

## John Matthew Riebold

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### Research Interests

Sociolinguistics (Northwest English, vowel raising and merger), phonetics (lenition, glottalization, voice quality), sociophonetics, computational linguistics (speech recognition, machine learning).

### Education

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA

September 2010 – August 2015

Ph.D., Linguistics

- Committee: Alicia Beckford Wassink (co-chair), Richard Wright (co-chair), Betsy Evans

York University, Toronto, ON, Canada

September 2008 – August 2009

M.A., Theoretical Linguistics, October 2009

- Major research paper: “Creak in the Rain: Phonation in Oregon English”
- Advisor: Philipp Angermeyer

York University, Toronto, ON, Canada

September 2007 – May 2008

Non-degree student, Linguistics

Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, USA

September 2003 – August 2007

B.A., German, October 2007

### Publications

2015. The Social distribution of a regional change: /æɡ, ɛɡ, eg/ in Washington State. PhD dissertation, University of Washington. [PDF](#)

2010. The Linguistics of Inequality: Mock Speech and Language Ideology. *Proceedings of Journées de Linguistique XXII*.

2009. Creak in the Rain: Phonation in Oregon English. Master’s Major Research Paper, York University, Canada. [PDF](#)

### Conference Presentations

2014. The Ethnic Distribution of a Regional Change: /æɡ, ɛɡ, eg/ in Washington State. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 43, Chicago, IL, October 23–26. [PDF](#)

2014. Language Change Isn’t Only Skin Deep: Inter-Ethnic Contact and the Spread of Innovation in the Northwest. Cascadia Workshop in Sociolinguistics 1, University of Victoria, March 1–2. [PDF](#)

2013. Wassink, A. B., & Riebold, J. M. Individual Variation and Linguistic Innovation in the American Pacific Northwest. Workshop on Sound Change Actuation at the Chicago Linguistic Society’s 49th annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 18–20. [PDF](#)

2012. Freeman, V., Riebold, J. M., & Sykes, R. To [t] or not to [t]: Those are the strategies. University of Washington Department of Linguistics colloquium, Seattle, WA, USA, May 4. [PDF](#)

2012. Please Merge Ahead: The Vowel Space of Pacific Northwestern English. Northwest Linguistics Conference 28, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA, April 7. [PDF](#)

2012. There Ain't No Stopping Us Now: Spirantization in the Pacific Northwest (Poster). Linguistic Society of America's 2012 annual meeting, Portland, OR, USA, January 7. [PDF](#)

2011. Time to Pull out the Stops: Spirantization in Pacific Northwestern English (Poster). 161st Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Seattle, WA, USA, May 23–27. [PDF](#)

2010. Creak in the Rain: Phonation in Oregon English. Linguistic Society of America's 2010 Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, USA, January 8. [PDF](#)

2009. Local Spoken Here: English in Oregon (Poster). *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 38, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, Canada, October 23.

2009. Creak in the Rain: Creaky Voice in Oregon English. 6th Annual Graduate Student Forum in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 21.

2009. The Linguistics of Inequality: Mock Speech and Language Ideology. Journées de Linguistique XXII, Université Laval, Québec, QC, Canada, March 6.

**Academic Service** 2012. Session chair. Northwest Linguistics Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA, April 7.  
Session 3: Discourse

2012. Reviewer. Northwest Linguistics Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA, April 7.

2009. Session chair. Change and Variation in Canada III, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, June 20.  
Session 3: Change, Transmission and Diffusion

**Academic  
Employment**

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA  
Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

*Lab Systems Admin for the Phonetics and Sociolinguistics Labs, Richard Wright & Alicia Beckford Wassink*

Summer 2012 – Summer 2014

*Lead Research Assistant, The Pacific Northwest English Project, Alicia Beckford Wassink*

Conducted field interviews, recruited respondents, maintained database and materials, prepared data for analysis (force-alignment, transcription), performed analysis of data (spectral analysis).

Spring 2012

*Teaching Assistant, LING/COM/ANTH 233 - Introduction to Language in Society, Betsy Evans*

Led four quiz sections (88 students total), conducted reviews of lecture material, wrote, edited, and developed questions for tests, and held weekly office hours.

Winter 2012

*Teaching Assistant, LING 200 - Introduction to Linguistic Thought, Laura McGarrity*

Led one quiz section (37 students total), conducted reviews of lecture material, wrote test and homework questions, and held weekly office hours, in addition to assisting in the management of the Moodle course website (e.g. by adding questions to the database, creating quizzes and homeworks,

etc.).

Autumn 2011

*Teaching Assistant, LING 200 - Introduction to Linguistic Thought, Laura McGarrity*

Led two quiz sections (71 students total), conducted reviews of lecture material, wrote test and homework questions, held weekly office hours.

Summer 2011

*Instructor, LING 400 - Survey of Linguistic Method and Theory*

Solo-taught 16 students, developed and refined course materials (slides, homeworks, and exams), graded all assignments and exams, held weekly office hours.

Winter – Spring 2011

*Research Assistant*

Assisted Alicia Beckford Wassink, Richard Wright, Sharon Hargus, Julia Herschensohn, Betsy Evans, and Barbara Citko in numerous projects, including editing manuscripts, digitizing recordings, evaluating stimuli, and analyzing data.

Autumn 2010

*Teaching Assistant, LING 200 - Introduction to Linguistic Thought, Laura McGarrity*

Led two quiz sections (56 students total), conducted reviews of lecture material, wrote test and homework questions, held weekly office hours.

York University, Toronto, ON, Canada

Academic Year 2008–2009

*Teaching Assistant, LING 2060 - The Grammatical Structure of English, Shiv Upadhyay*

Led two tutorials (50 students total), conducted reviews of lecture material, administered and graded tests, quizzes, and homework, held weekly office hours.

**Awards & Honors** Top Scholar Award, University of Washington, 2010 – 2015

Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics Chair's Honour Roll, York University, academic year 2008–2009

York University Graduate Development Fund Travel Bursary

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) University Summer Course Grant, 2008

Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics Chair's Honour Roll, York University, academic year 2007–2008

Dean's Honor Roll, Oregon State University, academic year 2006–2007

**Relevant Software** Praat scripting

**Skills** R  
Java  
Python  
LaTeX  
Moodle

**Professional Affiliations** Linguistic Society of America  
2008 – Present

Acoustical Society of America  
2010 – Present

**Languages**

English (native)

German (advanced)

Italian (intermediate)

Mandarin Chinese (basic)