceiving and Processing Dialectal Variation in Spanish: An Exemplar Theory Approach. In Face, Timothy (Ed.), *Selected Proceedings of the 8th Hispanic Linguistics Symposium*. Massachusetts: Cascadilla Press.

**Presentations**

- "An acoustic analysis of North Carolina heritage speakers' Spanish and English vowels" (with Katie Denton), presented at the 2013 Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina Conference, University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina. 2013
- "The variable realization of /s/ in Mexico City Spanish" (with Greg Lewis), presented at the 2013 Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina Conference, University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina. 2013
- "What we know about the Sound Systems(s) of Heritage Speakers of Spanish: Results of a Production Study of Spanish and English Bilingual and Heritage Speakers", presented at the 2012 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. 2012
- "Breaking the Language/Literature Divide: How Two UNC System Universities Address Advanced Oral Proficiency Issues in the Spanish Major" (with Mark Darhower), presented at the Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference, Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC. 2012
- "The voicing of word-final /s/: The role of syllabic stress" (with Greg Lewis), presented at the Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference, Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC. 2012
- "An acoustic analysis of variable vowel production in heritage and bilingual Spanish of North Carolina", presented at 2012 Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina Conference, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina. 2012
- "The perception of English vowel contrasts: The case of Monolingual, Bilingual, and Heritage Speakers of Spanish and English", presented at the 2011 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. 2011
- "The Perception of English Vowels by Monolingual, L2, and Heritage Speakers of Spanish and English", presented at the 2011 Conference on Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina. 2011
- "Use of English in the L2 classroom", presented at the Cape Fear Foreign Language Collaborative, Wilmington, North Carolina. 2009
- "Departmental Assessment Rubrics: How can they help me and my students?" (with Linda Siefert), presented at the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina's Annual Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina. 2009
- "Authentic comprehensible input, listening and speaking strategies, and real-world content in the Spanish classroom", presented at the McGraw-Hill Faculty Development Symposium (invited speaker), Greensboro, North Carolina. 2009
- "Immigration and Access to Education", presented at the April meeting of the American Association of University Women, Wilmington, North Carolina. 2009
- "Immigration: How it affects North Carolina", presented to the Senior Men's Club of Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina. 2009
- "The Effects of Language Experience and Knowledge of L2 Sound Patterns: An Exemplar-Based 2008

- Approach to Speech Perception and Production”, presented at the 2008 Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina.
- “The Economic and Social Impacts of Immigration in North Carolina and the US”, presented at College Day 2008, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina. 2008
- “60th Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights”, presented to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina. 2008
- “What is linguistics?: A comparative analysis of linguistics and the acquisition of English as a Second Language”, presented to students, staff, and tutors of the Cape Fear Literacy Council, Watson School of Education, Wilmington, North Carolina. 2008
- “The digital divide and the politics of citizenship”, presented at the 2008 Hispanic Summit on Challenges and Opportunities: Information access for North Carolina’s Spanish-speaking population, Wilmington, North Carolina. 2008
- “The influence of language experience on perception”, presented at the UGA Romance Linguistics Colloquium, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. 2007
- “An exemplar based approach to variable input processing”, presented at the XXXIII meeting of the Linguistics Association of Canada and the United States, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. 2006
- “Life, the critical period: An exemplar based model of language learning” (by/with Kathleen Hall), presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference on Laboratory Phonology, Paris, France. 2006
- “La influencia de la experiencia en la percepción de sonidos: el caso de inglés y español”, presented at the Seminario Permanente de Lingüística Aplicada del Departamento de Lingüística Aplicada, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, Mexico. 2006
- “The influence of language experience on speech perception” (with Kathleen Hall, Beth Hume-O’Haire, and Keith Johnson), presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, College Park, Pennsylvania. 2005
- “Perceiving and processing dialect variation”, presented at the Ohio Latinamericanist Conference, Columbus, Ohio. 2005
- “The influence of contrast vs. allophony on perception” (with Kathleen Hall, Beth Hume-O’Haire, and Keith Johnson), presented at the Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Workshop on Phonology, Montreal, Canada. 2005
- “The influence of contrast vs. allophony on perception” (with Kathleen Hall, Beth Hume-O’Haire, and Keith Johnson), poster presented at the meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, California. 2004
- “The influence of contrast vs. allophony on perception: The case of Spanish and English” (with Kathleen Hall, Beth Hume-O’Haire, and Keith Johnson), presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Mid Continental Workshop on Phonology, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. 2004
- “Perceiving and Processing Dialectal Variation in Spanish: An Exemplar Theory Approach”, presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 2004

“Spanish Dialectology: How is variation processed?”, presented at the 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual OSU Department of Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Student Symposium, Columbus, Ohio.	2004
“Language attitudes and linguistic features: The case of Latin American Spanish”, presented at the Ohio Latinamericanist Conference 2004, Columbus, Ohio.	2004
“Prosodic effects on anaphora resolution in Latin American Spanish”, presented at the 7 <sup>th</sup> Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, Albuquerque, New Mexico.	2003
“Quantitative aspects of European Portuguese prenasal tensing” (with Wayne Redenbarger), presented at the 7 <sup>th</sup> Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, Albuquerque, New Mexico.	2003
“Role of prosody on anaphora resolution in Spanish: Production and perception studies”, presented at the OSU Hispanic Linguistics Colloquium, Columbus, Ohio.	2003
“Frequency effects on stop realization in Midwest English” (with Jeff Mielke), presented at the Ohio Conference on Cognitive Science, Columbus, Ohio.	2003
“Phonetic evidence for glides in Spanish”, presented at the 6 <sup>th</sup> Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, Iowa City, Iowa.	2002
“Syllabification of high vowels in Spanish: A production study”, presented at the OSU Hispanic Linguistics Colloquium, Columbus, Ohio.	2002
“Spanish Present Perfective: Changes in Progress” (with Scott Schwenter), presented at the UPR / XIX Conferencia: El Español en los Estados Unidos, San Juan, Puerto Rico.	2002
“Evidence for underlying glides in Peninsular Spanish: A phonetic analysis”, presented at the 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual OSU Department of Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Student Symposium, Columbus, Ohio.	2002
“Innovative uses of the Present Perfective in Latin American Spanish” (with Chad Howe) presented at the SUNY-Albany Roundtable on Spanish Sociolinguistics, Albany, New York.	2002
“Prosodic effects on the disambiguation of temporary syntactic ambiguities in Spanish: A production study”, presented at the OSU Hispanic Linguistics Colloquium, Columbus, Ohio.	2001
“The use of discourse markers in the foreign language classroom: The case of <i>bien</i> ”, presented at the 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual OSU Department of Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Student Symposium, Columbus, Ohio.	2000

### **Fellowships/Awards**

The University of North Carolina Wilmington CTE Summer Development Stipend (\$1500)	2012
The University of North Carolina Wilmington Carnegie Professor of the Year Award (Campus Finalist)	2010

The University of North Carolina Wilmington Cahill Research Award (\$3,000)	2009
The University of North Carolina Wilmington CTE Summer Pedagogy Development Stipend (\$3,000)	2007
The University of North Carolina Wilmington Summer Research Initiative (\$3,500)	2006

### Teaching Experience

Associate Professor (2011 - current) University of North Carolina Wilmington Spanish Language Teaching and Learning (SPN 595) Immigration in the Spanish-speaking World (SPN 595) Directed Independent Study (SPN 591) Teaching College Spanish (SPN 550) Topics in Spanish Linguistics (SPN 508) Spanish Honor's Thesis (SPN 499) Spanish Internship (SPN 498) Immigration in the Spanish-speaking World (SPN 495) Linguistic Variation in Spanish (SPN 492) Intensive Study in Mexico (SPN 492) Directed Independent Study - various topics (SPN 491) Service-learning and Research: Hispanics in NC (SPN 490) Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics (SPN 308) Spanish Phonetics (SPN 307) Spanish Grammar (SPN 306) Intensive Study in Mexico (SPN 292) Intermediate Spanish II (SPN 202) Intermediate Spanish I (SPN 201) Fundamentals of Spanish (SPN 120) Global Human Rights (HON 120)	2005 - current
Graduate Teaching Associate The Ohio State University Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics (SP 430) Spanish Pronunciation (SP 404) Advanced Review Grammar (SP 401) Intermediate Spanish (SP 103.01) Advanced Beginner Spanish (SP 102.66) Beginning Spanish (SP 101)	2001 - 2005
Instructor City of Dublin, Dublin, Ohio Conversational Spanish I	2005
Instructor Office of Continuing Education The Ohio State University	2003 - 2005

Conversational Spanish III  
 Conversational Spanish II  
 Conversational Spanish I

Adjunct Faculty 2003 -  
 Columbus State Community College 2005  
 Intermediate Spanish (SP 103)  
 Beginner Spanish II (SP 102)

**Professional Societies**

American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators (AAUSC) 2011 - current  
 Modern Languages Association (MLA) 2001 – current  
 Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 2001 – current  
 Linguistics Association of Canada and the United States (LACUS) 2005 – current  
 Foreign Language Association of North Carolina (FLANC) 2005 – current  
 Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) 2005 – current  
 Cape Fear Foreign Language Collaborative (CFFLC) 2005 – current

**Service Activities**

Member 2011 - current  
 UNCW Faculty Hearings Panel  
 Co-organizer 2011 - 2012  
 2012 Spanish Linguistics in NC Conference  
 Coordinator 2005 – 2012  
 UNCW Spanish Language Program  
 Vice-President 2007 - current  
 Board of Directors, Coastal Carolina United Nations Association  
 Member 2007 – current  
 Board of Directors, American Association of University Women  
 Monthly Newsletter Editor 2007 – current  
 American Association of University Women  
 Member 2006 - 2010  
 UNCW Basic Studies Committee / University Studies Advisory Committee

Chair FLL Placement Committee	2006 - 2010
Member Spanish MA Committee	2009 - current
Coordinator FLL Internship Program	2008 – current
Coordinator Spanish Conversation Center	2007 – current
Member FLL Scholarship Committee	2006 - 2009
Member FLL Peer Evaluation Committee	2006 - 2008
Faculty Advisor UNCW Amnesty International	2006 - current
Member Advisory Board, UNCW Women’s Studies Center	2007 – 2009
Member Advisory Board, UNCW Centro Hispano	2005 – current

**Language Proficiency**

Native: English  
Near Native: Spanish  
Intermediate: Mandarin Chinese  
Intermediate: Brazilian Portuguese  
Beginner: French  
Beginner: Korean

**Skills**

Praat (phonetic analysis software)  
E Prime (psycholinguistic testing software)  
SPSS (statistical analysis software)  
R (statistical analysis software)  
FrontPage (webpage design software)  
PowerPoint (presentation design software)  
Blackboard (internet teaching software)  
Contribute (webpage design software)

**Current Research Projects**

- Perception of English vowels by Heritage speakers of Spanish in NC
- Production and Perception of Spanish and English vowels by Heritage, Monolingual and Bilingual speakers of Spanish and English
- Realization of /s/ in Mexico City Spanish

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