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Education

- Expected 2025 **Ph.D. Linguistics, Cognitive Science Specialist**
Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
- 2018 **B.A. Linguistics, B.A. Cognitive Science**
University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

Referred Proceedings

- 2024 Shawn Foster, Jennifer Cole. *Trading Relations in Segmental Cues to Prosodic Prominence*. To be presented at Speech Prosody 2024, 2-5 July, Leiden, The Netherlands

Presentations

- 2021 **Shawn Foster**, Jennifer Cole. *Social knowledge and exposure frequency in phonetic convergence*. Talk given at Midphon 25, 30 January, Virtual
- 2020 Annette D'Onofrio, **Jaime Benheim**, and Shawn Foster. *Distinction without distance: Racialized vocalic differences in an integrated Chicago community*. Paper presented at the American Dialect Society Annual Meeting. 2-5 January, New Orleans, LA
- 2020 **Shawn Foster**, Jennifer Cole. *Effects of word-frequency and social evaluation on phonetic accommodation*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, December 2020, Chicago, IL
- 2017 **Shawn Foster**, Joey Stanley, and Margaret Renwick. *Conditioned Front Vowel Mergers in the American South*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. 4-8 December, New Orleans, LA
- 2017 **Shawn Foster**, Joey Stanley, and Margaret Renwick. *Dialect Variation in the American South*. Poster presented at University of Georgia Center for Undergraduate Research Symposium. April 3-7, 2017, Athens, GA

Research

- 2018-present **Prosody Lab**
Lab Member, Northwestern University, Department of Linguistics
PI: Jennifer Cole, Ph.D.
- 2018-present **Sociogroup**
Lab Member, Northwestern University, Department of Linguistics
PI: Annette D'Onofrio, Ph.D.
- 2017-2018 **Linguistic Atlas of the South**
Independent Researcher

PI: Margaret Renwick, Ph.D.

2016 **James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies**
Paid Intern, Research Assistant, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey
PI: Michael Duitsman

2016 **Work and Family Experience Research Laboratory**
Research Assistant, University of Georgia, I/O Psychology Program
PI: Malissa A. Clark, Ph.D.

2015-2016 **Leadership and Performance Dynamics Lab** *August 2015-August 2016*
Research assistant, University of Georgia, I/O Psychology Program
PI: Brian J. Hoffman, Ph.D.

Teaching

2020-2021 **English for Speakers of Other Languages**
One-on-one instruction for advanced learners of English

2019 **Sound Patterns in Human Language**
Introduction to phonetics and phonology
Teaching assistant Northwestern University, Department of Linguistics
Instructor: Jennifer Alexander, Ph.D.

2020 **Meaning**
Introduction to formal semantics
Instructor: Brady Clark, Ph.D.

2020 **Language, Politics and Identity**
Introduction to sociolinguistics with focus on Southeastern Europe
Instructor: Elisabeth Elliot, Ph.D.

Award and Honors

2022 **Northwestern Graduate Research Grant**
University grant for the advancement of doctoral research
\$840

2017 **Beinecke Scholarship**
National scholarship funding graduate study in the humanities and social sciences
\$36,000

2017 **CURO Summer Fellowship**
University of Georgia fellowship for summer research
\$3,000

Service

2023-present **Graduate Representative**
Northwestern University, Department of Linguistics

2019-2021 **Subject Pool Coordinator**
Northwestern University, Department of Linguistics

2019 **Graduate Student Admission Organization Committee**
Northwestern University, Department of Linguistics

2016-2018 **Content Editor, Humanities**
University of Georgia, Journal for Undergraduate Research Opportunities

Organizational Membership

2018-Present **Acoustical Society of America**

2020-Present **Association for Laboratory Phonology**

Other skills

Programming and Scripting Languages

General Purpose: Python, Java

Statistical: R, Stan

Audio Processing: Praat

Languages Spoken

English (native) Spanish (intermediate) Russian (intermediate)

Arabic (beginner)