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Research and teaching interests

Postcolonial English dialects, bilingualism, second language acquisition, syntactic and discourse variation, identity, style, language and gender, corpora, Indo-Aryan languages, typology, syntax (OT, LFG)

Positions held

2011– Senior Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, Queen Mary, University of London
2007–2011 Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, Queen Mary, University of London
2009 Instructor, LSA Institute, Berkeley, California
2003–2007 Lecturer, Department of English Language and Literature, King's College London
2000–2003 Part-time lecturer, English for Foreign Students Program, Stanford University, California
2001 Research Assistant, 'Optimal Typology' (Stanford, PI: Joan Bresnan)
1995 Research Assistant, 'Adolescence & Morality Development' (Dartmouth, PI: Andrew Garrod)

Education

2003 PhD in Linguistics (2003), Department of Linguistics, Stanford University.
Dissertation: 'Structural and social constraints on non-native varieties of English.'
Advisors: John Rickford (chair), Elizabeth Traugott, Arnold Zwicky.
1999 M.A. in Linguistics, Stanford University.
1996 B.A. in Anthropology/Linguistics and Fine Art, Dartmouth College.
Honors Thesis: 'Intrasentential Code-Switching and the Minimalist Program.'
Advisor: Lindsay Whaley.
1992 Hochschule der Künste, Berlin, Germany.
1991 Chelsea College of Art, London, United Kingdom.
1990 International Baccalaureate Diploma, Geneva, Switzerland.

Grants and honors

2008-2010 ESRC: 'Dialect development and style in a diasporic community'. Principal Investigator: Devyani Sharma. Co-investigators: Ben Rampton, Roxy Harris. (£412,000)
2007 Nominated for Award in Teaching Excellence (King's College London).
2006 British Academy Overseas Travel Grant.
2001-2 Giles E. Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities, Stanford University.
2000-1 Department of Linguistics Fellowship, Stanford University.
1997–2000 Stanford Graduate Fellowship in Science and Engineering.
1996 Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude, Dartmouth College.
1996 Mary E. Wesbrook Thesis Prize in Anthropology, Dartmouth College.
1994–1995 Presidential Scholar, Dartmouth College.
1992–1996 Dartmouth College Foreign Student Scholarship.

Books

- Forthcoming. *From deficit to dialect: Dialect birth in bilingual settings*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Forthcoming. *Research Methods in Linguistics*. (co-editor: R. Podesva). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Forthcoming. *The Oxford Handbook of World Englishes*. (co-editors: M. Filppula and J. Klemola). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Benor, Rose, Sharma, Sweetland, Zhang (eds.) *Gendered Practices in Language*. Stanford: CSLI.

Articles (refereed journals & edited volumes)

- In press (2011). Cognitive and social forces in dialect shift: Gradual change in London Asian speech. *Language Variation and Change*.
- Forthcoming (2011). Shared features in new Englishes. In R. Hickey (ed.) *Areal Features of the Anglophone World*. Mouton de Gruyter.
- Forthcoming. Continua and clines in the development of New Englishes. (with Caroline Wiltshire) In T. Nevalainen and E. Traugott (eds.) *Handbook on the History of English: Rethinking Approaches to the History of English*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Forthcoming. Second language varieties of English. In T. Nevalainen and E. Traugott (eds.) *Handbook on the History of English: Rethinking Approaches to the History of English*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Forthcoming. India. In *Historical Linguistics of English: An International Handbook*. Alexander Bergs and Laurel Brinton (eds.). HSK Series. Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2011 Style repertoire and social change in British Asian English. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 15 (4): 464-492.
- 2011 Typological diversity in New Englishes (reprint). In Lisa Lim and Nik Gisborne (eds.) *Typology of Asian Englishes*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.
- 2011 Return of the Native: Hinglish in Britain. In *Chutnefying English*, ed. Rupert Snell and Rita Kothari. New Delhi: Penguin.
- 2010 A new methodology for the study of aspect in contact: Past and progressive in Indian English. (with Ashwini Deo). In J. Walker. *Aspect in Grammatical Variation*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.
- 2009 Typological diversity in New Englishes. *English World-Wide* 30:2, pp. 170-195.
- 2009 AAVE/Creole copula absence: A critique of the imperfect learning hypothesis. (with John Rickford). *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages* 24:1, pp. 53-90.
- 2008 Variation and change in the individual: Evidence from the Survey of English Dialects. (with Joan Bresnan and Ashwini Deo). In *Language in Flux: Variation, Change, and Evolution*, Ruth Kempson and Robin Cooper (eds.), London: King's College London.
- 2007 Typology in variation: A probabilistic approach to *be* and *n't* in the Survey of English Dialects. (with Joan Bresnan & Ashwini Deo). *English Language and Linguistics* 11:2, pp. 301-346.
- 2006 Typological variation in the ergative morphology of Indo-Aryan languages. (with Ashwini Deo). *Linguistic Typology* 10:3, pp. 369-419.
- 2005 Language transfer and discourse universals in Indian English article use. *Studies in Second Language Acquisition* 27:4, pp. 535-566.
- 2005 Dialect stabilization and speaker awareness in non-native varieties of English. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 9:2, pp. 194-225.
- 2005 Language in the United States of America. In Keith Brown (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics 2nd edition*, Oxford: Elsevier.

- 2003 Discourse clitics and constructive morphology in Hindi. In Miriam Butt and Tracy King (eds.). *Nominals: Inside and Out*. Stanford, California: CSLI Publications, pp. 59-84.
- 2002 Introduction: Ideology and identity in practice. (with Mary Rose). In S. Benor et al. (eds.) *Gendered Practices in Language*. Stanford, California: CSLI Publications, pp. 1-22.
- 2001 The pluperfect in native and non-native English: A comparative corpus study. *Language Variation and Change* 13:3, pp. 343-375.
- 2001 Kashmiri case clitics and person hierarchy effects. In Peter Sells (ed.). *Formal and Empirical Issues in Optimality-theoretic Syntax*. Stanford: CSLI Publications, pp. 225-256.

Working papers, review articles, and proceedings

- 2011 Lectal focusing in interaction. (with Ben Rampton). KCL Working Papers in Urban Languages and Literacies and QM OPALs Working Papers series.
- 2010 Contact-based aspectual restructuring: A critique of the Aspect Hypothesis. (with Ashwini Deo). Queen Mary's OPALs Working Papers series.
- 2010 Review of *World Englishes*, by R. Mesthrie and R. Bhatt. In *Language in Society* 39:2.
- 2010 Review of *Contemporary Indian English*, by A. Sedlatschek. In *English World-wide* 31:2.
- 2007 Review of 'Language and Woman's Place: Text and Commentaries' (ed. Mary Bucholtz). In *Gender and Language* 2, pp. 319-326.
- 2001 An Optimality Theoretic account of variation in Indo-Aryan ergative morphology. (with Ashwini Deo) In *Proceedings of the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL)*, CSU, Fresno, California.
- 1999 Nominal clitics and constructive morphology in Hindi. *Online Proceedings of the Lexical-Functional Grammar '99 Conference*, Manchester UK, <http://csli-publications.stanford.edu/LFG/4/lfg99.html>

Invited lectures

- 2012 Invited lecture at Symposium for launch of CREAL, Center for Race, Ethnicity, and Language, June 2012, Stanford University, California, USA
- 2011 'Ethnicity, contact, and change.' Plenary talk and workshop at Summer School in Sociolinguistics, Glasgow.
- 2010 'Sociolinguistic fieldwork.' Workshop, Lancaster University, October.
 'Dialect and social change in a Punjabi London community':
 SOAS, London (November); Lancaster University (October); Middlesex University, London (February); Southampton, Applied Linguistics and Transnationalism joint seminar (March).
- 2009 'Dialect and social change in a Punjabi London community' Univ. of Essex, December 3.
 'Inter-generational dialect change in a Punjabi London community' UCL English Department, November 25.
 'Sounds of the Five Rivers: The Persistence of Punjabi Style in West London English' *SLLF Annual Lecture*, Queen Mary, University of London, November 19.
 'Sociolinguistic fieldwork at home.' *Teaching field linguistics techniques* workshop, SOAS, May 22.
 'Return of the Native: Hindi in British English.' *Chutnefying English* conference, Mumbai, India, January 10.
- 2008 'Aspectual Restructuring in Contact Varieties of English: Markedness or Transfer?' Centre for Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics, Oxford University. November 17.
 'Variability and degrees of nativisation in New Englishes.' School of English Language, Literature, and Linguistics. Newcastle University. May 21.

- 'Variability and degrees of nativisation in New Englishes.' Department of English Language, University of Glasgow. May 1.
- 2006 'Variation in individual grammars: typological constraints and social embedding.' Leverhulme workshop ('Language Change And Evolution: Integrating Formal and Functional Perspectives') at King's College London (Organiser: Ruth Kempson). December 16.
- 'Dimensions of variation in bilingual English.' Department of Linguistics and English Language, University of Manchester. May 2.
- 'New Englishes and variation theory.' School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London. February 21.
- 'Bilingual varieties of English: Implications for variation theory.' University of California Berkeley. February 16.
- 2005 'Grammatical Constraints on Variation: 'Be' in the Survey of English Dialects and Stochastic Optimality Theory'. Department of Linguistics and English Language, University of Sussex. February 14.
- 2004 'Competing forces in the emergence of new dialects of English.' Centre for Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics, Oxford University. November 29.
- 'Competing forces in the development of new dialect features in Indian English.' Department of Language and Linguistics, University of Sheffield. May 13.
- 'Nominal Clitics and Constructive Morphology in Hindi.' Dynamic Syntax Research Workshop, Department of Philosophy, King's College London. March 8.
- 2003 'The development of dialect features in a non-native variety of English: structural and social forces.' Linguistics Research Seminar Series, Queen Mary, University of London. October 8.
- 'Structural and social constraints on non-native varieties of English.' UCSD Linguistics Colloquia, Department of Linguistics, University of California San Diego. February 24.
- 'Dialect stabilization in non-native varieties of English: Structural and social factors.' UCD Linguistics Colloquia. Department of Linguistics, University of California Davis. January 15.
- 2002 'Typological variation in Indo-Aryan languages and dialects.' (With Ashwini Deo). Stanford Syntax Group Session. Stanford University, California.
- 2000 'Typological variability in ergative marking and verb agreement in Indo-Aryan languages.' (With Ashwini Deo). Stanford/UCSC Joint Workshop on Optimal Typology, Stanford University, California. December 8.
- 1999 'Kashmiri case clitics and person hierarchy effects.' Stanford/UCSC Joint Workshop on Optimal Typology, University of Santa Cruz, California. October 30.

Conference presentations

- 2011 'Stylistic activation in ethnolinguistic repertoires.' NWAV 40, Georgetown, Washington DC, USA
- 'Incremental change in substrate effects in London Asian English' Panel on: Substrate effects: Linguistic resources for indicating ethnic orientation. NWAV 40, Georgetown, Washington DC, USA
- 2010 'Beyond the sociolinguistic interview: Style repertoire and social change in a minority community' (with L. Sankaran). *Sociolinguistics Symposium*, Southampton, September.
- 'Randomness and purity in style variation' (With Ben Rampton and Lavanya Sankaran). *Sociolinguistics Symposium*, Southampton, September.
- 'Gender, style, and social transformation: Generational change in British Asian style repertoires.' International Gender and Language Conference (IGALA) 6, Tokyo, Japan, September 19.
- 'Dialect repertoire and social change in London Asian English' (with Lavanya Sankaran). *Workshop on Dialect and Social Change in Urban Diasporic Communities*. London, July.

- 'Style purification in interaction' (with Ben Rampton). *Workshop on Dialect and Social Change in Urban Diasporic Communities*. London, July.
- 2009 'Retroflexion in 1st and 2nd generation Punjabi London English.' UKLVC, Newcastle, September.
- 2008 'Tense-aspect restructuring in contact situations.' NWAV, Houston, 7 November.
- 'Typological diversity in New Englishes.' Panel discussion. *International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE) Conference*, Freiburg, 9 October.
- 'Aspectual restructuring in bilingual varieties of English.' Interdisciplinary approaches to transfer, crosslinguistic influence and contact-induced change, 11 July, UWE Bristol.
- 2007 'AAVE/Creole copula ordering as L2 learning effects?' (With John Rickford). *UK Language Variation and Change (UKLVC) Conference*, Lancaster, Sept 14.
- 'The semantics of tense-aspect restructuring in contact situations.' (With Ashwini Deo). *International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English (ICLCE)*, Toulouse, France, July 2.
- 'Lexical and grammatical aspect in Indian English aspectual restructuring.' (With Ashwini Deo). *Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Conference*, Anaheim, California, Jan 5.
- 2005 'Typological and probabilistic constraints on variation in individual grammars: *be* and *n't* in the Survey of English Dialects.' (With Joan Bresnan and Ashwini Deo). *International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English (ICLCE)*, University of Edinburgh, June 26.
- 2004 'Typological variation in the ergative morphology of Indo-Aryan languages.' (With Ashwini Deo). *Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB)*, University of Surrey, Roehampton, Sept. 1.
- 'Proficiency and ideology in stable non-native varieties of English.' *Sociolinguistics Symposium 15*, April 2. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- 2003 'Dialect formation in indigenized non-native English varieties.' *Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Conference*. January 3-6. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2002 'The emergence of dialect features out of a bilingual continuum.' *International Association of World Englishes Conference (IAWE)*. October 18-21. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 'Dialect stabilization and speaker awareness in non-native English.' *New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV 31) Conference*. October 10-13. Stanford University, Stanford, California.
- 'Grammars in conflict: The development of new grammatical systems in postcolonial English dialects.' *Stanford Graduate Fellowship Symposium*. April 24. Stanford University, California.
- 'Creole/AAVE copula patterning as evidence of L2 learning effects?' (With John Rickford). *Linguistics Society of America (LSA) Conference (SPCL Session)*. January 3-6. San Francisco, California.
- 2001 'Variation in Indian English article use.' *Pacific Second Language Research Forum (PacSLRF)*, October 4-7. University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2000 'An OT account of variation in Indo-Aryan ergative morphology.' (With Ashwini Deo). *Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), Parasession on South Asian Languages*. October 27-29. California State University, Fresno, California.
- 'Change in tense-aspect systems of non-native Englishes: The pluperfect in Indian English.' *New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 29*. October 5-8. Michigan State University, East Lansing.
- 1999 'Nominal clitics and constructive morphology in Hindi.' *Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference (LFG99)*, July 19-21. Manchester, England.

Teaching Experience

Queen Mary, Univ. of London Department of Linguistics (2007-)	1 st year BA: Language in the UK
	2 nd year BA: History of English
	3 rd year BA: Bilingualism, Research Methods, Pidgins and Creoles
	MA: Sociolinguistic Theory, Formal Approaches to Variation

LSA Summer Institute (2009) *3-week course (invited): Bilingualism*
King's College London *1st year BA: Aspects of Language*
 Department of English *2nd year BA: History of English; Sociolinguistics; Dialects of English*
 (2003-2007) *3rd year BA: Language and Gender*
Courses taught on MA in World Englishes: Introduction to World Englishes; Contact and Change; Sociolinguistic Theory and Methods
Session taught for MA in English: Structuralism and stylistic analysis
 (Received *Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice, PGCAP*)

Invited sessions
Ethnicity, contact, and change workshop, Summer School in Sociolinguistics, Glasgow University (2011)
Changing uses of English across different generations of London Indian families. Hounslow Language Centre, London, Attended by school teachers, ESL/EAL teachers (2010)
Urban Sociolinguistic fieldwork workshop, Lancaster University (2010)
Teaching field linguistics techniques workshop, SOAS London (2009): 'Sociolinguistic fieldwork at home.'
ACTL Graduate School, London (2006): Lexical Functional Grammar and Optimality Theoretic Syntax (Advanced Core Training in Linguistics)
Guest lecture, University of Sheffield: 'New Varieties of English'
 Recorded interviews on Indian and British dialects of English for Open University Courses (2006, 2010)

Stanford University *Teaching Assistant (duties: guest lectures, leading seminars, and assessment):*
 Department of Linguistics *Introduction to Formal Universal Grammar; Language and Gender;*
 (1997-2003) *Language Acquisition I; English Around the World; Academic Orientation and Writing.*
Instructor (duties: sole lecturer, all assessment): Writing Academic English; Vocabulary and Idiom (EFS Program)
Course Assistant (duties: course support and assessment): Language and Adolescence; African-American Vernacular English; Academic Orientation and Writing (EFS Program).

Postgraduate supervision John Weston (PhD, 2nd supervisor, QMUL)
 Philippa Law (PhD, 1st supervisor, QMUL)
 Irene Theodoropoulou (PhD, 2nd supervisor, KCL)
 4 students, MA in World Englishes (KCL)

Professional Service

Editorial roles: Associate Editor, *Journal of Sociolinguistics*

Research council boards: Invited member of ESRC Peer Review College

Journal article refereeing:

Language Variation and Change, Language in Society, Journal of Sociolinguistics, Linguistic Typology, Lingua, Journal of Linguistics, Language Learning, English World-Wide, Journal of South Asian Linguistics, Linguistic Analysis

Book proposal refereeing:

Palgrave Macmillan; Cambridge University Press; Edinburgh University Press; Kluwer Academic Publishers; Hodder Arnold

Research grant refereeing:

National Science Foundation, USA; Economic and Social Research Council, UK

Conference refereeing:

NWAV 2011, 2010, 2002; NWAV-Asia-Pacific 2010; IGALA 2010, 2008, 2001; ICLCE 2009, 2007; ESSLI 2006; EuroSFL 2005; WCCFL 2004

Conference and seminar co-organising:

English in the Indian Diaspora workshop, ISLE conference, Boston, 2011
Dialect and social change in urban diasporic communities 2010 (ESRC-funded workshop)
ICLCE 2009 (Queen Mary and UCL London)
LAGB 2007 (KCL, London)
Gift of the Gab: Humanities Linguistics Seminar Series (KCL, London)
NWAV 2002, IGALA 2000, sociolinguistics seminars (Stanford University)

Postgraduate examining:

External examiner for 1 PhD thesis, Edinburgh University
Internal examiner for 4 University of London PhDs
External examiner for 1 MA thesis, University of Cape Town, South Africa

College and department service:

- 2007-2011 **(Queen Mary, Univ. of London)** Convenor of MA in Linguistics, Undergraduate admissions officer (Linguistics, Comparative Literature); Open Day coordinator; Library liaison; Linguistics Lab director; BA exams officer (1 term)
- 2003-2007 **(King's College London)** Convenor and admissions tutor for MA World Englishes (designed with Dr. Ishla Singh); Coordinator of BA language component of English degree; Management board for LDC Centre; Committees: Graduate Studies, Teaching, Postgrad and Research; Liaison: Combined Studies students, UPenn exchange, library; dept. website development; KCL South Asia Working Group; KCL linguistics review committee