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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
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Academic Positions

- 2018 – 2020 Postdoctoral scholar – teaching fellow. University of Southern California
- 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
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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
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Papers

Journal articles and book chapters

Smith, Brian W. and Joe Pater (2020). French schwa and gradient cumulativity. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*, 5(1), 24.

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

McCarthy, John J., Kevin Mullin and **Brian W. Smith** (2012). 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

Smith, Brian W. and Claire Moore-Cantwell (2017). Emergent idiosyncrasy in English comparatives. In Andrew Lamont and Katie Tetzloff (eds.), *NELS 47: Proceedings of the 47th meeting of the North East linguistic Society*. Amherst: Graduate Linguistic Student Association.

Pater, Joe, Robert Staubs, Karen Jesney and **Brian W. Smith** (2012). Learning probabilities over underlying representations. In *Proceedings of the Twelfth Meeting of the ACL-SIGMORPHON Computational Research in Phonetics, Phonology, and Morphology*.

Presentations

Conference presentations

Moore-Cantwell, Claire and **Brian W. Smith** (2019). The role of adjective frequency in the production of the English comparative. Poster to be presented at the LSA 2019 Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

Smith, Brian W. (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.

Smith, Brian W. and Claire Moore-Cantwell (2016). Emergent idiosyncrasy in English comparatives. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP 2016), University of Southern California.

Smith, Brian W. and Claire Moore-Cantwell (2016). Emergent idiosyncrasy in English comparatives. Paper presented at the 47th Annual Meeting of North East Linguistic Society (NELS 47), University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Smith, Brian W. and Joe Pater (2016). French schwa in Harmonic Grammar. Paper presented at 46th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL 46), Stonybrook University.

Smith, Brian W. (2015). A unified constraint-based account of the English indefinite article. Poster presented at the 23rd Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, UK.

- Smith, Brian W. (2014). Rhythmic conditioning of -(i)licious in English. Paper presented at the LSA 2014 Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
- Smith, Brian W. (2013). -(i)licious: a case of product-oriented allomorphy. Poster presented at the 21st Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, UK.
- Smith, Brian W. (2012). Phonologically-conditioned ineffability and lexical insertion. Poster presented at the Workshop on Locality and Directionality at the Morphosyntax–Phonology Interface, Stanford University.
- Pater, Joe, Robert Staubs, Karen Jesney, and **Brian W. Smith**. (2012). Learning probabilities over underlying representations. Paper presented at the 12th meeting of the ACL Special Interest Group on Computational Morphology and Phonology, Montreal, Canada.
- Smith, Brian W. (2012). Phonologically-conditioned ineffability and UR constraints in OT. Poster presented at the 20th Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, UK.
- Pruitt, Kathryn, **Brian W. Smith**, Andrew Martin and Joe Pater (2010). 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.

Invited presentations

- Smith, Brian W. (2019). When the data are too poor, use the phonotactic grammar to learn phonological conditions on affixation. Presentation at the USC–UCLA Joint Phonology Seminar Meeting, April 10.
- Smith, Brian W. (2018). Global constraint evaluation in English allomorph selection. Colloquium at the University of Southern California, November 26.
- Smith, Brian W. (2016). French schwa and cumulative constraint interaction. Presentation at the University of California Berkeley Phorum, September 12.
- Smith, Brian W. (2016). Morpheme-specific phonology three ways: choosing between underspecification, indexation, and listing. Presentation at the University of California Santa Cruz Phonology Lunch, May 27.
- Smith, Brian W. (2016). French schwa in Harmonic Grammar. Presentation at the USC–UCLA Joint Phonology Seminar Meeting, March 28.
- Smith, Brian W. (2015). Modeling and learning phonologically-conditioned allomorphy with UR constraints. Presentation at the University of Southern California Phonology Lunch, October 29.

Smith, Brian W. (2014). Variation, allomorphy, and weighted constraints. At the workshop 'Allomorphy: Logic and Limits', Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Pater, Joe and **Brian W. Smith** (2011). 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.

Presentations at non-refereed workshops and conferences

Moore-Cantwell, Claire and **Brian W. Smith** (2018). Not more support for *More*-support. Poster presented at Lyncschrift18, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Brian W. Smith (2016). Variation in English function word allomorphy. Paper presented at the Southern California April Meeting on Phonology, University of California, San Diego.

Brian W. Smith (2011). Paradigm gaps and spell-out in OT and HG. Paper presented at RUMMIT 2011, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

Brian W. Smith (2009). The null parse in Harmonic Grammar. Paper presented at MUMM 2009, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Brian W. Smith (2009). Cumulative constraint interaction and the null parse. Paper presented at HUMDRUM 2009, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Brian W. Smith (2008). An OT account of French schwa epenthesis. Paper presented at HUMDRUM 2008, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

Teaching

University of Southern California (2018 – 2020)

Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology (Ling 301) Spring 2019, Spring 2020

Graduate Phonology I (Ling 531A) Fall 2019

Graduate Phonology II (Ling 531B) Spring 2019

Advanced Undergraduate Phonology (Ling 401) Fall 2018, Fall 2019

University of California, Berkeley (2017 – 2018)

The Sounds of English (Ling 10) Spring 2018

Graduate Phonology I (Ling 211A) Spring 2018

Sociolinguistics (Ling 150) Fall 2017

Graduate Phonology II (Ling 211B) Fall 2017

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

Graduate seminar (Ling 219) Spring 2017
Topic: Phonological variation

Phonology I (Ling 101) Winter 2017

Phonology II (Ling 102) Fall 2016

Graduate Phonology I (Ling 202) Fall 2016

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

Phonology I (Ling 120A) Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Phonology II (Ling 165A) Spring 2016

Sociolinguistics (Ling 170) Fall 2015

Introduction to General Phonetics (Ling 103) Spring 2015

Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (Ling 20) Spring 2016, Winter 2016 (x2)
Winter 2015 (x2)

Introduction to Study of Language (Ling 1) Fall 2014 (x2)

Other teaching

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

Advising

Graduate qualifying papers and screening papers

Emily Ramirez (2019). UC Berkeley, Linguistics, qualifying paper reader.
Title: The effect of accent on syntactic acceptability

Yevgeniy Melguy (2018). UC Berkeley, Linguistics, qualifying paper reader.
Title: The effects of strengthening and weakening processes in English Th-stopping

Jed Pizzaro-Guevara (2017). UC Santa Cruz, Linguistics, qualifying paper member.
Title: An auditory masked priming study of nasal substitution in Dabaw Bisaya (Cebuano)

Undergraduate honors theses and independent study projects

Elizabeth Martyn (2018). UC Berkeley, Linguistics, honors thesis advisor.

Title: The California vowel shift and referee design in Asian American English

Gabriella Kalayjian (2016). UCLA, Linguistics, independent study project advisor.

Title: Dual marginality in academia: the intersection of Hispanidad and womanhood in speech

Merhawi Ghebrecristos (2015). UCLA, Linguistics, independent study project advisor.

Title: Tigrinya vowel harmony

Professional Service

Journal article reviewing

Journal of Linguistics, Language and Linguistics Compass, Lingua, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistic Variation, Phonology

Book chapter and proceedings reviewing

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

Conference abstract reviewing

Annual Meeting on Phonology (2013–present)

Volumes edited

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

Skills

Technical skills:	R (proficient)	Languages:	English (native)
	Python (intermediate)		French (proficient)
	Latex		Dholuo (fieldwork course)

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