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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociolinguistics and linguistic anthropology; sociophonetics; language, gender, and sexuality, especially among transgender and LGB communities; social theory; language and identity; language socialization; ethnography; embodiment; acoustic and perceptual phonetics; mixed methods.

EDUCATION

Exp. 2012 Ph.D. Linguistics (ABD), University of Colorado at Boulder
Dissertation: *Talking like a man: Identity, socialization, biology, and the gendered voice among female-to-male transsexuals.*
Committee: Kira Hall (chair), Rebecca Scarborough, J. Andrew Cowell, Barbara Fox & Donna Goldstein.

2010-2011 Visiting Student Researcher, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University

2006 M.A. English (Linguistics concentration), San Francisco State University

2004 B.A. Philosophy, San Francisco State University

Graduate certificates (to be awarded with the PhD)

Certificate in Culture, Language and Social Practice, University of Colorado at Boulder

Certificate in Women and Gender Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder

Graduate Teacher Certificate, University of Colorado at Boulder

Summer institutes

2009 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, University of California, Berkeley

2007 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Stanford University

2005 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, MIT/Harvard

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Zimman, Lal, Jenny Davis, and Joshua Raclaw (Eds.) (*under contract*). *Queer Excursions: Rethorizing Binaries in Language, Gender, and Sexuality*. Oxford University Press.

Journal articles and book chapters

Zimman, Lal (*under revision*). Trans men and gay-sounding voices: An integrated approach to gender, sexuality, identity, and socialization.

Zimman, Lal (*under contract*). The discursive construction of sex: Remaking and reclaiming the gendered body in talk about genitals among transsexual men. In Lal Zimman, Joshua Raclaw, and Jenny Davis (Eds.), *Queer Excursions: Rethorizing Binaries in Language, Gender, and Sexuality*.

Oxford University Press.

- Davis, Jenny, Lal Zimman, and Joshua Raclaw (*under contract*). Opposites attract: Retheorizing binaries in language, gender, and sexuality. In Lal Zimman, Jenny Davis, and Joshua Raclaw (Eds.), *Queer Excursions: Retheorizing Binaries in Language, Gender, and Sexuality*. Oxford University Press.
- Zimman, Lal (2010). Female-to-male transsexuals and gay-sounding voices: A pilot study. *Colorado Research in Linguistics* 22(1). http://www.colorado.edu/ling/CRIL/Volume22_Issue1/.
- Zimman, Lal & Kira Hall (2009). Language, embodiment, and the “third sex.” In Dominic Watt and Carmen Llamas (Eds.), *Language and Identities*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. 166-178.
- Zimman, Lal (2009). “The other kind of coming out”: Transgender people and the coming out narrative genre. *Gender & Language* 3(1):53-80.

Proceedings, extended abstracts, and other short publications

- Zimman, Lal (*under review*). Talking about trans genitals: A linguistic perspective. Under review for Laura Erickson-Schroth (Ed.), *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource Guide for the Transgender Community*.
- Zimman, Lal (*under review*). Gender and the voice. Under review for Laura Erickson-Schroth (Ed.), *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource Guide for the Transgender Community*.
- Zimman, Lal (2010). Biology, socialization, and identity: Accounting for the voices of female-to-male transsexuals [extended abstract]. *eLanguage*. <http://www.elanguage.net/journals/index.php/lsameeting/article/view/655>.

Book notes and reviews

- Zimman, Lal (2011). Review of *Ethnographic Fieldwork*, Jan Blommaert and Jie Dong. *LINGUIST LIST* 22.1330. <http://linguistlist.org/issues/22/22-1330.html>.
- Zimman, Lal (2011). Booknote on *Culture and Gender of Voice Pitch: A Sociophonetic Comparison of the Japanese and Americans*, Ikuko Patricia Yuasa. *Language in Society* 40(2):251-252.
- Zimman, Lal (2007). Review of *Speaking Out: The Female Voice in Public Contexts*, Judith Baxter (Ed.) *Gender and Language* 1(2):327-334.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Zimman, Lal (*invited, in progress*). Transmasculinity and the voice: Diverse masculinities through phonetic bricolage. For Tommaso Milani (Ed.), *Language and Masculinities*.
- Zimman, Lal (*in progress*). The illusion of discourse continuity in reality TV: What the editing of reality television can tell us about discourse.
- Zimman, Lal (*in progress*). A sociophonetic perspective on hyper- and hypoarticulation: Nasal coarticulation and gay-sounding voices.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Research

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| 2012 | Dissertation Completion Fellowship, awarded by the University of Colorado Graduate School to support dissertation writing during Spring 2012. |
| 2011 | Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, awarded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for 18 months of ethnographic and sociophonetic fieldwork among female-to-male transsexuals in San Francisco, CA during Fall 2010 through Fall 2011. |
| 2010 | Graduate Student Research Grant, awarded by the Department of Linguistics at the University of Colorado for beginning dissertation fieldwork in San Francisco, CA during Fall 2010. |
| 2009 | Beverly Sears Graduate Student Research Grant, awarded by the University of Colorado Graduate School for pilot ethnographic work with trans men in the San |

2008 Francisco Bay Area during Summer 2009.
Graduate Student Research Grant, awarded by the Department of Linguistics at the University of Colorado for sociophonetic data collection in San Francisco, CA during Winter 2008-2009.

Teaching

2010 Outstanding Teacher Award, awarded by Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority at the University of Colorado, Boulder.
2009 Graduate Part-Time Instructor Teaching Excellence Award Finalist, awarded by the Graduate School at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Travel

2011 Student Travel Grant, awarded by the American Dialect Society.
2010, 2008 Graduate Student Travel Grant, awarded by the Department of Linguistics at the University of Colorado.
2009, 2008 Graduate School Travel Grant, awarded by the Graduate School at the University of Colorado.
2007 Zora Neale Hurston Travel Award, awarded by the Association of Feminist Anthropology.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught (Graduate Part-Time Instructor, University of Colorado at Boulder)

- LING 1000 Language in US Society (Fall 07, Spring 08, Fall 09, Spring 10)
- LING 2400 Language and Gender (Summer 10)
- LING 3545 World Language Policies (Fall 08)
- ANTH/LING 4800 Language and Culture (Spring 09)
- LING 1900 Linguistics Service Learning Practicum in Literacy (Spring 08, Fall 09)

Additional teaching experience (San Francisco State University)

- Introduction to the Study of Language, Teaching Assistant (Spring 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2006)
- Formal Logic I, Tutor (Fall 2003)
- Humanities, Tutor for the SFSU Community Access and Retention Program (Spring 2002)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2010-2011 Sociophonetic and ethnographic dissertation fieldwork among trans men, San Francisco Bay Area, CA (currently in progress; 16 months planned). Funded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation.
2009 Preliminary ethnographic fieldwork among trans men, San Francisco Bay Area, CA (7 weeks). Funded by the Beverly Sears Graduate Student Research Grant.
2008-2010 Sociophonetic interviews with trans and gay men, San Francisco Bay Area, CA and Denver Metropolitan Area, CO. Funded by the Department of Linguistics at the University of Colorado.
2007-2009 Research assistant to Kira Hall.

- Served as editorial assistant for two volumes (*Studies in Inequality and Social Justice: Essays in Honor of Ved Prakash Vatuk*, 2009, Archana Publications, Meerut, India and *Studies in Indian Folk Traditions: Collected Writings of Ved Prakash Vatuk*, 2007, Archana Publications, Meerut, India).
- Worked to organize abstract review for the Society of Linguistic Anthropology's

- yearly meeting.
- Helped manage sociolinguistic laboratory and library.
- 2007 Fieldwork collecting transgender coming out narratives, San Francisco, CA (2 months).
- 2004 Advanced Field Methods Summer Seminar on Valley Zapotec in Teotitlán del Valle, Oaxaca, México (3 weeks). Supervising professor: Troi Carleton.

 CONFERENCE PAPERS

- upcoming* “The social basis of gendered phonetic styles: Changes in transmasculine voices.” 86th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, OR.
- upcoming* “Voicing gender normativity: Clashes and alignments between speech therapists and transgender speakers.” 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Montréal, Canada, November.
- upcoming* “Performing the gendered voice: Variability in the realization of /s/ among transmasculine speakers.” *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 40. Georgetown University, October.
- 2011 “The social basis of gendered [s]: Evidence from transmasculine speakers.” 3rd Conference on Culture, Language, and Social Practice. University of Colorado (Boulder, CO), October 8.
- 2011 “The homogeneity of heteronormative masculinity: Explaining straight-sounding speech.” Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society. Pittsburgh, PA, January 8.
- 2010 “The discursive construction of sex.” 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. New Orleans, LA, November 18.
- 2010 “Language socialization as a life-long process: Gender change across the individual lifespan.” Language, Culture and History Conference. University of Wyoming (Laramie, WY), July 2.
- 2010 “Gendered language socialization and the voices of transsexual men.” Lavender Languages and Linguistics XVII. American University (Washington, DC). April 17.
- 2010 “Biology, socialization, and identity: Accounting for the voices of female-to-male transsexuals.” 84th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Baltimore, MD, January 8.
- 2009 “Perceived sexual orientation and gender normativity: What do gay men, nerds, and female-to-male transsexuals have in common?” *NWAV* 38. University of Ottawa, October 24.
- 2009 “Identity, socialization, and gay-sounding voices.” 2nd Conference on Culture, Language, and Social Practice. University of Colorado (Boulder, CO), October 4.
- 2009 “One of these things is not like the others: Why power matters for the study of gay-sounding voices.” 83rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. San Francisco, CA, January 9.
- 2008 “Talking like a real man: Discourses of language and masculinity among transgender men.” 107th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA, November 20.
- 2008 “‘She’s just a high-maintenance bitch’: Interpersonal drama & discourse continuity in reality television.” Arizona Linguistics and Anthropology Symposium. University of Arizona (Tucson, AZ), May 10.
- 2008 “Contesting gender, (re)constructing sex: Semantic variation in transgender communities.” Lavender Languages and Linguistics XV. American University (Washington, DC), February 17.
- 2007 “Institutionally coerced narratives and power in transgender research.” 106th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC, November 29.

- 2007 “Revisiting the closet: Transgender narratives of identity, coming out, and disclosure.” 1st Conference on Culture, Language, and Social Practice. University of Colorado (Boulder, CO), October 6.
- 2007 “Who’s coming out and whose coming out? Transgender people and the coming out paradigm.” Lavender Languages and Linguistics XIV. American University (Washington, DC), February 10.
- 2006 “Gendered language in a female-to-male transgender community of practice.” Lavender Languages and Linguistics XIII. American University (Washington, DC), February 12.

CONFERENCES & PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2009 Conference Co-Organizer & Funding Coordinator, 2nd Interdisciplinary Conference on Culture, Language and Social Practice (CLASP), University of Colorado, October.
- 2007 Conference Co-Organizer, 1st Interdisciplinary Conference on Culture, Language and Social Practice (CLASP), University of Colorado, October 5-7.
- 2007 Session Chair and Co-Organizer (with Elijah Edelman), “Transforming Trans Linguistics.” Lavender Languages and Linguistics XIV, Washington, DC, February 10.

DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIA

- 2011 “Trans men and gay-sounding voices: Insights on gender and sexuality.” Socio Rap, Stanford University, April 21, 2011.
- 2011 “Explaining gay-sounding voices: Trends, insights, and future directions.” Ling Circle, University of Colorado Linguistics Colloquium Series, March 16.
- 2007 “Coming out as transgender: Another look at the coming out narrative genre.” Ling Circle, University of Colorado Linguistics Colloquium Series, March 7.
- 2006 “Cultural, biological, or personal?: A new semantics of gender in transgender speech.” SFSU Linguistics Graduate Students Association SquibFest, May 19.

SERVICE

To the profession

- 2010 Abstract reviewer, International Gender and Language Association (IGALA) 6, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2009 Panel Chair, Style and Variation, 2nd Interdisciplinary Conference on Culture, Language and Social Practice (CLASP), University of Colorado.
- 2009 Abstract reviewer, 2nd Interdisciplinary Conference on Culture, Language and Social Practice (CLASP), University of Colorado.
- 2007 Abstract reviewer, International Gender and Language Association (IGALA) 5, Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2007 Abstract reviewer, Interdisciplinary Conference on Culture, Language and Social Practice (CLASP), University of Colorado, October 5-7.

To the department

- 2008-2010 Office space committee, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado.
- 2008-2009 Faculty-graduate student liaison, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado.
- 2005-2006 Web Designer, San Francisco State University Linguistics Program.
- 2004-2006 Co-Organizer, SquibFest, San Francisco State University’s Linguistics Colloquium Series.
- 2004-2006 Founding Officer, San Francisco State University Linguistics Graduate Student

Association.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (since 2007)
American Dialect Society (since 2008)
Association for Feminist Anthropology (since 2007)
International Gender and Language Association (since 2006)
Linguistic Society of America (since 2005)
Society for Linguistic Anthropology (since 2008)
Society for Queer Anthropology (since 2010)

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Spanish (advanced)
French (reading knowledge; basic conversational skills)
American Sign Language (basic conversational skills)
Lakhóta (basic structural knowledge)

REFERENCES

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