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Research interests

- Optionality and exceptionality in phonology
- The interaction of word formation and the phonological grammar
- Quantitative and computational approaches to phonology

Academic Positions

2017 – 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor. University of California, Berkeley

2016 – 2017 Visiting Assistant Professor. University of California, Santa Cruz

2014 – 2016 Lecturer. University of California, Los Angeles

Education

2008 – 2015 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Dissertation Phonologically-Conditioned Allomorphy and UR Constraints

Committee Joe Pater (Chair), John J. McCarthy, Lyn Frazier, Lisa Sanders

2004 – 2008 B.A. in French and Linguistics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Papers

Journal articles and book chapters

submitted Smith, Brian W. The role of the phonological grammar in novel suffixation: *-(a)licious* and *-(a)thon* and English.

submitted Smith, Brian W. and Joe Pater. French schwa and gradient cumulativity.

- 2013 McCarthy, John J., Kevin Mullin and Brian W. Smith. Implications of Harmonic Serialism for lexical tone association. In E. D. Botma and Roland Noske (eds.) *Phonological Architecture: Empirical, Theoretical and Conceptual Issues – Papers in Honour of Norval S.H. Smith*. Berlin and New York: Mouton de Gruyter.

Conference proceedings

- to appear* Smith, Brian W. and Claire Moore-Cantwell. Emergent idiosyncrasy in English comparatives. In *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Meeting of North East Linguistic Society*.
- 2012 Pater, Joe, Robert Staubs, Karen Jesney and Brian W. Smith. Learning probabilities over underlying representations. In *Proceedings of the Twelfth Meeting of the ACL-SIGMORPHON Computational Research in Phonetics, Phonology, and Morphology*.

Presentations

Invited talks

- 2016 French schwa and cumulative constraint interaction.
At the University of California Berkeley Phorum, September 12.
- 2016 Morpheme-specific phonology three ways: choosing between underspecification, indexation, and listing. At the University of California Santa Cruz Phonology Lunch, May 27.
- 2016 French schwa in Harmonic Grammar. At the USC-UCLA Joint Phonology Seminar Meeting, March 28.
- 2015 Modeling and learning phonologically-conditioned allomorphy with UR constraints. At the University of Southern California Phonology Lunch, October 29.
- 2014 Variation, allomorphy, and weighted constraints.
At the workshop 'Allomorphy: Logic and Limits', Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2011 (with Joe Pater) Le 'e' en français: élision, épenthèse, les deux, ni l'un ni l'autre? (*translated*: French schwa: deletion, epenthesis, both, or neither?)
At the 'Phonologie du français contemporain' meeting, Paris, France.

Conference papers and posters

- 2017 Using language-wide phonotactics to learn affix-specific phonology. Paper presented at the LSA 2017 Annual Meeting, special session “Learning Lexical Specificity in Phonology,” Austin, TX.
- 2016 (with Claire Moore-Cantwell) Emergent idiosyncrasy in English comparatives. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP 2016), University of Southern California.
- 2016 (with Claire Moore-Cantwell) Emergent idiosyncrasy in English comparatives. Paper presented at the 47th Annual Meeting of North East Linguistic Society (NELS 47), University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2016 (with Joe Pater) French schwa in Harmonic Grammar. Paper presented at 46th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL 46), Stonybrook University, NY.
- 2015 A unified constraint-based account of the English indefinite article. Poster presented at the 23rd Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, UK.
- 2014 Rhythmic conditioning of -(i)licious in English. Paper presented at the LSA 2014 Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2013 -(i)licious: a case of product-oriented allomorphy. Poster presented at the 21st Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, UK.
- 2012 Phonologically-conditioned ineffability and lexical insertion. Poster presented at the Workshop on Locality and Directionality at the Morphosyntax–Phonology Interface, Stanford University.
- 2012 (with Joe Pater, Robert Staubs and Karen Jesney) Learning probabilities over underlying representations. Paper presented at the 12th meeting of the ACL Special Interest Group on Computational Morphology and Phonology, Montreal, Canada.
- 2012 Phonologically-conditioned ineffability and UR constraints in OT. Poster presented at the 20th Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, UK.
- 2010 (with Kathryn Pruitt, Andrew Martin and Joe Pater) A Darwinian account of under-representation of doubly-marked forms. Poster presented at the Workshop on Computational Modeling of Sound Pattern Acquisition, University of Alberta.

Presentations at non-refereed workshops

- 2016 Variation in English function word allomorphy. Paper presented at the Southern California April Meeting on Phonology, UC San Diego.
- 2011 Paradigm gaps and spell-out in OT and HG. Paper presented at RUMMIT 2011, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.
- 2009 The null parse in Harmonic Grammar. Paper presented at MUMM 2009, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2009 Cumulative constraint interaction and the null parse. Paper presented at HUMDRUM 2009, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2008 An OT account of French schwa epenthesis. Paper presented at HUMDRUM 2008, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.
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Teaching

At University of California, Berkeley (2017 – 2018)

- Spring 2018 Linguistics 10: The Sounds of English
- Spring 2018 Linguistics 211A: Graduate phonology I
- Fall 2017 Linguistics 150: Sociolinguistics
- Fall 2017 Linguistics 211B: Graduate phonology II

At University of California, Santa Cruz (2016 – 2017) *(UCSC is on the quarter system)*

- Spring 2017 Linguistics 219: Graduate seminar on variation
- Winter 2017 Linguistics 101: Phonology I
- Fall 2016 Linguistics 102: Phonology II
- Fall 2016 Linguistics 202: Graduate Phonology I

At University of California, Los Angeles (2014 – 2016) *(UCLA is on the quarter system)*

- Spring 2016 Linguistics 20: Introduction to linguistic analysis
- Spring 2016 Linguistics 165a: Phonology II
- Winter 2016 Linguistics 20: Introduction to linguistic analysis

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Fall 2015 Linguistics 170: Sociolinguistics
Fall 2015 Linguistics 120a: Phonology I
Spring 2015 Linguistics 103: Introduction to general phonetics
Spring 2015 Linguistics 120a: Phonology I
Winter 2015 Linguistics 20: Introduction to linguistic analysis
Winter 2015 Linguistics 20: Introduction to linguistic analysis
Fall 2014 Linguistics 1: Introduction to study of language
Fall 2014 Linguistics 1: Introduction to study of language

Other teaching

Corpus Phonology in R. Methods tutorial at Annual Meeting on Phonology, 2013.

Advising

Graduate qualifying papers

2017–*present* Emily Ramirez, UC Berkeley, Linguistics, qualifying paper reader
Tentative title: The effect of accent on syntactic acceptability.
2017 Jed Pizzaro-Guevara, UC Santa Cruz, Linguistics, qualifying paper member
Title: An auditory masked priming study of nasal substitution in Dabaw Bisaya (Cebuano).

Undergraduate honors theses

2017–*present* Elizabeth Martyn, UC Berkeley, Linguistics, honors thesis
Tentative title: The California vowel shift and referee design in Asian American English.
2016 Gabriella Kalayjian, UCLA, Linguistics, honors thesis
Title: Dual marginality in academia: the intersection of Hispanidad and womanhood in speech.
2015 Merhawi Ghebrecriostos, UCLA, Linguistics, honors thesis
Title: Tigrinya vowel harmony.

Professional Service

Journal article reviewing

Linguistic Inquiry, Phonology, Lingua (2014), Linguistic Variation

Book chapter/proceedings reviewing

Proceedings of the 48th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Proceedings of the 38th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Linguistics

Volumes edited

2011 Mullin, Kevin, Suzi Lima and Brian W. Smith (eds.). Proceedings of NELS 39.

Conference abstract reviewing

2013–*present* The Annual Meeting on Phonology

Skills

Technical skills:	R	Languages:	English (native)
	Python		French (proficient reading/writing)
	Latex		Dholuo (field methods course)