

Claire Henderson

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EDUCATION

Georgetown University 2024 – present
Ph.D., Linguistics
Sociolinguistics concentration

McGill University 2021 – 2023
M.A., Linguistics
• Thesis: *Niagara English: Language variation and diffusion on the U.S.-Canada border*
(Supervisor: Charles Boberg)

McGill University 2016 – 2020
B.A., Linguistics & Psychology
Distinction

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

in press Boberg, Charles, **Claire Henderson**, and Jackson Mundie. A New Survey of Canadian English: Fifty years of language change. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*.

in press Boberg, Charles, **Claire Henderson**, and Jackson Mundie. Regional variation in the New Survey of Canadian English. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*.

in press Boberg, Charles, and **Claire Henderson**. Current changes underway in Canadian English. *English World-Wide*.

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

2026 **Henderson, Claire** and Jennifer Nycz. More on the menu than just p/æ/sta and p/a/sta: Phonetic gradience in second dialect acquisition. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 32.1: Proceedings of the 49th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*.

2023 **Henderson, Claire**. Maintenance of Canadian English near the American border. In *Proceedings of the 2023 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association*.

2023 **Henderson, Claire**. Antipassives in Kirundi: What is going -an?. In *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics: Proceedings of the 2022 Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (Ba-TOM 1)*.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 **Henderson, Claire** and Charles Boberg. Current changes underway in Canadian English. Paper presented at American Dialect Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 8-11.
- 2025 **Henderson, Claire**. Dialect diffusion: Canadian Raising in Niagara, NY. Paper presented at NWA 53, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, November 5-7.
- 2025 **Henderson, Claire** and Jennifer Nycz. More on the menu than just p/æ/sta and p/a/sta: Phonetic gradient in second dialect acquisition. Paper presented at NWA 53, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, November 5-7.
- 2025 **Henderson, Claire** and Charles Boberg. Regional Variation in the New Survey of Canadian English. Paper presented at the Canadian Linguistics Association annual conference, Montreal, June 3-5.
- 2025 **Henderson, Claire** and Jennifer Nycz. More on the menu than just p/æ/sta and p/a/sta: Phonetic gradient in second dialect acquisition. Paper presented at Penn Linguistics Conference 49, Philadelphia, April 5-6.
- 2025 **Henderson, Claire** and Charles Boberg. Canadian English: Fifty years of language change. Paper presented at American Dialect Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Jan. 9-12.
- 2024 **Henderson, Claire**. Phonetic diffusion in the Niagara border region. Paper presented at American Dialect Society Annual Meeting, New York City, Jan. 4-7.
- 2023 **Henderson, Claire**. How do you say *pasta*?: Foreign (a) in Canada. Paper presented at NWA 51, Queens College CUNY, Oct. 13-15.
- 2023 **Henderson, Claire**. Maintenance of Canadian English near the American border. Paper presented at the Canadian Linguistic Association annual conference, York University, May 31-June 2.
- 2023 **Henderson, Claire**. Geolinguistic diffusion near the Niagara border. Paper presented at the American Dialect Society Annual Meeting, Denver, Jan. 5-8.
- 2022 **Henderson, Claire**. Antipassives in Kirundi: What is going *-an*?. Paper presented at the Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (Ba-TOM 1), University of Toronto Scarborough, May 27-28.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

January 2026 – July 2026

Georgetown University

Supervisor: Jennifer Nycz

- Assisting with edits, suggestions, references for book submission and edited handbook

Research Assistant September 2024 – December 2024
Georgetown University
Supervisor: Jennifer Nycz

- Foreign (a) pronunciation by mobile Canadians and Americans

Research Assistant September 2023 – August 2024
McGill University
Supervisor: Charles Boberg

- The New Survey of Canadian English

Research Assistant May 2020 – August 2024
Trent University Language & Cognition Lab
Supervisor: Nancie Im-Bolter

- Children’s narrative skills, figurative language use, social cognition, executive function

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant: Sounds of Language Fall 2025
Georgetown University

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Language Spring 2025
Georgetown University

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Linguistics Winter 2023
McGill University

Teaching Assistant: Phonetics 1 Fall 2022
McGill University

Writing Tutor February 2021 – August 2021
Studiosity

Course Assistant: Abnormal Psychology October 2020 – January 2021
Trent University Durham GTA

Tutor February 2020 – August 2020
McGill University Tutorial Service

GRANTS & AWARDS

Georgetown Linguistics Conference Travel Grant	Spring 2026
American Dialect Society Presidential Honorary Membership Award	2026
Georgetown Linguistics Conference Travel Grant	Fall 2025
Georgetown Linguistics Conference Travel Grant	Spring 2025
American Dialect Society Student Travel Award	2025
SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s	2022 – 2023
Fonds de recherche du Québec (Société et culture) Master’s Scholarship	2022 – 2023
Dean’s Honour List	2017 – 2018
J.W. McConnell Scholarship	2016 – 2017

SERVICE

Treasurer, Graduate Linguistics Student Association.	May 2025 – present
Volunteer, Georgetown University Round Table.	March 2026
Language Science Fair activity volunteer, Planet Word.	May 2025
Session chair, Georgetown University Round Table.	February 2025
Phonetics & Phonology reading group organizer, McGill University.	2022 – 2023
Proceedings paper reviewer, Ba-TOM 1 (Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics).	2022