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Education

- 2007 Ph.D. Linguistics, Major in Phonetics; Minor in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, University of Arizona.
Dissertation title: *Spoken word recognition of the reduced American English flap*
- 2005 M.A. Linguistics, University of Arizona.
Masters paper topic: *A descriptive study of devoiced nasals in Romanian.*
- 2002 B.A. Major in Linguistics, Minor in Russian, University of Arizona.

Employment

- 2007 – Assistant Professor Department of Linguistics University of Alberta

Publications

- Penfield, Susan D., Angelina Serratos, Benjamin V. Tucker, Amelia Flores, Gilford Harper, Johnny Hill, Jr., Nora Vasquez. (in press). *Community Collaborations: Best practices for North American Indigenous language documentation*. International Journal for the Sociology of Language.
- Siddiqi, Daniel and Benjamin V. Tucker, eds. (2005). *Coyote Papers: Working Papers in Linguistics, Linguistic Theory at the University of Arizona Volume 14*.
- Agbayani, Bryan, Vida Simiian and Benjamin V. Tucker, eds. (2003). *Proceedings of the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL)* 32. 15. CSU Fresno.

Presentations

- Warner, Natasha & Benjamin V. Tucker. (2008). *Fourth formant drop as a correlate of American English Flaps*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (Chicago, IL).

- Tucker, Benjamin V. & Natasha Warner. (2008). *Can unusual result of prosodic domain boundary effects: Romanian devoiced nasals*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (Chicago, IL).
- Tucker, Benjamin V. (2007). *Processing of fine phonetic detail in American English flaps*, Presented at the 153rd Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, (Salt Lake City, UT).
- Dungan, Mary, Karen Morian, Benjamin V. Tucker and Natasha Warner. (2007). *Fourth formant dip as a correlate of American English flaps*, Presented at the 153rd Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, (Salt Lake City, UT).
- Tucker, Benjamin V., Susan Penfield, Angelina Serratos. (2007). *Documentation for Language Revitalization*. Presented at Conference on Endangered Languages and Cultures of Native America at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Penfield, Susan D., Amelia Flores, Benjamin V. Tucker. (2007). *The Role of the Language Activist in Documentation and Revitalization*. Presented at Conference on Endangered Languages and Cultures of Native America at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Warner, Natasha and Benjamin V. Tucker. (2007). Variability in Intervocalic Stops: Production and Processing. Invited colloquium at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (March).
- Tucker, Benjamin V. (2007). *Processing of phonetic variation: The American English flap*, Invited special talk, University of Alberta (February).
- Tucker, Benjamin V. (2007). *Acoustic phonetic description of Chemehuevi*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of America (Anaheim, CA).
- Warner, Natasha & Benjamin V. Tucker. (2007). *Categorical and Gradient Variability in Intervocalic Stops*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (Anaheim, CA).
- Tucker, Benjamin V., and Story, Brad H., (December, 2006). *The relation of the temporal variation of F2 to articulator movement*, Presented at the 152nd Acoustical Society Meeting, 120, 3372, (Honolulu, HI).
- Tucker, Benjamin V. (2006). *Language Documentation and Revitalization: A Collaborative Approach*. Invited talk at Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR.
- Tucker, Benjamin V., Dirk Elzinga, Susan Penfield & Lika Serratos. (2006). *An online Chemehuevi dictionary*. Presented at the Friends of Uto-Aztecan Conference at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.

Tucker, Benjamin V. (2006). *A phonetic description of Chemehuevi*. Presented at the Friends of Uto-Aztecan Conference at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.

Penfield, Susan D., Angelina Chtareva, Benjamin V. Tucker, Amelia Flores, Gilford Harper, Johnny Hill, Jr. & Nora Vasquez. (2006). *Collaboration for Documentation*. Presented at Conference on Endangered Languages and Cultures of Native America at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.

Penfield, Susan D., Angelina Chtareva, Benjamin V. Tucker, Amelia Flores, Gilford Harper, Johnny Hill, Jr. & Nora Vasquez. (2006). *Community Partnerships: Best Practices for Indigenous Language Documentation*. Presented at the Georgetown University Roundtable. Washington, DC.

Penfield, Susan D., Angelina Chtareva, Benjamin V. Tucker, Amelia Flores, Gilford Harper, Johnny Hill, Jr. & Nora Vasquez. (2006). *Partnerships in preservation: a model for language documentation*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of America. Albuquerque, NM.

Brewer, Jordan, Benjamin V. Tucker and Michael Hammond. (2004). *Effects of syllable onset length in determining word-likeness outcomes*. Presented at the 147th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, 115, 2396, (New York, NY).

Brewer, Jordan, Lynnika Butler, Benjamin V. Tucker and Michael Hammond. (2004). *Role of onset complexity in well-formedness*. Presented at the Third North American Phonology Conference, Concordia University Montreal, Canada.

Brewer, Jordan, Lynnika Butler, Benjamin V. Tucker and Michael Hammond. (2004). *SIMPLE?. Presented at Southwest Workshop on Optimality Theory, UC Santa Cruz.

Tucker, Benjamin V. (2003) *Word-final nasals in Romanian*. Presented at the 146th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, 114, 2003, (Austin, TX).

Tucker, Benjamin V. (2003) *Moraic structure in Romanian*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Atlanta, GA.

Bretschger, O., M. Lisi, C. F. McGinley, and B. V. Tucker. (1995). *Elevation Distribution, Diameter, Morphology of Small Volcanic Edifices on Venus Between Guinevere Plantia and Sedna Plantia*. Presented at Twenty-sixth Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston, TX.

Professional and Research Experience

2007 – Consultant: Kowasa:ton il:halas -- Let Us Hear Koasati (NSF grant)
Principle Investigators: Bertney and Linda Langley Coushatta Tribe,
Louisiana

- 2007 – Associate Editor: Linguistics Abstracts
- 2005 – 2007 Volunteer Lab Manager for Prof. Natasha Warner’s Douglass Phonetics Laboratory. Designed new website and managed experimental computers and phonetics equipment.
- 2005 – 2007 Research Assistant for Prof. Susan Penfield. Worked as member of research team for the Chemehuevi and Mohave Documenting Endangered Languages Grant (#0505209). Document both languages and create a digital archive of material collected and any other existing material available.
- 2005 Consultant for Blackwell Publishing’s *Linguistics and Language Compass* with Prof. D. Terence Langendoen and Prof. Edwin Battistella.
- 2004 – 2007 Managing Editor, Coyote Papers: Working Papers in Linguistics, published by the University of Arizona, Linguistics Circle graduate student organization.
- 2004 – 2005 Graduate Student – Faculty Liaison.
- 2003 – 2004 Treasurer of the University of Arizona Linguistics Circle graduate student organization.
- 2002 – 2006 Volunteer Research Assistant in Prof. Michael Hammond’s experimental phonology lab, University of Arizona. Designed and analyzed psycholinguistic experiments.
- 2000 – 2007 Editorial Associate, Blackwell Publishing’s Linguistics Abstracts. Assistant to the Editors (D. Terence Langendoen 1997-2005, Edwin Battistella 2006-present). Responsible for the supervision of six student workers, production of quarterly print issue, design and development of website, journal coordination and abstract creation/entry.

Teaching

- Summer 2006 Teaching Assistant for American Indian Language Development Institute Linguistics 497B/597B (Documenting Indigenous Languages). Provided technical assistance for students and taught selected course topics.
- Summer 2006 Instructor for Linguistics 314 (Introduction to Phonetics) an upper division course. Taught the course independently, with full responsibility for all aspects of the course.

- Fall 2005 Grader for Linguistics 410 (Foundations in Phonological Theory I) an upper division course primarily for majors which meets concurrently with an introductory graduate course for Professor Adam Ussishkin.
- Summer 2005 Teaching Assistant for American Indian Language Development Institute Language Reading and Culture 530-902 (Advanced Computer Applications for Indigenous Communities). Provided technical assistance for students and taught selected course topics.
- 2003, 2005 Teaching Assistant, Individuals and Societies 101 (Introduction to Language). General education course designed as an introduction to linguistics for undergraduates. Taught weekly discussion group and graded course assignments.
- Summer 2004 Teaching Assistant for American Indian Language Development Institute Language Reading and Cultures 430/530-901 (Computer Applications for Indigenous Communities). Assisted students in class.

Field Work

- 2005 – 2008 Documentation of Chemehuevi and Mohave languages (National Science Foundation Documenting Endangered Languages grant (#0505209) awarded to Prof. Susan Penfield 2005), Colorado River Indian Tribes.
- Summer 2003 Recording of Romanian speech for phonetic description of nasal consonants, Romania.

Selected Grants, Honors, & Awards

- Fall 2007 Co-Principal Investigator: National Science Foundation: Research Experience for Undergraduates (# BCS-0505209, Amendment 001).
- November 2006 Social and Behavioral Research Institute Dissertation Research Grant. University of Arizona
- November 2003 Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grant, for travel to the annual meeting of the Acoustic Society of America.
- Spring 2003 Social and Behavioral Science Research Institute Mini-grant “Optimality Theory Metaranking project”, Spring 2003 (with A. Baker, S. Bischoff, L. Butler, E. Good, E. Kidder, N. Ogasawara, D. Siddiqi, and M. Hammond).
- Fall 2001 Nominated College of Social and Behavioral Science undergraduate *Student of the Year* by Department of Linguistics, University of Arizona.

Professional Memberships

- 2005 – The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas
 2003 – The Acoustic Society of America
 2003 – Linguistic Society of America

Research Interests

Acoustic and articulatory phonetics, speech processing, perception and production, language documentation and revitalization, phonetics-phonology interface, phonotactics/experimental phonology, and historical linguistics.

Languages

Fluent Romanian, working knowledge of Chemehuevi, Mohave, Russian, Spanish, French and Italian.