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**EDUCATION**

Stanford University  
Ph.D., Linguistics, 2006  
Dissertation Title: *Phonetic Detail in Sociolinguistic Variation*  
Committee: Penelope Eckert (chair), John R. Rickford, Arnold Zwicky

Stanford University  
M.A., Linguistics, 2000

Cornell University  
B.A., Linguistics, summa cum laude, 1998  
Honors Thesis Title: *Buginese Consonants: A Phonetic and Phonological Study*  
Committee: Abigail Cohn (chair), Draga Zec

Cornell University  
Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute, 1997

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Georgetown University  
Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, 2006 – present

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

Stanford University  
Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, Winter 2006

Stanford University  
Teaching Affiliate, Program in English for Foreign Students, 2002 – 2006

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Summer 2009                      Georgetown University Summer Research Grant  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (\$9,500)

Spring 2009	Georgetown University Junior Faculty Research Grant Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (one semester, paid research leave)
Summer 2008	Georgetown University Summer Research Grant Faculty of Language and Linguistics (\$9,500)
Summer 2008	Georgetown University Competitive Grant-in-Aid Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (\$2,000)
Summer 2007	Georgetown University Summer Research Grant Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (\$9,900)
Spring 2003	Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association Best Student Abstract Award Department of Linguistics, University of Hawaii, Manoa (\$500)
1998 – 2006	Stanford University Graduate Fellowship Department of Linguistics (five years, full tuition and stipend)
1996 – 1998	NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates Supplemental Grant Principal Investigator: Abigail Cohn (two years, research assistantship)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

Campbell-Kibler, Kathryn, Robert J. Podesva, Sarah J. Roberts, and Andrew Wong, eds. 2002. *Language and Sexuality: Contesting Meaning in Theory and Practice*. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

### **Articles in Journals and Edited Volumes**

Podesva, Robert J. Under review. Salience and the social meaning of declarative contours: Three case studies of gay professionals.

Podesva, Robert J., Patrick Callier, and Jermy Jamsu. Forthcoming. Recency, Resonance, and the structuring of phonological style in political speeches. *Style-Shifting in Public: New Perspectives on Phonological Variation*, ed. by Juan Manuel Hernandez-Campoy and Juan Antonio Cutillas-Espinosa. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Podesva, Robert, Jason Brenier, Lauren Hall-Lew, Stacy Lewis, and Rebecca Starr. Forthcoming. Condoleezza Rice and the sociophonetic construction of identity. *Style-Shifting in Public: New Perspectives on Phonological Variation*, ed. by Juan Manuel Hernandez-Campoy and Juan Antonio Cutillas-Espinosa. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Moore, Emma and Robert J. Podesva. 2009. Style, indexicality, and the social meaning of tag questions. *Language in Society* 38.4.

Podesva, Robert J. 2007. Phonation type as a stylistic variable: The use of falsetto in constructing a persona. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 11.4: 478-504.

Podesva, Robert J., Sarah J. Roberts, and Kathryn Campbell-Kibler. 2006. Sharing resources and indexing meanings in the production of gay styles. *The Language and Sexuality Reader*, ed. by Deborah Cameron and Don Kulick. London: Routledge, pp. 141-150.

Podesva, Robert J., Sarah J. Roberts, and Kathryn Campbell-Kibler. 2002. Sharing resources and indexing meanings in the production of gay styles. *Language and Sexuality: Contesting Meaning in Theory and Practice*, ed. by Kathryn Campbell-Kibler, Robert J. Podesva, Sarah J. Roberts, and Andrew Wong. Stanford: CSLI Publications, pp. 175-189.

### **Articles in Proceedings and Working Papers**

Podesva, Robert J. 2008. Three sources of stylistic meaning. *Texas Linguistic Forum (Proceedings of the Symposium About Language and Society – Austin 15)* 51: 1-10.

Podesva, Robert J. 2006. Intonational variation and social meaning: Categorical and phonetic aspects. *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics (Selected Papers from New Ways of Analyzing Variation 34)* 12.2: 189-202.

Precoda, Kristin and Robert J. Podesva. 2004. What will people say? Speech system design and language/cultural differences. *Proceedings of the Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding Workshop 8*: 624-629.

Podesva, Robert J. 2000. Constraints on geminates in Buginese and Selayarese. *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 19: 343-356.

Cohn, Abigail, William Ham, and Robert J. Podesva. 1999. The phonetic realization of singleton-geminate contrasts in three languages of Indonesia. *Proceedings of the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences* 14.1: 587-590.

Podesva, Robert J. and Niken Adisasmito-Smith. 1999. Acoustic investigation of the vowel systems of Buginese and Toba Batak. *Proceedings of the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences* 14.1: 535-538.

Podesva, Robert J. 1998. An acoustic analysis of Buginese consonants. *Texas Linguistic Forum (Exploring the Boundaries between Phonetics and Phonology)* 41: 147-159.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Refereed**

Podesva, Robert J. 2008. Linking phonological variation to discourses of ethnicity and place in D.C. Paper presented on the panel, Language in D.C.: The Bidirectional Construction of Ethnoracial Identity and Place, at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) 107, San Francisco, CA.

Moore, Emma and Robert J. Podesva. 2008. What can ethnography help us to understand about the gendering of linguistic features? Paper presented at the Congress of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF) 9, Ulster.

- Moore, Emma and Robert J. Podesva. 2008. 'You wouldn't even have expected an answer, then, would you?' Exploring the stylistic function of tag questions. Paper presented at Sociolinguistics Symposium 17, Amsterdam.
- Podesva, Robert J. 2007. The partier, the diva, and the boyfriend: Using falsetto to create personae. Paper presented on the panel Phonation, Voice, and Style, at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) 106, Washington, D.C.
- Podesva, Robert J. and Elaine Chun. 2007. On indeterminacy in the social meaning of variation. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 36, Philadelphia.
- Kajino, Sakiko and Robert J. Podesva. 2007. Youthfulness, femininity, and the meaning of non-pronominal self-reference in Japanese. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 36, Philadelphia.
- Chun, Elaine and Robert J. Podesva. 2007. On indeterminacy in the social meaning of variation. Paper presented at United Kingdom Language Variation and Change (UKLVC) 6, Lancaster.
- Podesva, Robert J. 2007. Three linguistic strategies for negotiating meaning. Paper presented at Symposium About Language and Society – Austin (SALSA) 15, Austin.
- Podesva, Robert J. 2007. Social meaning in the interaction of variables. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 81, Anaheim.
- Podesva, Robert J., Jason Brenier, Lauren Hall-Lew, Stacy Lewis, Patrick Callier, and Rebecca Starr. 2007. Multiple identities, multiple features: A sociophonetic profile of Condoleezza Rice. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society (ADS), Anaheim.
- Podesva, Robert J., Jason Brenier, Lauren Hall-Lew, Stacy Lewis, Patrick Callier, and Rebecca Starr. 2006. Multiple identities, multiple features: A sociophonetic profile of Condoleezza Rice. Poster presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 35, Columbus.
- Podesva, Robert J. 2006. The social meaning of phonetic and phonological variation in declarative intonation. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 80, Albuquerque.
- Podesva, Robert J. 2005. Intonational variation and social meaning: Categorical and phonetic aspects. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 34, New York.
- Podesva, Robert J. 2004. On constructing social meaning with stop release bursts. Paper presented at Sociolinguistics Symposium (SS) 15, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- Podesva, Robert J. 2004. The significance of phonetic detail in the construction of social meaning. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 78, Boston.
- Precoda, Kristin and Robert J. Podesva. 2003. What will people say? Speech system design and language/cultural differences. Poster presented at the Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding Workshop (ASRU) 8, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Podesva, Robert J. 2003. The effects of foot structure in syllable-timed languages: The cases of Buginese and Toba Batak. Paper presented at the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) 10, Honolulu.

Podesva, Robert J. 2002. Falsetto and the use of phonation type as a stylistic variable. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 31, Stanford.

Podesva, Robert J. 2002. Segmental constraints on geminates and their implications for typology. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 76, San Francisco.

Campbell-Kibler, Kathryn, Robert J. Podesva, and Sarah J. Roberts. 2000. Sharing resources and indexing meanings in the production of gay styles. Paper presented at the International Gender and Language Association (IGALA) 1, Stanford.

Campbell-Kibler, Kathryn, Robert J. Podesva, and Sarah J. Roberts. 1999. Beyond lispng: a preliminary look at the linguistic correlates of gay styles. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 28, Toronto.

Cohn, Abigail C., William H. Ham, and Robert J. Podesva. 1999. The phonetic realization of singleton-geminate contrasts in three languages of Indonesia. Paper presented at the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS) 14, San Francisco.

Podesva, Robert J. and Niken Adisasmith-Smith. 1999. Acoustic investigation of the vowel systems of Buginese and Toba Batak. Paper presented at the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS) 14, San Francisco.

Podesva, Robert J. 1998. An acoustic analysis of Buginese consonants. Paper presented at Texas Linguistic Society (Exploring the Boundaries Between Phonetics and Phonology), Austin.

### **Invited**

Podesva, Robert J. 2009. The shifting social meaning of released /t/ among U.S. politicians. Paper presented in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Chicago, Chicago.

Podesva, Robert J. 2009. Indexicality and the links between phonological variation, race, and place in Washington, D.C. Paper presented in the Department of Linguistics at Stanford University, Stanford.

Podesva, Robert J. 2009. The California Vowel Shift and gay identity. Paper presented at Vox California: Cultural Meanings of Linguistic Diversity. University of California, Santa Barbara.

Podesva, Robert J. 2009. Linking phonological variation to discourses of race and place in Washington, D.C. Paper presented in the Department of Linguistics at New York University, New York.

Podesva, Robert J., Jermy Jamsu, Patrick Callier, and Jessica Heitman. 2008. The social meaning of released /t/ among U.S. politicians: Insights from production and perception. Paper presented in the themed session, The Social Meaning of Linguistic Variation: Structure and Process, at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 37, Houston.

Podesva, Robert J. 2007. Managing identities across situations: Using language to construct personas. Paper presented in the Department of English at the Ohio State University, Columbus.

Podesva, Robert J. 2006. The significance of phonetic style in constructing social meaning. Paper presented in the Department of Linguistics at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Podesva, Robert J. 2006. The significance of phonetic style in constructing social meaning. Paper presented in the Department of Linguistics at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Podesva, Robert J. 2006. The significance of phonetic style in constructing social meaning. Paper presented in the Department of Languages, Literature, and Linguistics at York University, Toronto.

Lavoie, Lisa and Robert J. Podesva. 2004. Phonetics in language and gender. Workshop given for the International Gender and Language Association (IGALA) 3 at Cornell University, Ithaca.

Podesva, Robert J. 2004. Phonetic detail in sociolinguistic variation: Its linguistic significance and role in the construction of social meaning. Paper presented in the Department of Linguistics at Stanford University, Stanford.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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| 2007 – present | Co-Principal Investigator<br>Language and Communication in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area<br>Principal Investigator: Natalie Schilling-Estes<br>Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University |
| 2007 – present | Principal Investigator<br>Linguistic Variation in the Speech of U.S. Politicians: Patterns and Attitudes<br>Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University   |
| 2003 – 2006    | Research Linguist<br>Speech Technology and Research Laboratory, SRI International  |
| 2001 – 2003    | Research Assistant<br>Stanford Phonetics Laboratory, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University  |
| Autumn 2001    | Research Assistant<br>Vowel Reduction in Brazilian Portuguese<br>Principal Investigator: Edward Flemming<br>Department of Linguistics, Stanford University   |
| 2000 – 2001    | Technical Linguist<br>Speech Technology Group, BeVocal   |
| Summer 2000    | Research Assistant<br>The Linguistic Style of Northern California Adolescents<br>Principal Investigator: Penelope Eckert<br>Department of Linguistics, Stanford University                             |
| 1996 – 1999    | Research Assistant<br>Principal Investigator: Abigail Cohn<br>Phonetic and Phonological Investigations of Indonesian Languages<br>Department of Linguistics, Cornell University                        |

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Language and Identity (graduate)	Spring 2007, Fall 2009
Language and Identity in D.C. (graduate seminar)	Spring 2008
Phonology and Phonetics I (graduate)	Spring 2007, Spring 2008
Sociolinguistic Variation (graduate)	Fall 2007, Fall 2008
Sociophonetics (graduate/undergraduate)	Winter 2006, Fall 2008, Summer 2009
Women, Men, and Language (undergraduate)	Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2009

## **ADVISING**

### **Ph.D. Supervisor**

2009	Jia Jackie Lou Situating Linguistic Landscape in Time and Space: A Multidimensional Study of the Linguistic Construction of Washington, DC Chinatown
in progress	Rebecca Rubin Social Meaning at Every Linguistic Level: Individual and Joint Identity Construction in Binational Couples

### **Ph.D. Committee Member**

in progress	Rachael Allbritten Sounding Southern: Acoustic Realities of Speech Perceptions
in progress	Karolina Dembinska-Lemus Socialization into the Mother Role: How Pregnancy Magazines Draw on Medical Discourse and Gender Roles to Position their Readers
in progress	Zhaleh Feizollahi Post-Lexical Categorical Changes: Turkish, Yoruba, and Norwegian
in progress	James Gruber The Phonetics and Phonology of Burmese Tone
in progress	Rasmus Nielsen Sociolinguistic Diversity Among African Americans in a Washington, D.C. Neighborhood
in progress	Cala Zubair Ethnolinguistic Nationalism in Youth Cultures of Sri Lanka

## **M.A. Supervisor**

- 2008 Nicole Barbeau  
Creating Intimidating Identities in Japanese Dramas: The Trilled r as a Sociolinguistic Resource
- 2008 Anup Mahajan  
Performing AAVE in the Storyworld: Topic-Driven Stylistic Variation within Personal Narratives
- 2007 Julie Dougherty  
My Name Is: The Linguistic Construction of Slim Shady, Eminem, and Marshall Mathers
- 2007 Sakiko Kajino  
Nanami Can Fall in Love: Indexing Gender and Youth through Non-Pronominal Self-Reference in Japanese

## **B.A. Supervisor**

- 2008 Kathleen Hewett  
The Status of Feminism Among Young Adults: The Use and Perception of *Feminism* and *Ms.*

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

### **Department**

- 2007 – present Faculty Advisor  
*eVox: Georgetown Working Papers in Language, Discourse, and Society*
- 2006 – present Library Liaison
- 2008 Ad Hoc Search Committee  
Visiting Assistant Professor in Phonology
- 2007 – 2008 Sociolinguistics Concentration Head

### **University**

- 2009 – 2010 Faculty Merit Review Chair
- 2007 – 2009 Faculty Merit Review Committee
- 2007 – 2008 Main Campus Executive Faculty
- 2007 Co-facilitator: Workshop on Applying for Academic Jobs  
Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, Georgetown University

## **Field**

2009	Article Referee <i>Language Variation and Change</i> <i>Phonology</i> <i>Journal of English Linguistics</i>
2009	Panelist: The Job Market for Linguists Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society
2009	Panelist: Graduate Student Question and Answer Session with Faculty Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics, Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America
2008	Article Referee <i>Papers in Laboratory Phonology 11: Phonetic Detail in the Lexicon</i>
2007	Article Referee <i>Language and Linguistics Compass</i> <i>Journal of Phonetics</i> <i>Gender and Language</i>
2007	Abstract Referee International Gender and Language Association 5, Victoria University Georgetown University Round Table 60, Georgetown University
2003	Book Proposal Referee Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group
2001 – 2002	Organizing Committee New Ways of Analyzing Variation 31, Stanford University
1999 – 2000	Organizing Committee International Gender and Language Association 1, Stanford University

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Acoustical Society of America (ASA)

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

American Dialect Society (ADS)

International Gender and Language Association (IGALA)

International Phonetic Association (IPA)

Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

Society for Linguistic Anthropology (SLA)