

# NANDI SIMS

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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2022 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, *Stanford University*
- 2021 – 2022 College of Arts, Sciences, & Education Distinguished Post-Doctoral Scholar, Department of English and The Center for the Humanities in an Urban Environment, *Florida International University (FIU)*  
Advisors: Phillip M. Carter, Maria Lovett

### EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D., Linguistics, *The Ohio State University (OSU)*  
Dissertation: *Race, ethnicity, interests, and linguistic variation at a primarily Black Miami middle school*  
Committee: Kathryn Campbell-Kibler (Chair), Donald Winford, Cynthia Clopper, Leslie Moore
- 2013 M.A., Linguistics, *FIU*
- 2010 M.A.Ed., Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, *The College of William and Mary (W&M)*
- 2009 B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: Environmental Geography, *W&M*

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2017 Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America (LSA), *University of Kentucky*
- 2016 Haitian Creole Summer Institute, *FIU*

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Stanford University Humanities Seed Grant, *\$50,000*
- 2021 American Council of Learned Societies Emerging Voices Fellowship Finalist, *\$500*
- 2020 The Ohio State University Graduate Research Small Grant, *\$500*
- 2019 NSF Linguistics Program Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, *\$17,901*
- 2019 Migration, Mobility, and Immobility Project Graduate Grant, *\$1,000*
- 2019 The Ohio State University Graduate Research Small Grant, *\$483*
- 2019 Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme Graduate Fellowship, *\$8,600 stipend, tuition, and fees*
- 2018 Enterprise Holdings Research Grant, *\$150*

- 2018 International Gender and Language Association Graduate Student Grant, \$2,200
- 2017 The Ohio State University Graduate Research Small Grant, \$330
- 2017 Linguistic Society of America's Linguistic Summer Institute Fellowship, *Tuition and fees*
- 2012-2013 Florida International University Interdisciplinary Teaching Assistantship, *Stipend, tuition, and fees*

## PUBLICATIONS

### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Forthcoming **Nandi Sims**. Prosodic Rhythm among African- and Haitian-American Adults in Miami. *American Speech*.
- 2022 Ellen Thompson; **Nandi Sims**; Reyneiro Castro. Interrogative constructions in Cuban Spanish as a second language. *Journal of Linguistics and Literature*.
- 2020 Phillip M Carter; Lydda López Valdez; **Nandi Sims**. Miami English: Spanish substrate influence and Latino identity in an ethnolect of English. *American Speech*.
- Under Review **Nandi Sims**. Verbal-s variation in earlier African American English. Submitted to *Journal of English Linguistics (JEngL)*.
- In Prep **Nandi Sims**. "Naemi's not a boy. She's a dyke... Right?": Gender identity and sexuality among pre-adolescent girls at a primarily Black middle school. *Gender and Language* special issue, Denise Troutman (Ed).
- In Prep **Nandi Sims**. Language choice, variation, and ideology in Black Miami. *Language and Linguistics Compass*.
- In Prep **Nandi Sims**. Words in my World: Combating standard language ideology in early elementary classrooms.
- In Prep **Nandi Sims**; Ariana Steele. Prosodic rhythm in Haitian Creole.

### INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

- In Prep **Nandi Sims**. Non-Hispanic language varieties in South Florida. *Immigrant Englishes Around the World* by Erik Thomas (Ed).

### EDUCATIONAL MEDIA

- 2022 **Nandi Sims**. Languages are Everywhere. *Words in my World Series*. [Educational reader, grades K -2]. Rourke Educational Media.
- 2022 **Nandi Sims**. Language Varies. *Words in my World Series*. [Educational reader, grades K -2]. Rourke Educational Media.
- 2022 **Nandi Sims**. Spanish in the US. *Words in my World Series*. [Educational reader, grades K -2]. Rourke Educational Media.

2022 **Nandi Sims.** Language in Society. *Words in my World Series*. [Educational reader, grades K -2]. Rourke Educational Media.

## BOOK REVIEWS

In Prep Review of *Inheritance and innovation in the evolution of Rural African American English* by Robert Bailey; Patricia Cukor-Avila. *JEngL*.

## PRESENTATIONS

### PLENARY PRESENTATIONS

Forthcoming **Nandi Sims.** Title TBD. Paper to be presented at the Latinx: The Sociopolitics of Language Symposium at the 2023 LSA Institute. *Amherst, MA, USA* July 1, 2023

2022 **Nandi Sims.** “Words in my World”: On public outreach, early literacy, and developing critical language ideologies. Paper presented at Workshop on Linguistic Equity and Justice. *University of Toronto Mississauga, Online* April 29

### REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022 **Nandi Sims.** Vowel space without a standard: Vowel variation among 6th graders in a primarily Black, South Florida neighborhood. Poster presented at *American Dialect Society (ADS), Online* January 7

2021 **Nandi Sims.** Morphosyntactic variation in a primarily Black, South Florida middle school. Poster presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAY) 2021, University of Texas at Austin, Online* October 22

2020 Jenny Davis; **Nandi Sims**, Ashlee Dauphinais, Juan Rosas, Tyanna Slobe, Rachel Weissler, Keisha Wiel. Making progress while stranded in crisis: Graduate student experiences and adaptations in 2020. Round table at *Raising Our Voices* via the *American Anthropological Association, Online* November 7

2019 **Nandi Sims.** Poster presented at *MMI Graduate Student Showcase, Columbus, OH, USA* October 16

2019 **Nandi Sims.** Prosodic Rhythm among African American and Haitian Americans in Miami. Paper presented at *Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) 2019, Boca Raton, FL, USA* June 1

2018 **Nandi Sims;** Tyanna Slobe. T. Swift is comin’ fo ya! 🐍🐍🐍🐍: Indexical awareness of the semiotic features of Taylor Swift’s ‘hardcore’ Reputation. Paper presented at *IGALA 10, Gaborone, Botswana* June 21

2018 **Nandi Sims;** Martha Austen. Social Meaning within Contact Features in Miami English. Paper presented at the *Society of Pidgin and Creole Languages (SPCL) Winter Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, USA* January 6

2017 **Nandi Sims;** Martha Austen. Prosodic Rhythm and /æN/ in Miami English: Ethnic Markers or Language Contact Effects? Paper presented at *Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) 2017 Columbus, OH, USA* October 13

- 2017 **Nandi Sims.** The Northern Subjects Concord Rule and Verbal-s in Ex-Slave Narrative AAVE. Paper presented at the *North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics (NARNiHS)*, Lexington, KY, USA July 22-23
- 2016 Ellen Thompson; Reyneiro Hernandez Castro; **Nandi Sims.** Syntactic and Semantic Features of WH-Items in Interrogative Expressions in Cuban Spanish. Paper presented at *Roma Nova VIII Buenos Aires, Argentina* November 23-25
- 2016 Ellen Thompson; Reyneiro Hernandez Castro; **Nandi Sims.** Syntactic and Semantic Features of WH-Items in Interrogative Expressions in Cuban Spanish. Paper presented at *Hispanic Linguistic Symposium (HLS) 2016 Washington, DC, USA* October 9
- 2015 Phillip M Carter; Lydda Lopez; **Nandi Sims.** Talk About Talk: Metalinguistic Commentary on Multilingual Miami. Paper presented at *SECOL 82, Raleigh, NC, USA* April 9-11
- 2015 Lydda Lopez; **Nandi Sims.** Spanish Substrate Influence on Miami English: An extension. Paper presented at *SECOL 82, Raleigh, NC, USA* April 9-11
- 2015 Phillip M Carter; **Nandi Sims;** Lydda Lopez. Discursive Tropes about Spanish in the Speech of Miami Bilinguals. Paper presented at *Spanish in the US 25<sup>th</sup> Conference, New York, NY, USA* March 26-29
- 2015 Phillip M Carter; **Nandi Sims;** Lydda Lopez. Spanish Substrate Influence on Miami Latino English. Paper presented at *ADS, Portland, OR, USA* Jan 10
- 2014 Phillip M Carter; **Nandi Sims;** Lydda Lopez. A First Look at Miami Latino English: Tracking Spanish substrate influence through prosodic and vocalic variation. Paper presented at the *43<sup>rd</sup> NWAV, Chicago, IL, USA* Oct 26
- 2014 **Nandi Sims;** Ellen Thompson. South Florida Latino English: Spanish substrate influence on embedded clause structures. Paper presented at the *43<sup>rd</sup> NWAV, Chicago, IL, USA* Oct 24
- 2014 Phillip M Carter; **Nandi Sims;** Lydda Lopez. Spanish Substrate Influence on Miami Latino English: Prosodic and vocalic development. Paper presented at the *XLIII Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest, San Diego, CA, USA* Sep 19
- 2014 **Nandi Sims;** Joanne Sampaio. The Parts Then and Now: A look at the sexual lexicon of American college students. Paper presented at *Sociolinguistic Symposium 20, Jyväskylä, Finland* Jun 17
- 2014 Ellen Thompson; **Nandi Sims.** Embedded I to C in Spanish-Influenced English: An experimental overview. Poster presented at the *44<sup>th</sup> Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages London, ON, Canada* May 3
- 2014 **Nandi Sims;** Joanne Sampaio. The Power of Parts: The production of penis and vagina terms by college-aged students. Paper presented at *Historical Sociolinguistic Network (HiSoN) 2014, Sheffield, UK* Feb 7
- 2013 Mehmet Yavas; Nicholas Anderson; **Nandi Sims.** English Reduced Vowel Productions in the Speech of Early and Late Spanish-English Bilinguals. Poster

presented at *New Sounds 2013, Montreal, QC, Canada* May 18

2013 **Nandi Sims**. Bilingual Attitudes: Language in the workplace. Paper presented at *SECOL LXXX, Spartanburg, SC, USA* April 5

### INVITED COLLOQUIA

Forthcoming Title TBD. Talk at *Rutgers University, Online* Date TBD, 2023

2023 Systems, Symbols, and Meaning at a Miami Middle School. Talk at *Stanford University: Symbolic Systems Forum* April 4

2022 New Dialect Formation: Evidence from a pre-adolescent community. Talk at *Brown University, Providence, RI, USA* November 16

2022 Language Variation and Ideologies in US Contexts. Talk at *Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA* November 9

2022 New Dialect Formation and Anti-Black Ideologies: Language variation in a pre-adolescent community. Talk at *Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA* February 18

2022 “Words in my World”: On public outreach, early literacy, and developing critical language ideologies. Talk at *Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA* February 17

2022 The effects of contact and ideologies on linguistic variation in a pre-adolescent community. Talk at *York University, Online* January 27

2021 Race, ethnicity, and social identity: Social (?) causes of variation in Black Miami pre-adolescents. Talk at *Kent University, Online* June 2

2021 Social structure, morphological variation, and identity at a primarily Black Miami middle school. Talk at *Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr, and Haverford Colleges, Online* April 21

2021 Race, ethnicity, and youth language: Language variation in a Miami Middle School. Talk at *Boston University, Online* March 24

2020 Morphosyntactic Variation, Social Structure, and Identity Development Among Black Middle Schoolers. Talk at *Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Online* October 27

2014 Kristen Mullen; Salvatore Callesano; **Nandi Sims**; Lydda Lopez; Phillip M Carter. The Sociolinguistics of Bilingual Miami: Language contact, perception and sociophonetic application. Talk at *Florida International University, Miami, FL, USA* Dec 5

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### STANFORD UNIVERSITY

*Department of Linguistics*

Winter 2023

Instructor of Record: Linguistics 251: Ethnographic Methods in Sociolinguistics

Forthcoming: Spring 2023

Instructor of Record: Linguistics 153: Language, Race, and Ethnicity  
Teaching Assistant: Evelyn Fernandez-Lizarraga

## **FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

### *Department of English*

Spring 2022 Instructor of Record. Linguistics 4680: Modern English Grammar

Fall 2014, Fall 2013

Instructor of Record: English Composition 1101: Writing and Rhetoric I

Fall 2014 Instructor of Record: English Composition 1930: Essay Writing

Spring 2013 Teaching Assistant: English Composition 1102: Writing and Rhetoric II.  
Instructor: Michael Creeden

## **MIAMI DADE COLLEGE**

### *Wolfson Campus - Department of English and Communication*

Summer 2019, Spring 2015

Instructor of Record. English Composition 1102: English Composition 2

Fall 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2014

Instructor of Record: English Composition 1101: English Composition 1

## **OTHER**

Summer 2017 Teaching Assistant: Language and Education. *LSA Linguistic Institute*.  
Instructor: Anne Charity Hudley

Summer 2013 ESOL Teacher: *Face to Face Learning Inc. Miami, FL, USA*

2011-2012 Early Interventionist: Reading Program. *Speech Pathology and Education Center, Miami, FL, USA*

2010-2011 Pre-Kindergarten Teacher. *Prince William Academy, Woodbridge, VA, USA*

## **GUEST TEACHING**

2023 Black Speech in a Miami Middle School: What's going on?. Talk in Line Mikkelsen's *The American Languages Course, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, USA, March 24, 2023*

2020 Pre-adolescent language change and the heterosexual marketplace in middle school students. Talk in Carly Dickerson's *Language and Gender* course, *OSU, Online October 20*

2019 Miami English or Englishes?: Sociolinguistic variation, ethnicity, and ideologies. Talk in Clarissa Surek-Clark's *Structure of the English Language Courses, OSU, Columbus, OH, USA March 21*

## **MEDIA AND OUTREACH**

2022 Linguistic Variation in a Multicultural Youth Community. Invited speaker at the *Summer Linguistic Institute for Youth Scholars at OSU, Online June 28*

- 2021 Episode 12: Nandi Sims and Language, Race, and Ethnicity. Podcast guest at *Much Language Such Talk*. <https://mlstpodcast.com/>
- 2021 What's in a Name? Reclamation of language and the word *slut*. Panelist at *Slutwalk Melbourne, Online* April 24
- 2021 Panelist at *Panel on Racial Justice, OSU, Online* March 8
- 2021 Word on the street. Panelist at the *African American Festival at OSU, Online* March 1

## CONSULTING

- 2021 Miami Bus Stop Stories. Educational and historical consultant for interactive play by *Juggerknot Theatre Company, Miami, FL, USA*.
- 2021 Rhythm of Speech. Linguistic consultant for art installment by *Juan Ledesma at Locust Projects, Miami, FL, USA*.
- 2019 Impostures by al-Hariri, translated by Michael Cooperson, *NYC Press*. Linguistic and historical consultant.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### FIELD

#### *Professional Associations*

- 2017 – Present Committee Member. *LSA Committee on Ethnic Diversity*
- 2019 – 2022 Steering Committee Member. *NARNHiS*

#### *Journal Boards*

- 2015 – 2021 Editorial Associate. *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*

#### *Conference Organization*

- 2022 NWAV 50, *Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA. Oct 13 - 15*
- 2017 SLRF 2017, *The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA. Oct*

#### *Conference Misc.*

- 2023 Session Chair. *NARNiHS Annual Meeting, January 7*  
*LSA 2023, January 7*
- 2022 Abstract Reviewer. *LSA 2023*.
- 2021 Session Discussant. *Historical Sociolinguistics: Variations in Methodologies. NWAV 49. October 23*
- 2020 Session Discussant. *Indexicality and Identity in Historical Sociolinguistics. NARNiHS 2020 Research Incubator, April 17*
- 2020 Session Chair. *NARNiHS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, January 4*
- 2018, 2016 Volunteer. *Symposium on Indigenous Languages and Cultures of Latin America (ILCLA)/ Symposium on Teaching and Learning Indigenous Languages of Latin*

*America (STLILLA)*

2017 Volunteer. *Ohio Latin Americanist Conference (OLAC)*

**UNIVERSITY**

2022 – 2023 Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence (DARE) Faculty Resource Advisor. *Stanford University*.

2020 “Life at OSU” Virtual Student Roundtable. Panelist. *The Ohio State University, Online*. October 26

2014 Experiences as an Interdisciplinary Writing Teaching Assistant. Panelist. *Florida International University, Miami, FL, USA* Aug 21

2013 Classroom Management and Authority as a Student-Instructor of Writing. Panelist. *Florida International University, Miami, FL, USA* Nov 14

**DEPARTMENT**

*Stanford University Department of Linguistics*

2022 – Present Member. Diversity Committee

2022 – Present Member. Graduate Studies Committee

2022 – Present Chair. Colloquium Committee

*The Ohio State University Department of Linguistics*

2017 – 2019, 2020 – 2021

Member. Diversity Committee

2015 – 2017 Member. Linguistics Outside the Classroom Committee

2015 – 2017 Member. Working Papers Committee

2015 – 2017 Member. Speakers Committee

*Florida International University Department of English*

2013 Secretary. Graduate Linguistics Association

**LANGUAGES**

English (Native), Haitian Creole (Working), French (Working), Spanish (Working)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association

American Dialect Society

Linguistic Society of America

North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics

Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics