Ariana Steele

Curriculum Vitae

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# Education

2024The Ohio State University, Linguistics PhD

Dissertation: *The dynamic construction of gender non-conformity under hegemony: Black nonbinary speech and embodiment across contexts*

Dissertation Committee: Kathryn Campbell-Kibler (Chair), Anna Babel,

Donald Winford, J Calder (University of Colorado, Boulder)

2019The Ohio State University, Linguistics MA

Thesis: *Nonbinary speech, race, and non-normative gender: Sociolinguistic*

*style beyond the binary*

Thesis Committee: Kathryn Campbell-Kibler (Chair), Cynthia Clopper, Jian Chen

2016Northwestern University, Linguistics (with Honors) & Cognitive Science BA

Honors: *Cum Laude,* Phi Beta Kappa

Honors thesis: *Reverse linguistic stereotyping of race-based dialects*

Thesis Advisor: Matthew Goldrick

# Research interests

Language, gender, and sexuality; language, gender, and race; sociolinguistics; queer linguistics; linguistic anthropology; sociophonetics

# Publications

2024 **Steele, Ariana.** Accounting for the cisgender listening subject in sociolinguistic variationism. In press for *Gender and Language*. (Equal author contribution with J Calder)

2024 **Steele, Ariana.** Indexicality, power, and hegemony: The case for indexical resistance. In press for *Battlefield linguistics: Contemporary contestations of language gender and sexuality*, eds. Scott Burnett and Francesca Vigo. De Gruyter.

2022 **Steele, Ariana.** Enacting new worlds of gender: Nonbinary speakers, racialized gender, and anti-colonialism. In *The Oxford Handbook of Language and Sexuality*, eds. Kira Hall and Rusty Barrett. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2015 **Steele, Ariana**, Denby, T., Chun, C., & Goldrick, M. Learning non-native sounds over the web. *Proceedings of the 18th annual meeting of the International Congress of Phonetic* *Sciences.*

# Fellowships

2023- Society of Fellows Graduate Fellowship – Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme: Abolition & Freedom Dreams (1 year, $50,000)

2018 Graduate Research Fellowship – National Science Foundation (3 years, $185,000)

2018 Predoctoral Fellowship – Ford Foundation (Honorable Mention)

2016 Distinguished University Fellowship – Ohio State University Graduate School (2 years, $110,000)

2014 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship – Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (2 years, $12,000)

# Grants and Awards

2024 Dissertation Research Improvement Grant – National Science Foundation ($18,760)

2023 Small Grant – Ohio State University College of Arts & Sciences ($700)

2022 Student Travel Award – New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) ($800)

2022 Ilse Lehiste Memorial Fund Graduate Research Award – Ohio State University Linguistics Department ($300)

2022 Small Grant – Ohio State University College of Arts & Sciences ($500)

2019 Small Grant – Ohio State University College of Arts & Sciences ($500)

2018 Supplemental Travel Grant – National Science Foundation ($650)

2018 Ray Travel Award for Service and Scholarship – Ohio State University Council of Graduate Students ($1,000)

2017 Career Development Grant – Ohio State University Council of Graduate Students ($350)

2014 Undergraduate Research Grant – Northwestern University Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences ($4,000)

2013 Undergraduate Language Grant – Northwestern University Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences ($4,000)

# Conference participation

**Panels Organized**

2023 Trans Linguistic Logics: Spatial and Embodied Epistemologies Across Modalities (Co-Chair), *Panel organized with Lal Zimman and Joshua Raclaw for American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Toronto, Canada.

2023 Trans Linguistic Logics: Pronominal and Grammatical Epistemologies (Co-Chair), *Panel organized with Lal Zimman and Joshua Raclaw for American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Toronto, Canada.

**Papers Presented**

2023 Liberation under hegemony: Nonbinary ideologies of gender subversion and the racialization of it all. In Steele, A. & Raclaw, J. (Chairs), Trans Linguistic Logics: Spatial and Embodied Epistemologies Across Modalities*. Panel conducted at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Toronto, Canada.

2022 Intersectionality of social meaning: Race, gender, and /s/ perception. *Presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation,* San Jose, California, USA.

2022 Can we mitigate stereotypes through speech? Sociophonetic perception of /s/ amongst Black and white nonbinary talkers. *Presented at Lavender Languages & Linguistics Conference,* Catania, Italy.

2019 Genderless, *genderfuck*, and everything in between: Racialized style and queer visibility among non-binary speakers in Columbus, Ohio, USA. *Presented at Lavender Languages & Linguistics Conference,* Gothenburg, Sweden.

2019 Gender in Sociolinguistic Variation Beyond the Binary. In Kibbey, T. & Barrett, R. (Chairs), New directions in LGBTQ+ Linguistics: Commemorating the LSA Special Interest Group on LGBTQ+ Issues in Linguistics. *Panel conducted at the Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting*, New York, New York, USA. (presented with J Calder)

2018 Stylistic practice and linguistic differentiation for non-binary speakers in Columbus, Ohio. *Presented at the International Gender and Language Association Biannual Conference*, Gaborone, Botswana.

2016 The sociophonetics of Blackness. *Presented at the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Research Forum*, Evanston, Illinois, USA.

2015 Steele, Ariana, Denby, T., Chun, C., & Goldrick, M. Learning non-native sounds over the web. *Presented at the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*, Glasgow, UK.

2014 Effects of non-native vowel perception on phonotactic learning. *Presented at the Conference for the Northwestern Summer Research Opportunity Program*, Evanston, Illinois.

# Teaching experience

**Courses Taught**

Spring 2018 *Language, Sex, and Gender in the U.S.,* Instructor of Record, OSU

Fall 2017 *Language, Sex, and Gender in the U.S*., Instructor of Record, OSU  
  
**Workshops Offered**

February 2021 *Qualitative research in linguistics with NVivo* – King Lab, University of Chicago Department of Linguistics

January 2021 *Integrating intersectionality as praxis into organizations,* Cultivate Women of Color Fellowship, Crossroads Fund

# Service

**Departmental Service**

2023-present Member, OSU Linguistics Diversity Committee

2023-2024 Member, OSU Linguistics Search Committee

2022-2023 Co-Organizer, OSU Sociolinguistic Meaning discussion group

2017-2019 Vice President, OSU Linguistics Graduate Student Association

2017 Organizer, OSU Queer Linguistics reading group  
  
**Journal Service**

2023 Reviewer, Linguistics Vanguard (De Gruyter)

# Skills and languages

R Studio, Praat, ELAN, NVivo, Penn Force Aligner, Qualtrics

English (fluent), French (intermediate reading, elementary speaking)

# Professional membership

2023- Society for Linguistic Anthropology

2023- American Anthropological Association

2019- Linguistics Society of America

2018- International Gender and Language Association