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Curriculum Vitæ

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Academic positions

2013–present **Assistant Professor of Linguistics**, *Texas Tech University*, Lubbock, TX.
Department of English, Linguistics Program
Director, Texas Tech Phonetics and Phonology Linguistics Laboratory
Affiliated faculty member, Department of Philosophy

Education

2007–2013 **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, *Rutgers University*, New Brunswick, NJ.
Dissertation *Degrees of Incompleteness in Neutralization: Paradigm Uniformity
in a Phonetics with Weighted Constraints*
Committee Shigeto Kawahara (chair), Bruce Tesar, Kristen Syrett, Alan C.L. Yu (external)

2003–2007 **B.A.**, *Brandeis University*, Waltham, MA.
Linguistics/Cognitive Science (with honors) and Anthropology
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

Journal articles (peer reviewed)

- submitted Aaron Braver and Will Bennett. Different speakers, different grammars: Productivity and representation of Xhosa labial palatalization. *Journal of Linguistics*.
- second revision Aaron Braver. Incomplete Neutralization as Paradigm Uniformity with Weighted Phonetic Constraints. *Phonology*.
- 2016 Aaron Braver and Will Bennett. Phonotactic c(l)ues to Bantu noun class disambiguation. *Linguistics Vanguard* 2(1):1–11.
- 2015 Will Bennett and Aaron Braver. The productivity of ‘unnatural’ labial palatalization in Xhosa. *Nordlyd* 42:33–44 (special issue on palatalization).
- 2014 Aaron Braver. Imperceptible incomplete neutralization: Production, identification, and discrimination of /d/ and /t/ flaps in American English. *Lingua* 152:24–44.

- 2014 Shigeto Kawahara and Aaron Braver. Durational properties of emphatic consonants in Japanese. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association* 44(3):237–260.
- 2013 Shigeto Kawahara and Aaron Braver. The phonetics of multiple vowel lengthening in Japanese. *Open Journal of Modern Linguistics* 3(2):141–148.

Conference proceedings

- 2016 Aaron Braver and Will Bennett. Phonotactics of noun class disambiguation in Xhosa. In *Proceedings of the 2015 Annual Meeting on Phonology*.
- 2016 Aaron Braver and Shigeto Kawahara. Incomplete neutralization in Japanese monomoraic lengthening. In *Proceedings of the 2014 Annual Meeting on Phonology*.
- 2016 Aaron Braver, Natalie Dresher, and Shigeto Kawahara. The phonetics of emphatic vowel lengthening in English. In *Proceedings of the 2014 Annual Meeting on Phonology*.
- 2015 Aaron Braver and Shigeto Kawahara. Incomplete neutralization via paradigm uniformity and weighted constraints. In *Proceedings of NELS 45*, vol. 1, pp. 115–124.
- 2014 Aaron Braver and Shigeto Kawahara. Incomplete vowel lengthening in Japanese: A first study. In *Proceedings of WCCFL 31*, pp. 86–95.
- 2013 Aaron Braver. Perception of incompletely neutralized /d/ and /t/ flaps in American English. In *Proceedings of NELS 42*, vol. 1, pp. 93–104.
- 2011 Aaron Braver. Incomplete neutralization in American English flapping: A production study. In *Proceedings of Penn Linguistics Colloquium 34*.

Books edited

- 2010 *Rutgers Working Papers in Linguistics (RuWPL) 3*. Peter Staroverov, Daniel Altshuler, Aaron Braver, Carlos A. Fasola, and Sarah Murray (eds.). Rutgers LGSA, New Brunswick.

Invited talks

- 2018 Aaron Braver. Gesturing avatars in computer-mediated learning of vowel length contrasts. 7th Annual Conference on Applied Linguistics and Intercultural Communication in Higher Education (CALICHE). Texas Tech University.
- 2015 Aaron Braver and Will Bennett. Using root shape to choose among prefixes in Xhosa. Colloquium talk. Seoul National University.
- 2014 Aaron Braver. What does emphatic lengthening tell us about binary length distinctions? Cognitive Science Brown Bag lecture. Texas Tech University.
- 2012 Aaron Braver and Shigeto Kawahara. Monomoraic lengthening in Japanese as incomplete neutralization. Colloquium talk. Seoul National University.

- 2008 Aaron Braver. Features, markedness, and articulatory, phonetic, and phonological constraints in signed languages. Rutgers University Signed Languages Reading Group.

Presentations and posters

Refereed conferences

- 2017 Aaron Braver. How do you whisper a click? Acoustic correlates of click voicing in whispered speech. 2017 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Austin, Texas.
- 2017 Aaron Braver and Seunghun J. Lee. Perceiving non-native contrasts: Xitsonga's 'whistled' fricative vs. [ʃ]. 2017 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Austin, Texas.
- 2016 Aaron Braver and Seunghun J. Lee. An anti-dispersive contrast: Xitsonga's 'whistled' fricative vs. [ʃ]. Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP) 2016. USC.
- 2016 Takehiro Iizuka, Kimi Nakatsukasa, Aaron Braver, and Andrew Farley. Bridge between syllabic and moraic languages: Does gesture help pronunciation learning?. Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) 35. Columbia University.
- 2016 Aaron Braver and Will Bennett. Length-based allomorphy in Xhosa noun class prefixes. 2016 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Washington, DC.
- 2015 Aaron Braver and Will Bennett. Abstract morphological information cued by phonotactics: Noun class disambiguation in Xhosa. 2015 Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP). Vancouver.
- 2015 Danica Kreusch, Will Bennett, and Aaron Braver. Disambiguating isiXhosa noun classes with phonotactic c(l)ues. 8th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL). Kyoto.
- 2015 Kelly Goldstuck, Will Bennett, and Aaron Braver. Experimentally assessing length-based noun prefix alternations in isiXhosa. 8th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL). Kyoto.
- 2015 Aaron Braver and Will Bennett. Phonology or morphology: inter-speaker differences in Xhosa labial palatalization. LSA Annual Meeting 2015. Portland, Oregon.
- 2014 Aaron Braver and Will Bennett. Wug-testing a case of 'unnatural' labial palatalization in Xhosa. Palatalization Conference. University of Tromsø.
- 2014 Aaron Braver and Seunghun J. Lee. Perceiving small contrasts: Xitsonga's 'whistled' fricative vs. [ʃ]. South African Microlinguistics Workshop (SAMPWOP) 3. North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus, South Africa.
- 2014 Aaron Braver and Will Bennett. Wug-testing bilabial palatalization in isiXhosa passivized verbs. South African Microlinguistics Workshop (SAMWOP) 3. North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus, South Africa.

- 2014 Aaron Braver and Shigeto Kawahara. Incomplete neutralization via paradigm uniformity and weighted constraints. NELS 45. MIT.
- 2014 Aaron Braver, Natalie Dresher, and Shigeto Kawahara. The phonetics of emphatic vowel lengthening in English. Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP) 2014. MIT.
- 2014 Aaron Braver and Shigeto Kawahara. Modeling incomplete neutralization: Paradigm uniformity and a phonetics with weighted constraints. Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP) 2014. MIT.
- 2013 Aaron Braver and Shigeto Kawahara. Japanese monomoraic vowel lengthening as incomplete neutralization. Congrès International des Linguistes. Geneva.
- 2013 Aaron Braver and Shigeto Kawahara. Incomplete vowel lengthening: Japanese monomoraic lengthening as incomplete neutralization. WCCFL 31. Arizona State University.
- 2013 Aaron Braver and Shigeto Kawahara. Incomplete neutralization of Japanese vowel length in monomoraic nouns. LSA Annual Meeting 2013. Boston.
- 2011 Aaron Braver. The perception of incompletely neutralized /d/ and /t/ flaps in American English. NELS 42. University of Toronto.
- 2010 Aaron Braver. Is there incomplete neutralization in American English flapping? Manchester Phonology Meeting 18. University of Manchester.
- 2010 Aaron Braver. Incomplete neutralization in American English flapping. Penn Linguistics Colloquium 34. University of Pennsylvania.
- 2010 Aaron Braver. Incomplete neutralization in American English flapping. Laboratory Phonology 12. University of New Mexico.
- 2009 Aaron Braver. Restrictions on DP-internal ellipsis in Spanish. Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2009. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Non-refereed workshops (selected)

- 2012 Aaron Braver and Shigeto Kawahara. Monomoraic lengthening in Japanese as incomplete neutralization. Tokyo Circle of Phonologists. University of Tokyo.
- 2011 Aaron Braver. (Im)perceptible incomplete neutralization: Two experiments on flapping in American English. Rutgers, UMass, MIT meeting of phonologists (RUMMIT) II. Rutgers University.
- 2009 Aaron Braver. A task effect on incomplete neutralization? UMass/MIT Meeting of Phonologists (UMMM) 2009. UMass, Amherst.
- 2008 Aaron Braver. Does phonological output contain morphological structure? Evidence from consistency of exponence and fine phonetic details. Hopkins-UMD-Rutgers-UMass joint meeting (HUMDRUM) 2008. Rutgers University.

Awards, grants, fellowships, and research assistantships

- 2018 TTU Scholarship Catalyst Program Grant (\$3,500)
Computer Avatar Language Teacher: Improving Japanese and Arabic Learners' Pronunciation
With Kimi Nakatsukasa, Miranda Scolari, and Tommy Dang
- 2017 TTU Seed Grant for Interdisciplinary Research (\$100,000)
Teaching Foreign Language Pronunciation through Educational Avatars
With Kimi Nakatsukasa, Miranda Scolari, and Tommy Dang
- 2017 TTU Humanities Center Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2011 Mellon Summer Research Grant
- 2010, 2012 Mellon Small Departmental Grant
- 2009–2011 Rutgers University Graduate School Conference Travel Award
- 2007–2009 Rutgers University Graduate School Fellowship

Teaching

(G = Graduate, U = Undergraduate, * = Online course)

Texas Tech University (2013–Present)

Course	Level	Semester(s)
Phonology	G	Fall 2017 Spring 2016 Spring 2014
Phonology	U	Spring 2014
Structure of Sign Languages	G	Fall 2018
How Language Works (Intro to linguistics)	U	Fall 2018* Spring 2018 Spring 2017 Fall 2016 Spring 2016 Fall 2015* Fall 2014
Language in a Multicultural America	U	Spring 2018 Spring 2017 Fall 2016 Fall 2015 Fall 2013
Perception, Cognition, and Language <i>With Alex Grzankowski (Philosophy)</i>	G	Spring 2015
Principles of Language	G	Spring 2016 Fall 2014

Structure of Sign Languages U Fall 2013

Rutgers University (2009–2013)

Course	Level	Semester(s)
Linguistics of Signed Languages	U	Spring 2011 Summer 2010 Summer 2009
Introduction to Linguistic Theory	U	Spring 2010
Expository Writing (2 sections each semester)	U	Fall 2011 Fall 2012

Advising

- 2016 Mikhaela Köhlo (MA, Rhodes University, external member)
- 2015 Neal Durbin (MA, Texas Tech University, member)
- 2014 Amy Huff (MA, Texas Tech University, member)

Fieldwork

- 2014, 2015 Xhosa (Bantu) in Grahamstown, South Africa.
- 2014 Xitsonga (Bantu) in Limpopo Province, South Africa.

Service

- Reviewing *Papers*: *Laboratory Phonology* (2016, 2018), *Journal of Phonetics* (2014, 2016), *Glossa* (2016), *Phonetica* (2015), *Lingua* (2015), *SALALS* (Special Issue on Phonetics and Phonology in Bantu, 2015), *Prosody Matters: Essays in Honor of Elisabeth Selkirk* (2012). *Conferences*: Annual Meeting on Phonology (2016, 2017), LSA Annual Meeting (2014).
- 2016–present Texas Tech Arts and Sciences Committee on Academic Programs (college curriculum committee).
- 2015–present Secretary, Texas Tech Department of English Literature and Language (curriculum) Committee.
- 2014–present Texas Tech Department of English Technology Committee.
- 2014 Workshop organizer, *Appealing to an international audience: Writing abstracts and articles for international journals*. (With Will Bennett and Seunghun J. Lee). University of Venda, Thohoyandou, Limpopo, South Africa.

2006–2007 Editorial Assistant to Editor in Chief Joan Maling, *NLLT*.

Computer skills

programming Python, Praat scripting, R scripting, JavaScript, SQL.

web HTML, CSS, PHP, JavaScript.

other \LaTeX , X_{\LaTeX} , *nix.

software R, Praat, Superlab, Audacity.

Languages

Native English

Studied Spanish (6 years; research knowledge)

French (2 semesters)

ASL (1 semester; research knowledge)

Professional memberships

Linguistic Society of America, Association for Laboratory Phonology