

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Current PhD Graduate Student studying Sociolinguistics, North Carolina State University
Expected Graduation May 2021
MS Thesis (in progress): *Proving a Negative: Innocent Owners and Civil Forfeiture*
MS Thesis Committee: Walt Wolfram, April Fernandes, Agnes Bolonyai, Wenjie Liao

BA in Linguistics, University of Mississippi 2011
With minors in German, Japanese, and Mathematics
Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Delta Phi Alpha
Honors Thesis: *And Justice for All: Non-Native Speakers in the American Legal System*
Honors Thesis Committee: Donald Dyer, Allison Burkette, Molly Pasco-Pranger

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Legal Linguistics, Forensic Linguistics, Language and Law, Sociology of Law, Social Control, Public Linguistics and Public Sociology

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Ye Olde Shoppes: Pseudo-Archaisms in Business Names.” As The Language Nerd (The League of Nerds). Presentation at the annual meeting of the South-Eastern Conference on Linguistics, South Carolina, USA. 2017.

“Non-Native Speakers in the American Legal System.” Presentation at the 3rd European Conference of the International Association of Forensic Linguistics, on the theme of Bridging the Gaps between Language and Law. Porto, Portugal. 2012.

“Speakers with Limited English Proficiency in the Justice System.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the South-Eastern Conference on Linguistics, Georgia, USA. 2011.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Nodar, Leah. 2014. "Non-Native Speakers in the American Legal System." Proceedings of the 3rd European Conference of the IAFL, on the theme of Bridging the Gaps between Language and Law. In Porto, Portugal, September 2012.

PUBLIC ACADEMIA

Founder and leadership, Special Committee for Public Engagement, organizing public talks to share sociological research. 2017-present.

Operations Manager, Language Diversity Ambassadors, organizing public talks to share linguistic research. 2016-2017.

As The Language Nerd at Ask the League of Nerds (asktheleagueofnerds.com), authored more than one hundred articles sharing linguistic concepts with a general audience and served as editor for articles from other disciplines (including art, biology, paramedics, and electromagnetics).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Sociology Graduate Student Association Research Mini-Grant, to support thesis research, 2017.

"Hearing is Believing: Language Discrimination in the Criminal Justice System." Common Reading Mini-Grant, NCSU, 2016.

Leadership for putting on the funded event, a screening of the documentary *Talking Black in America* and panel discussion with linguistic and legal experts, held 4 April 2017.

The Taylor Medal, the University of Mississippi's highest academic honor, 2011.

The T.J. Ray Award in Linguistics, the University of Mississippi's award for distinction in linguistic scholarship, 2011.

Chancellor's List

National Merit Scholarship

OTHER EDUCATION

Hofstra University Forensic Linguistics Internship, May-June 2017.

Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA) course, January-February 2013.
Certification awarded by Cambridge English, February 2013.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

The Language Nerd at Ask the League of Nerds (asktheleagueofnerds.com), 2012-present

Answering questions about linguistics in a friendly, accessible way. Visited Ethiopia in 2015 to interview the linguists at Addis Ababa University and share their research.

Nodar Editing, 2009-present

Improving English translations of theses, dissertations, academic articles, and most recently Yonca Eldener's novel *The Guardian of Gobeklitepe*.

Teacher of English as a Second Language, 2011-2015

Ran an English tutorial for university students for two months in Ethiopia. Taught students from kindergarten to high school for one year in South Korea. Taught speaking and writing skills to middle-schoolers in Istanbul for two years using International Baccalaureate standards, and also directed the end-of-the-year musical.

Paralegal at Legal Services Alabama, summers 2016 and 2017

Assisted in preparation of a civil forfeiture case and with medical claims from the 2010 BP oil spill.