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Department of Linguistics

**Exploring Careers with
Linguistics Alumni**

Svetlin Dimov, M.A. 2015



Svetlin is currently a Business Analyst at Dose, one of the world's fastest-growing digital media companies where he analyzes and optimizes digital content to make it go viral. Previously, at Millward Brown, he managed copy/ad testing, ad and brand equity tracking, and other market research programs for clients from Fortune 100/500 companies from a variety of industries.

Sherry Vernon, B.A. 2015

Sherry currently works as a Program Assistant supporting the Weinberg fundraising team within Northwestern's Alumni Relations and Development department. She double majored in Cognitive Science and Linguistics.



Kathleen Painter, B.A. 2014

Kathleen currently works as the Associate Dean of High School Boarding at Korea International School, Jeju Campus. She supervises the high school dorm staff, organizes activities and events for students and connects with teachers and administrators in the day school. She is using her Linguistics degree to promote English language learning for her Korean students. She is currently implementing second language acquisition strategies in the school and dorm environment in order to prepare the students for English-speaking universities.



Alexa Carreno, B.A. 2013

Alexa is currently in her last semester of law school at Chicago-Kent College of Law, concentrating in environmental and animal law. In her time at school, she has interned for a variety of organizations, most notably for Region 5 at the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago and at the Humane Society of the United States in Washington, D.C. Her analytical skills from linguistics have greatly helped in developing legal analysis and arguments.



Staci Gold, B.A. 2013



Staci is currently pursuing a Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Certification at Illinois Institution of Technology. She hopes to become a pediatric psychiatrist.

Jeffrey Geiger, B.A. 2012

Jeffrey is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Chicago. He is particularly interested in accommodation and context-dependence, and in his latest project, he is hoping to characterize the interaction between (non-linguistics) contextual information and overt linguistic information in determining what types of antecedents can be accommodated for elliptical structures. He has also done some previous work in experimental phonology on the role of rhythm in language game learning.



Kelly Kahle, B.A. 2012



After graduating in 2012 with her Linguistics degree, Kelly entered medical school at the University of Illinois College of Medicine that fall. She is set to graduate this spring and will continue her training in a Family Medicine residency hoping to enter rural practice.

Jenna Luque, M.A. 2012

After receiving her MA in Linguistics at Northwestern, Jenna relocated back to Florida to work on a PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders. While finishing up her degree, Jenna owns a private practice focusing on accent modification and is a Visiting Instructor at University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee. Her knowledge of linguistics is useful in both of these areas.



Alex Moe, B.A. 2012

Alex came to linguistics from philosophy; rather than continue study in either, he split the difference and went to law school. He currently works for a Circuit Judge here in Chicago, and is working his way back into academia by publishing a series of increasingly inaccessible articles on increasingly obscure bits and bobs of Illinois law. He is always happy to make time to talk shop — linguistics, law, anything — with future colleagues.



Nattalia Paterson, Ph.D. 2012

Nattalia works full-time as a freelance conference interpreter and translator. She has all sorts of large and small clients, but her main client is the Federal Government, mainly the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Defense, together with the agencies that serve them (e.g. Meridian International, IIE, Detra, etc.).



Minna Zhou, B.A. 2012



Minna is a Twin-Cities-based Radio Producer, Writer, and Researcher. She has written for various publications, including Pitchfork, MTV Iggy, and FADER. She has produced radio and DJ'd, interned with American RadioWorks, and conducted sociolinguistics fieldwork as a Fulbright Fellow to Senegal. Minna also directed, produced, and DJ'd for Continental Drift on WNUR 89.3 FM Evanston-Chicago. In 2011, she interned with Smithsonian Folkways Recordings.

Melissa Baese-Berk, Ph.D. 2011

After finishing her dissertation, Melissa chose to stay in academia and continues to work as a researcher and teacher. Immediately after graduation, she moved to Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain, to work as a postdoctoral researcher at the Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language. After two years at the BCBL, she moved back to the US, where she worked as a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders at Michigan State University. In 2013, Melissa moved to Oregon to work as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Oregon.



Natalie Friend, B.A. 2011



After becoming interested in L1 acquisition as an undergrad, Natalie received her Master's in Speech-Language Pathology from Northwestern's School of Communication. She now works in a school as a speech pathologist, teaching language to children with autism.

Thomas Hayden, B.A. 2011

After graduating from Northwestern, Tom went to law school at Vanderbilt University. He now works at Fidelity National Financial as a real estate transactions attorney.

Jeffrey Schechter, B.A. 2011

Using skills in statistical programming, computational modeling, and data manipulation learned studying linguistics and cognitive science at Northwestern, Jeff worked as a spam and abuse analyst at Google from 2011 through 2014, fighting organized crime money-making schemes and fraudulent business practices. He went on to become the data scientist and data engineer at financial technology startup Level Money, which was acquired by Capital One in 2015. Jeff is currently a Data Scientist / Master Software Engineer at Capital One, where he looks for excuses to apply artificial neural network techniques to problems in personal finance.



Kristen Van Engen, Ph.D. 2011



After completing her Ph.D., Kristin worked as a postdoc and lecturer in the Departments of Linguistics and Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Texas at Austin. In 2012, she took a postdoctoral teaching position in the Linguistics Program at Washington University in St. Louis, and in 2016, she accepted a tenure-track position in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Wash. U. where she will continue teaching in the Linguistics Program.

Emily Braun, B.A. 2010



Emily received a B.A. in Linguistics and M.S. in Speech, Language, and Learning from Northwestern. After graduating, Emily worked as an inpatient speech-language pathologist in an acute rehabilitation hospital, working with individuals with swallowing, speech, language, and cognitive deficits. She currently works as a research speech-language pathologist at the Center for Aphasia Research and Treatment at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, administering treatment to individuals with language deficits after stroke.

Anna Dabrowski, B.A. 2010



After graduating in 2010, Anna worked as a Research Assistant at Stanford University's Semlab and then moved to Copenhagen, Denmark, to pursue an M.Sc. in Information Science. Anna used her background in linguistics to study search engine performance in academic literature retrieval tasks. She conducted experiments that included citation contexts within retrieval to improve performance. In 2016 Anna returned to the US, and now she is the Digital Repositories Librarian for Texas A&M University Libraries' Office of Scholarly Communication.

Meredith Larson, Ph.D. 2010

Meredith is currently a research analyst in the National Center for Education Research in the Institute of Education Sciences at the U.S. Department of Education. She oversees research grants that study adult learners who range in skill from preliterate through undergraduate, focusing primarily on adults with low literacy or numeracy skill (i.e., below the 12th grade level) or those learning English. Her background in linguistics provided her with fundamental knowledge in research design and methods necessary to do her job.



John Lee, B.A. 2010

John is currently completing his master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology at Northwestern. He decided to pursue this degree due to his interest in the scientific, psychosocial and neurological bases of language.



Julliard Lin, B.A. 2010



Julliard is currently a graduate student in Urban Planning at New York University. Prior to returning to school, she worked in city government and urban policy.

Kelsey Mok, B.A. & M.A. 2010

After graduating with a B.A./M.A. in Linguistics with a focus in Bilingualism and Acoustic Phonetics, Kelsey became the lab manager at Northwestern's Speech Communication Research Group, where she analyzed speech recordings and developed software to assist in the lab's research projects. She later moved on to become the primary analyst at a start-up company called Pawngo where she specialized in building data-integration programs to track and analyze digital marketing and performance data. From there, she became a developer at Chicago start-up called The Started League (formerly Code Academy), architecting and building software to automate everyday business operations. She is currently a Software Engineer at Sittercity.



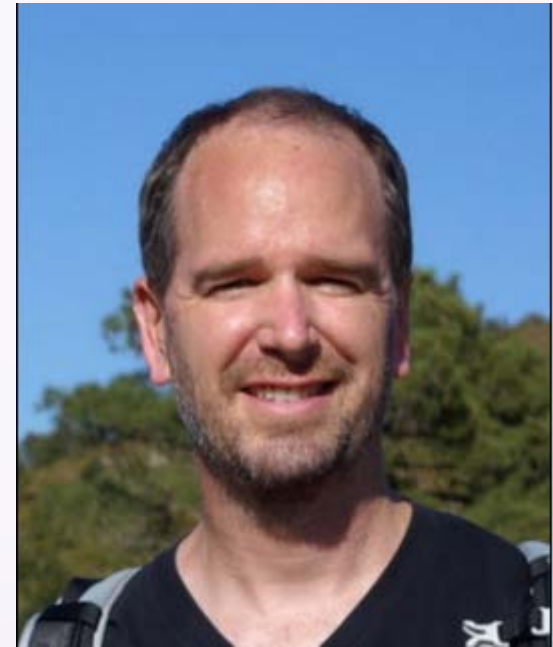
William Karl Thompson, Ph.D. 2010

After receiving his Ph.D. In Linguistics at Northwestern, William continued for a while working at Motorola Labs as a Natural Language Processing (NLP) research engineer. In 2010 he rejoined Northwestern University, this time as a Research Assistant Professor in the Feinberg School of Medicine. He is currently doing NLP research on biomedical literature and on clinical notes collected for patient care in hospitals and outpatient offices across all of Northwestern Medicine. Moving forward, he hopes to collaborate once again with the Northwestern Linguistics department.



James German, Ph.D. 2009

After receiving his Ph.D., James moved to Aix-en-Provence, France, for a postdoctoral position at the Laboratoire Parole et Language. In 2010, he moved to Singapore for his first tenure-track position at Nanyang Technological University, where he discovered his love for teaching and supervising. He is currently a Professor and Chair Fellow at Aix-Marseille Université, working in the same laboratory as before. His current research explores how social information interacts with prosodic representations in both production and perception.



Paige Piccinini, B.A. & M.A. 2009

After attending Northwestern, Page continued on to the University of California, San Diego, completing a PhD in Linguistics in 2016. Her thesis focused on the phonetics of code-switching in Spanish-English bilinguals, as a means to better understand how bilinguals organize and access their two languages. Paige is currently a post-doc at the NeuroPsychologie Interventionnelle (NPI) at the École Normale Supérieure.



Christopher Ahern, B.A. 2008



Chris is a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Pennsylvania in the Departments of Linguistics and Biology, where his research focuses on using mathematical and statistical tools to understand how and why languages change over time. Since graduating from Northwestern, he has worked on search engine summarization, completed a PhD in Linguistics, and used natural language processing to help connect people suffering from rare diseases.

Amy Millar, B.A. 2007

Amy Millar became interested in linguistics after enrolling in a freshman seminar that explored the acquisition and development of language in childhood. This class not only led her to pursue a degree in linguistics, but fostered in her a desire to further understand the intricacies of human biology. After finishing her undergraduate degree, she went on to graduate with an MD from Rush Medical College in Chicago. She is currently finishing her specialty training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN.



Tyler Perrachione, B.A. & M.A. 2007

Tyler is an assistant professor in the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at Boston University. He is the director and principal investigator of the Communication Neuroscience Research Laboratory, where his NIH-funded research program focuses on the brain bases of speech and language. He received his B.A./M.A. in Linguistics from Northwestern, followed by a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from MIT. Dr. Perrachione's research on brain and behavior factors in human communication has been published in academic journals such as *Science*, *Cognition*, and *Human Brain Mapping*, and featured in the popular press, including the *New York Times*, BBC, and NPR.



Maria Gallegos, B.A. 2006

Maria currently works in life insurance for her New York-based company. She has partnered with her husband on two business ventures – one in the landscape industry and the other in a car dealership. She often reflects on her years at Northwestern and the valuable education she received, as well as how it has contributed to her career.



Anne Gooch, B.A. 2006

After graduating with a Linguistics degree and working in a private law firm for a couple of years, Anne went to law school at Vanderbilt University. Since 2011 she has been an Assistant Parliamentarian in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Office of the Parliamentarian provides the House with nonpartisan, objective guidance on parliamentary rules and procedures. During proceedings on the floor, she can be found to the Speaker's right on the dais. As an attorney in the Office of the Parliamentarian, she is often writing and editing, in addition to providing oral advice to the House, its Members, and the public.



Evan Bradley, B.A. 2005

Evan Bradley majored in the interdisciplinary Cognitive Science program, with a focus in linguistics, and also earned a certificate in Music. While at NU, he worked with faculty in the Linguistics and Psychology departments in the Project on Child Development. He then went on to earn his Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Delaware, and he is currently Assistant Professor of Psychology at Penn State Brandywine. His research focuses on the perception of both language and music.



Julia Moore, Ph.D. 2004



Julia chose to stay at Northwestern in the Department of Linguistics. She currently serves as the Director of English Language Programs.

Joel Nierman, B.A. 2004



Joel Nierman started his career as a digital media planner at Agency.com. He subsequently led digital media planning and buying teams and groups at a number of agencies, including MPG/MediaContacts, Charlotte's Web Marketing (since acquired) and Critical Mass, where he directed the global media practice. While at Critical Mass, Nierman evolved the offering, shifting from direct buying to a data- and research-driven, comms-planning-first unit. He worked across agency and client marketing teams, evangelizing the "media mindset". After Critical Mass, Joel joined to Liquidus Marketing, where he led their ad technology division, consisting of the programmatic buying team, media product strategy and business development. Now at MediaLink, a strategic advisory firm that lives at the intersection of Hollywood, Wall Street, Madison Avenue and Silicon Valley, Joel helps clients across the company's portfolio understand and solve the underlying technology and data strategy puzzles that will support their businesses into the next century of media, marketing and entertainment.

Liz Coppock, B.A. 2002

After graduating from Northwestern, Liz pursued a Ph.D. in Linguistics at Stanford, and is now an Associate Professor in Linguistics at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden, focusing on semantics and pragmatics. She previously held research and teaching positions at the Department of General linguistics at Heinrich Heine University (Dusseldorf, Germany) and the Centre for Languages and Literature at Lund University (Lund, Sweden).



Lindsay Hagerman, B.A. & M.A. 2002

Lindsay Hartman Hagerman married a Medill '03 graduate and used her Spanish fluency in two international sales jobs. She now works in her family business in e-commerce and importing, and continues to find immense value in her Linguistics degrees in business interactions and in raising her daughters to speak well and understand the nuance of language.



Daniel Speirs, B.A. 2002



Dan Speirs graduated in 2002 with a degree in linguistics and mathematical methods in the social sciences. He began his career at consulting firm Gap International to help launch its study of the connection between language and performance. He has since joined Vanguard, working in their innovation and change management departments, and consistently sees the importance of language and mindset in driving organizational change. Dan has an MS in information systems from Drexel University and an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. He lives outside Philadelphia with his wife and three children.

Sandra Wright, Ph.D. 2002



Sandra is currently a professor and the Vice Chair of the Department of English at California State University, Chico, where she also runs the ESL Resource Center on campus. In 2010, she was designated as the Outstanding Teacher at CSU, Chico.

Dana Lossia, B.A. 2001

Dana represents plaintiffs in both individual and class action employment discrimination litigation. She is a member of the Board of Editors of the Employment Discrimination Law treatise, and has given presentations at the AFL-CIO's annual Lawyers Coordinating Committee as well as the annual Impact Fund conference. She is the recipient of the Center for Constitutional Rights' 2010 President's Award.



Lena Winters, B.A. & M.A. 2000



After graduating with a M.A. in Linguistics, Lena entered Northwestern Law School and received a JD in 2003. Since then, she has worked in a number of family law and criminal defense firms as a trial attorney. She now teaches Introduction to Trial Advocacy at Northwestern Law School and has her own family law practice, Winters Family Law Firm.

Allison Rosenberg, B.A. & M.A. 1995

After she graduated from Northwestern, Allison went to law school at Duke University, where she did a joint JD/LLM in International and Comparative Law. She has been a commercial real estate attorney for 17 years, splitting her career between New York and Tokyo.

Andrew Talle, B.A. & M.A. 1995



Andrew Talle earned a bachelor's degree in cello performance as a student of Hans Jørgen Jensen, as well as bachelor's and master's degrees in linguistics. From 1995-2003, he was a PhD student at Harvard University, earning master's and doctoral degrees in musicology. Dr. Talle spent one year lecturing at Harvard before moving to Baltimore in 2004 to join the musicology faculty at the Peabody Conservatory. In 2011, he was named a Gilman Scholar of the Johns Hopkins University, a distinction reserved for fewer than 20 faculty members across all nine divisions.

Mari Broman Olsen, Ph.D. 1994



Mari received her post-doc at the University of Maryland, and she currently works in Natural Language Experiences at the Microsoft Corporation.

Lauren Cohen, B.A. 1993

Lauren is Head of Business Development nationally for Koss REsource, an online commercial real estate platform based in Los Angeles. She identifies and implements new strategies for growth and building and maintaining successful client relationships. She promotes the business at real estate conferences and is focused on helping to grow the targeted user base and increase revenue. Prior to Koss REsource, Lauren was a real estate capital service provider and originator of debt and equity transactions. Lauren loves to write, read and remains interested in the study of language and gender, language and culture and sociolinguistics.



Kathy Pendleton, B.A. 1993



Kathy worked as a scholarship coordinator for Rotary International. She worked with Spanish-speaking countries and non-native English speakers coming to the U.S. She then worked as a student advisor in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Michigan. She is now home with her two children. Kathy plans to return to work once her family completes a move to Nashville.

Shahrzad Mahootian, Ph.D. 1993



Shahrzad is a Professor of Linguistics and the Linguistics Department Program Coordinator at Northeastern Illinois University. She has been at NEIU since 1993.

Karen Krolak, B.A. 1993

After receiving a B.A. in Linguistics Karen has been choreographing and designing costumes. This might not be a typical route for linguists, but she had found ways to weave language issues into a great deal of her work with a recent project, The Dictionary of Negative Space (<https://dictionaryofnegativespace.com>)

The Dictionary of Negative Space is an interdisciplinary lament that examines the negative space within the English language, the vast chasms of unnamed ideas related to mourning, trauma, and repair. Karen developed it as an exhibition for her MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts and it was inspired by the car accident that killed her mother, father, and older brother in 2012. While receiving a tremendous amount of feedback from other artists, Karen would be especially interested in hearing insights from the linguistics community. Please feel free to contact her with any questions, comments or suggestions.

Sylvia Aruffo, Ph.D. 1992

Sylvia's Ph.D. in ethnolinguistics, specifically on misunderstandings, had immediate application in marketing. She worked for Pepsi-Cola and Baxter Healthcare and now has her own company with a team of anthropologists to do ethnolinguistic research on patients and doctors to analyze how they communicate. Her company does projects for companies like Pfizer, Bayer and Sanofi, and sell research-based patient education materials to health care providers.



Jennifer Gies, B.A. 1990



Jennifer majored in Linguistics and Interdepartmental Speech, graduating in 1990. For many years, she has worked in the music industry, but has also been an English as a Second Language teacher for adults in Tennessee, Chicago, and Los Angeles. (She was also a learner of Spanish and Arabic.) She has always been a language connoisseur, and appreciates standard spelling, punctuation, and grammar. She currently lives in Los Angeles, teaching ESL and aspiring to write a hit screenplay.

Faithe Thomas, B.A. 1990



After completing her B.A. in Linguistics (1990), Faithe worked for six years in Africa helping establish indigenous publication centers in Ghana and Zambia. After returning to the United States, she continued her publishing career as owner of Master Design Publishing, which publishes books in various languages for use around the world. They have printed over 2.25 million books since 1998. Faithe started Master Design Marketing and FaitheThomas.com, both of which help new entrepreneurs around the world enter the arena of internet marketing. She is married and homeschools their daughter.

Brett Blake, M.A. 1989



Brett is Professor in the School of Education at St. John's University in New York City where she is also a Senior Research Fellow in the Vincentian Center for Social Justice and Poverty. Since receiving her M.A. from Northwestern (and her Ph.D, from the University of IL at Chicago) she has worked with the Chicago Public Schools and various out-of-school settings including Riker's Island in New York City to help ensure that those students with linguistic differences were still afforded equal and equitable chances to education. She is the author of several articles and books, including the best seller, "She say, he say: Urban girls write their lives," that chronicled her work with Chicago urban English language-learning (ELL) middle school girls.

Jan Braeutigam, M.A. 1989

Following her graduation, Jan was hired by Evanston School District 65. She was assigned to two Evanston elementary schools, Dewey and Lincoln, to be the Caribbean ELL teacher. She has now been in the school district for 27 years. For the past 17 years, she has been the ELL teacher at Haven Middle School. Because of the linguistics program, she has had a satisfying and exciting career that she loves everyday.

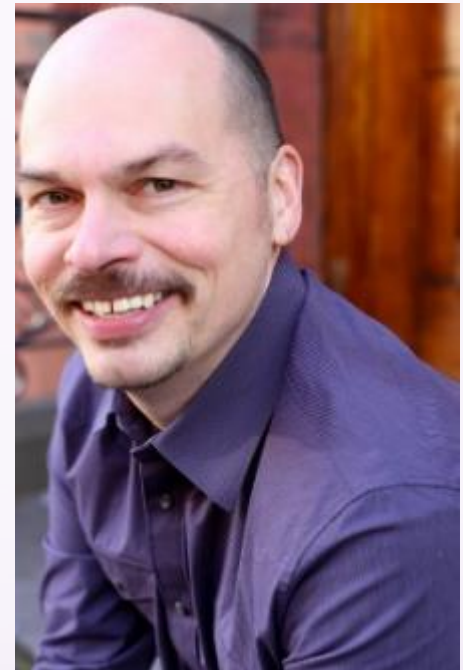
Sandi Ferretti, B.A. 1989

Sandi graduated from Northwestern in 1989 with a double major in English Literature and Linguistics. She went on to the University of Michigan School of Public Health and earned her Masters in Health Services Administration in 1991. She has worked in a number of settings in health care since, including an integrated delivery system, a health insurance company, state government, and consulting. Sandi has also been involved in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Rhode Island, and she is currently a Program Advisor to Brown University's Executive Master of Healthcare Leadership.



Steve Kleinedler, B.A. 1989

Steve is the executive editor for the *American Heritage Dictionary* and managing editor for the *Webster's New World College Dictionary*, both published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, where he is executive editor of the reference group. Steve earned a BA in linguistics from Northwestern University and attended graduate school at the University of Chicago for linguistics. He worked as a freelance editor for several reference titles for National Textbook Company between 1989 and 1997. Steve is vice president for the Dictionary Society of North America and is a founding member of Shattered Globe Theater in Chicago.



Camille Lamoureux, B.A. 1989



Camille graduated with a B.A. in Linguistics in 1989. Right after college she went to work as a computer programmer eventually co-founding a small children's edutainment software company called Headbone Interactive in Seattle, Washington. She acted as the Technical Director for almost 10 years before quitting and becoming a photographer. She is still a photographer but has also just completed her first novel, which she is currently editing and deciding how to publish. Camille lives in Kirkland, Washington, with her husband Jim Lamoureux who also graduated from Northwestern.

James Rauff, Ph.D. 1988

The same year he received his Ph.D., James was hired to teach mathematics and computer science at Millikin University, where he is now a tenured full Professor of Mathematics. He has received several University-wide teaching awards and has over 150 publications in national and international journals. James has also served as the Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and as the Director of the Writing Across the Curriculum Program, and he has given numerous professional talks. He is currently investigating swarm intelligence.



Katrina Hood, B.A. 1987

After she left Northwestern in 1987, Katrina travelled to Japan and taught English for a year. She returned to the US with a new desire to go to Medical School. She graduated from University of Louisville Medical School in 1994 and joined the US Navy to complete her residency. Katrina became a Pediatrician in 1997 and left the Navy in 2001. She returned home to Kentucky where she is in private practice as a Pediatrician in Lexington. She is convinced that her love of Pediatrics is in part due to Linguistics and her passion for language development.



Nancy Rogers, B.A. 1987

Nancy is a Professor of Music Theory at Florida State University, where she received FSU's Undergraduate Teaching Award in 2013. Her research interests include music cognition and its pedagogical implications, and she has presented papers at numerous national and international conferences. She and Robert W. Ottman are co-authors of *Music for Sight Singing* (Pearson), the leading sight-singing textbook in North America. Nancy has served as Secretary of the Society for Music Theory, President of Music Theory Southeast, and Treasurer of Music Theory Midwest. Before coming to Florida State University, she was on the faculties of Northwestern University, the University of Iowa, and Lawrence University.



Denise Neapolitan, B.A. 1986

Having received a BA in Linguistics from Northwestern University, Denise Neapolitan was awarded a Marshall Scholarship and studied cognitive development at the Centre for Cognitive Science at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. After receiving her PhD, Denise joined the University of Kansas' Center for Research on the Influences of Television on Children, concentrating on the effectiveness of educational media. She then left academe and joined Microsoft, where she led the popular "Magic School Bus" software series. Denise has returned to the UK where she lives with her husband.

Daniel Pink, B.A. 1986



Photo by Rebecca Drobis.

Daniel is the author of five provocative books – including the long-running New York Times bestsellers, *A Whole New Mind* and *Drive*. His latest book, *To Sell Is Human*, is a #1 New York Times business bestseller, a #1 Wall Street Journal business bestseller, and a #1 Washington Post nonfiction bestseller. Dan's books have been translated into 34 languages. He lives in Washington, DC, with his wife and their three children.

[2009 TED Talks: Daniel Pink examines the puzzles of motivation.](#)

[2014 Weinberg College Convocation Address by Daniel Pink](#)

Vance Schaefer, B.A. 1986



Vance is an Assistant Professor of TESL and Applied Linguistics in the Department of Modern Languages at the University of Mississippi. He has worked either as an ESL/foreign language instructor or translator, living in countries such as Japan, Thailand and Taiwan.

Craig Sirles, Ph.D. 1985

Craig is Associate Professor Emeritus of English at DePaul University. In 1983, he accepted an administrative position at DePaul, which led to directing evening undergraduate programs in DePaul's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. He then landed a tenure-track position in the Department of English, where he taught undergraduate and graduate-level courses. In retirement he now works as a volunteer in Lyric Opera's Education Corps, giving backstage tours of the Civic Opera House to school groups.



Ellen Barton, M.A. 1983, Ph.D. 1985



Ellen is a Professor in the Linguistics Program and Department of English at Wayne State University, where she has been since receiving her Ph.D. in 1985.

Linda Schinke-Llano, Ph.D. 1981

For nearly 25 years following the completion of her doctorate in linguistics, Linda served as a university faculty member, first at Northwestern and then at Millikin University, teaching at both the undergrad and graduate levels. Areas of specialization included first and second language acquisition, bilingualism, language assessment, sociolinguistics, cross-cultural communication, bilingual education, and international and U.S. ethnic literature. She also served as a consultant on a number of these topics, both in the U.S. and abroad, working for state departments of education, school districts, educational testing companies, publishing houses, and professional organizations. Linda retired from Millikin University as Distinguished University Professor and Professor Emerita of Language and Literature.



Judith Markowitz, Ph.D. 1977

Judith currently works at J. Markowitz, Consultants in the field of speech and language technology. In addition to her doctoral degree in Linguistics, she also has an MS in Computer Science and a certificate in Strategic Management from the American Management Association. Judith gave a keynote address at SpeechTEK 2015, which is the premier commercial conference in the speech-processing industry. She has published numerous books.



Sue Goldstein, B.A. 1975

Sue is a nonpartisan attorney in the legislative bill drafting office of the Washington State Legislature. In addition to editing the work of other professional legislative policy staff members, her job often involves helping translate policy and concepts into easily understood and unambiguous language in bills that have the potential to be enacted into law. At Northwestern, she was particularly interested in language acquisition and development, which she rarely uses in her job, though she has at times been required to include "nonwords" in her bill drafting.



Bonnie Litowitz, M.A. 1970, Ph.D. 1975



After she received her Ph.D., Bonnie became a faculty member in the School of Speech, Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders. She was an Assistant Professor there from 1975-1980 and became an Association Professor in 1980. After she left Northwestern, Bonnie became the Dean at Erikson Institute, a center for advanced study in child development. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Rush Medical University, on the faculty of the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, in private practice, and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association (JAPA)*, published by Sage.

William Greenberg, M.A. 1967

William is retired from the University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras, where he worked as a semanticist in the Humanities English Department.