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## Education

- 2016-present **PhD in Linguistics**, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada
- Advisors: Morgan Sonderegger, Jane Stuart-Smith
  - Committee: Meghan Clayards, Charles Boberg
- 2013-2015 **MA in Linguistics**, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada
- Thesis: *The Representation and Processing of Inflectional Morphology: the Prosodic Dual-Route Hypothesis*
  - Advisor: Heather Goad
- 2008-2011 **BA in Linguistics**, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

## Publications

- 2019 **Tanner, J.**, Sonderegger M., and Torreira, F. ‘Durational evidence that Tokyo Japanese vowel devoicing is not gradient reduction’. *Frontiers in Psychology*. [Access](#)
- 2017 **Tanner, J.**, Sonderegger, M., and Wagner, M.. ‘Production planning and coronal stop deletion in spontaneous speech’. *Laboratory Phonology*, 8(1), 15. [Access](#)

## Proceedings and Presentations

- accepted **Tanner, J.**, Sonderegger, M., and Stuart-Smith, J. ‘Structured speaker variability in spontaneous Japanese stop contrast production’. International Congress of Phonetic Sciences 2019. [Access](#)
- 2019 **Tanner, J.**, Sonderegger, M. Stuart-Smith, J., and SPADE Data Consortium. ‘Vowel duration & the ‘voicing effect’ across English dialects and speakers’. Presentation at *The Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop*, 29-31 March, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- 2017 **Tanner, J.**. ‘Phonetic and phonological mechanisms of Tokyo Japanese vowel devoicing’. Presentation at *The Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop*, 22-24 March, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- 2015 **Tanner, J.**, Sonderegger, M., and Wagner, M.. ‘Production planning and coronal stop deletion in spontaneous speech’. In *Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. Glasgow, UK: University of Glasgow. [Access](#)

## Teaching

- Jan-April 2019 **Teaching Assistant** Phonetics McGill University
- Acoustic & articulatory phonetics, dialectology, prosody, connected speech, phonetic reduction.
- Jan-April 2015 **Teaching Assistant** Introduction to Linguistics McGill University
- Formal methods in phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics.
- Sept-Dec 2014 **Teaching Assistant** Introduction to the Study of Language McGill University
- Language as communication, experimental approaches to language science (psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics), sociolinguistics, dialectology, discourse analysis, linguistic fieldwork.

## Employment

- Oct 2017-  
June 2018 **TTS Language Engineer**, [Amazon Development Center](#) Gdańsk, Poland
- Sept 2014-  
Oct 2017 **Researcher**, [Montreal Computational & Quantitative Linguistics Laboratory](#) Montreal, QC, Canada

## Scholarships and Awards

- 2019 FRQNT International Internship Award
- 2015, 2019 International Phonetic Association Student Award
- 2014, 2016 McCall McBain Fellowship in Arts
- 2014 White Provost Graduate Award
- 2013, 2014 McGill Graduate Excellence Fellowship

## Service

- 2018 **Reviewer** International Congress of Phonetic Sciences
- 2017 **Reviewer** Glossa
- 2013-2015 **Editor** McGill University Working Papers in Linguistics
- 2011 **Conference organisation** University of Kent Undergraduate Linguistics Conference

## Skills

**Programming, scripting, and markup languages:** Python, R, Bash,  $\LaTeX$ , Praat, regular expressions, XML

**Systems and software:** MacOS, Linux, Windows, Git, Vim, Praat

**Statistics:** Logistic & linear mixed-effects regression, PCA, EMMs, hypothesis testing

**Natural languages:** English (native, research), Japanese (beginner, research), French (beginner)