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## Education

- 2018            PhD in Linguistics, University of Pennsylvania
- 2011            MS in Language Sciences, University of Lyon (Lyon 2)
- 2003            BA in English Literature and Rhetoric, Anthropology minor, Binghamton University

## Professional Appointments

- 2018-            Assistant Professor of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences, Wellesley College

## Grants, Fellowships and Awards

### Grants

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| 2017-2018    | Dissertation Research Improvement Grant        | National Science Foundation |
| 2014, -16-17 | Arts & Sciences (SASgov) Travel Grant          | University of Pennsylvania  |
| 2013-2016    | Arts & Sciences Dean's Travel Subvention Grant | University of Pennsylvania  |
| 2013, -16    | Fontaine Society Travel Grant                  | University of Pennsylvania  |
| 2013, -15-17 | GAPSA Research Travel Award                    | University of Pennsylvania  |

### Fellowships

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| 2016-2018 | Urban Studies Graduate Fellowship          | University of Pennsylvania |
| 2011-2016 | Fontaine Society Fellowship                | University of Pennsylvania |
| 2011-2016 | Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (Linguistics) | University of Pennsylvania |

### Awards

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| 2014 | Best Student Paper (w/ H. Prichard & B. Sneller) | NWAV 43 |
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## Publications

### Peer-reviewed Papers

- 2016 William Labov, Anita Henderson, **Sabriya Fisher**, Duna Gylfadóttir, Hilary Prichard, and Betsy Sneller. Competing Systems in Philadelphia Phonology. *Language Variation and Change* 28.3:273-305.
- 2015 **Sabriya Fisher**. Is French Guianese Creole *sa* a Pronoun or a Copula? In Katia Golovko and Maria Mazzoli, editors, *Lingue e Linguaggio: Special Issue on Copulas*, 271-286.

### Proceedings and edited volumes

- 2018 **Sabriya Fisher**. Change over Time in the Grammar of African American English. In Lacey Arnold Wade and Jordon Kodner, editors, *Selected Papers from NWAV 46*, University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 24.2.
- 2015 William Labov and **Sabriya Fisher**. African American Phonology in a Philadelphia Community. In Sonja Lanehart, editor, *The Oxford Handbook of African American Language*, 256-279. Oxford University Press.
- 2015 **Sabriya Fisher**, Hilary Prichard, and Betsy Sneller. The Apple Doesn't Fall Far from the Tree: Incremental Change in Philadelphia Families. In Sabriya Fisher, editor, *Selected Papers from NWAV 43*, University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 21.2.
- 2015 Betsy Sneller and **Sabriya Fisher**. When *Get* Got Noticed: the Emerging Salience of *Get*-passives. In David Wilson, editor, *Proceedings of the Penn Linguistics Conference 38*, University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 21.1.

### Unpublished Manuscripts

- 2018 **Sabriya Fisher**. Variation and Change in Past Tense Negation in African American English. Dissertation Committee: William Labov, Meredith Tamminga, David Embick.

### Volumes Edited

- 2015 Selected Papers from NWAV 43, *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*, vol. 21.2

## Conference Talks and Posters

### Conference Talks

- 2019 **Sabriya Fisher**. More than One Way to be Black in Philly: Ethnic Identity and Philadelphia's Short-a Systems. Paper presented at the Georgetown University Roundtable in Linguistics, Georgetown, March 2019.
- 2019 **Sabriya Fisher**. Another Case of Perfect-to-Past Reanalysis in African American English. Paper presented at the American Dialect Society, New York, January 2019.

- 2017 **Sabriya Fisher.** The Expansion of *ain't* in AAE. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Austin, January 2017.
- 2016 **Sabriya Fisher.** What's *ain't* Got to Do with Tense in AAE? Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45, Vancouver, November 2016.
- 2015 William Labov, **Sabriya Fisher**, Guðrún Gylfadóttir, Anita Henderson, Hilary Prichard, and Betsy Sneller. The Re-organization of Short-*a* Systems in Philadelphia. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44, Toronto, October 2015.
- 2015 **Sabriya Fisher** and Betsy Sneller. The Limits of the Sociolinguistic Monitor. Paper presented at Formal Ways of Analyzing Variation 2, Reykjavik, May 2015.
- 2015 **Sabriya Fisher.** Contact and Linguistic Behavior: African Americans in Philadelphia. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, January 2015.
- 2014 **Sabriya Fisher**, Hilary Prichard, and Betsy Sneller. The Apple Doesn't Fall Far from the Tree: Incremental Change in Philadelphia Families. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 43, Chicago, October 2014.
- 2014 **Sabriya Fisher.** Portuguese Influence on the French Guianese Creole Copula. Paper presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society of Caribbean Linguistics, Aruba, August 2014.
- 2014 **Sabriya Fisher.** Evidence for a Copula Continuum: the Case of Pronominal Copulas. Paper presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop on Copulas, Bologna, March 2014.
- 2014 Betsy Sneller and **Sabriya Fisher.** When *Get* Got Noticed: the Emerging Salience of *get*-passives. Paper presented at the 38th Penn Linguistics Conference, Philadelphia, March 2014.
- 2013 **Sabriya Fisher** and Betsy Sneller. *Get* vs. *Be*: Social Class Differences in Variable Passive Auxiliary Use. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 42, Pittsburgh, October 2013.
- 2013 **Sabriya Fisher.** Grammatical Factors Affecting Copula Use in French Guianese Creole. Paper presented at the Summer Meeting of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Lisbon, June 2013.

### Conference Posters

- 2017 **Sabriya Fisher.** *Ain't* for *Didn't* in African American English: Change vs. Age Grading. Poster presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 46, Madison, WI, November 2017.
- 2016 **Sabriya Fisher.** Verbal Morphology and Tense Aspect Meaning. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington, D.C., January 2016.
- 2015 **Sabriya Fisher.** Innovation in the Tense-Aspect System of AAVE: the Emergence of Past-tense *ain't*. Poster presented at UK Language Variation and Change 10, York, September 2015.

- 2015 Betsy Sneller and **Sabriya Fisher**. Syntax, Stigmatization, and the Sociolinguistic Monitor. Poster presented at UK Language Variation and Change 10, York, September 2015.
- 2015 Laura Walker, Betsy Sneller, and **Sabriya Fisher**. Untangling Language Attitudes from Linguistic Knowledge in Self-reports of Stigmatized Speech. Poster presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Penn Linguistics Conference, Philadelphia, March 2015.
- 2015 William Labov, **Sabriya Fisher**, Anita Henderson, Hilary Prichard, and Betsy Sneller. A Systematic Partition of the Speech Community: Short-*a* in Philadelphia. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, January 2015.
- 2012 **Sabriya Fisher**. On the Topic of Creole Copulas: the Case of French Guyanais Creole. Poster presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society of Caribbean Linguistics, Bahamas, July 2012.

## Teaching

### Wellesley College

- Spring 2019 Ling 338: African American English  
 Spring 2019 Ling 114: Introduction to Linguistics  
 Fall 2018 Ling 238: Sociolinguistics

### University of Pennsylvania

- Spring 2017 Urbs 300: Fieldwork, Urban Studies Program  
 Summer 2017 Urbs 300: Fieldwork, Urban Studies Program  
 Spring 2018 Urbs 300: Fieldwork, Urban Studies Program  
 Spring 2014 Ling 001: Introduction to Linguistics (Teaching Assistant), Instructor: Florian Schwartz  
 Spring 2013 Ling 102: Introduction to Sociolinguistics (Teaching Assistant), Instructor: Aaron Dinkin  
 Fall 2012 Ling 001: Introduction to Linguistics (Teaching Assistant), Instructor: Rolf Noyer

### Invited Teaching

- Spring 2019 *African American Phonology in Philadelphia* for Language, Race, and Gender  
 Instructor: Daniel Erker (Boston University)
- Spring 2018 *African American English* for Introduction to Sociolinguistics  
 Instructor: Meredith Tamminga (University of Pennsylvania)
- Spring 2017 *African American English* for Introduction to Sociolinguistics  
 Instructor: Meredith Tamminga (University of Pennsylvania)

## **Undergraduate Advising**

Current Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program Advising, Maria Anderson  
Current Nancy Walker Benjamin '63 Endowed Research Assistant, Molly McLachlan  
Current Honors Thesis Advisor, Mariel Rojas

## **Media Appearances**

February 2019 “Philly Accent: There’s a lot youse don’t know about it. Just ask these experts” by Patricia Madej. <https://www.philly.com/news/philadelphia/philly-accent-philadelphia-english-words-20190215.html>

January 2019 “Dissecting Language” by Deborah Lynn Blumberg. <https://magazine.wellesley.edu/winter-2019/dissecting-language>

April 2016 “How does Philly’s accent change around the city? Hear for yourself.” by Cassie Owens <http://billypenn.com/2016/04/11/how-does-phillys-accent-change-around-the-city-hear-for-yourself/>

## **Professional Service**

### **Wellesley College**

2019- Latin American Studies Program Affiliated Faculty  
2019- LSA Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics  
2018- Co-organizer of CLSC annual lecture  
2018- Abstract Reviewer, New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) Conference  
2018- Abstract Reviewer, Penn Linguistics Conference

### **University of Pennsylvania**

2016-2018 Coordinator, U. Penn Urban Studies Program Colloquium Series  
2016-2017 Coordinator, Panel on Job Diversity for Linguistics PhDs  
2015-2018 Abstract Reviewer, Penn Linguistics Conference  
2013-2016 Co-editor in Chief, Penn Working Papers in Linguistics  
2012-2014 Representative, Grad Student Government of the School of Arts and Sciences  
2012-2013 Speaker Series Coordinator, Department of Linguistics  
2011-2018 Editorial Board, Penn Working Papers in Linguistics  
2011-2013 Organizing Committee, Penn Linguistics Conference