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### Education and experience

- 2016-present Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester
- 2015-2016 Visiting Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester
- 2012-2015 Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Department of English, University of New Hampshire
- 2009-2012 Lecturer in Linguistics, Department of English, University of New Hampshire.
- 2003-2009 PhD, University of Pennsylvania. Linguistics.
- 1994-1998 BA, Cornell University. Linguistics. Minor in Southeast Asian Studies.

### Publications

#### Refereed journal articles

- 2017 Abtahian, M.R. and Quinn, C.M. **Language shift and linguistic insecurity.** To appear in *Language Documentation & Conservation*
- 2017 Abtahian, M.R. **Language shift, endangerment and prestige: Kriol and Garifuna in Hopkins, Belize.** To appear in *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages* 32(2)
- 2016 Abtahian, M.R., A.C. Cohn and T. Pepinsky. **Modeling social factors in language shift.** *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* 242: 139-170.
- 2015 Ravindranath, M. **Sociolinguistic variation and language contact.** *Language and Linguistics Compass* 9/6: 243-255.
- 2014 Ravindranath, M. and A.C. Cohn. **Can a language with millions of speakers be endangered?** *Journal of Southeast Asian Linguistics* 7: 64-75.
- 2011 Labov, W., S. Ash, M. Ravindranath, T. Weldon, M. Baranowski, and N. Nagy. **Properties of the sociolinguistic monitor.** *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 15(4): 431-463.

#### Book chapters

- 2016 Wagner, S.E. & \*M. Ravindranath. **Social networks and the study of language variation and change.** In Z. P. Neal (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Systems Science*. London: Routledge.
- 2016 \*Ravindranath, M. & S. E. Wagner. **Sociolinguistics: Language in social environments.** In K. Allan (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Linguistics*. London: Routledge.

### Edited conference proceedings

- 2006 Friesner, M. L. and M. Ravindranath (eds.) *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected Papers from NWA V 34*. Volume 12.2.

### Conference proceedings

- 2008 Ravindranath, M. **The effect of language shift on a sound change in progress.** *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics 14.2: Selected Papers from NWA V 40*.

### Other publications

- 2013 Cohn, A., Bowden, J., McKinnon, T., Ravindranath, M., Simanjuntak, R., Taylor, B. & Yanti. **Kuesioner Penggunaan Bahasa Sehari-hari.**  
<http://lingweb.eva.mpg.de/jakarta/kuesioner.php>
- 2006/2007 Ravindranath, M. **Transnational communities and the Garifuna Nation.** *Working Papers in Educational Linguistics 22(1)*: 59-79.

## Presentations

### Refereed conference presentations

- 2017 M.R. Abtahian, A.C. Cohn, and Yanti. **Inner islands and language shift in Indonesia.** *ISLOJ 6*, Semarang, Indonesia, May 18-19
- 2016 M.R. Abtahian, A.C. Cohn, Yanti, and S. Waddell. **Tergantung (“It depends”): A quantitative analysis of language choice in Indonesia.** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45*, Simon Fraser University and U Victoria, Vancouver, Canada, Nov 3-6.
- 2015 M. Ravindranath, A.C. Cohn and T. Pepinsky. **Modeling social factors in language shift.** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 44*, University of Toronto, Canada, Oct 22-25.
- 2015 M. Ravindranath. **Language change in the post-colonial context** *ICLaVE*, University of Leipzig, Germany, May 27-29.
- 2014 Fernandes, M., Routhier, M., and M. Ravindranath. **Measuring dialect shift with traditional tools and modern technologies.** *Methods in Dialectology XV*, University of Groningen, Netherlands, August 11-15.
- 2014 Cohn, A.C. & M. Ravindranath. **Millions of speakers – yet at risk of endangerment: A multivariate analysis of language shift scenarios in Indonesia.** *Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN, January 2-5.
- 2014 Fernandes, M., Routhier, M., and M. Ravindranath. **Hicks, lobster and Massholes: Ideological dialect boundaries in Eastern New England.** *American Dialect Society Annual Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN, January 2-5.
- 2013 Chartier, N., Fernandes, M., Parker, H., Ravindranath, M. & J. Stanford. **My**

**father doesn't bother with the farm: New evidence of dialect shift in Northern New England** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 42, University of Pittsburgh, PA, October 17-20.

- 2013 Cohn, A.C., Bowden, J., McKinnon, T., Ravindranath, M., Simanjuntak, R., Taylor, B. & Yanti. **Assessing the impact of Indonesian on the maintenance of local languages.** *ISMIL 17*, Padang, Indonesia, June 8-9.
- 2013 Cohn, A.C. & M. Ravindranath. **Can a language with millions of speakers be endangered?** *SEALS 23*, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, May 29-31.
- 2012 Ravindranath, M. **Shifting styles: Interviewer style and language shift.** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 41, Indiana University, October 25-28.
- 2012 Ravindranath, M. **Exploring generational change in cases of language shift.** *Sociolinguistics Symposium 19*, Berlin, Germany, August 22.
- 2011 Ravindranath, M. **A wicked good reason to study intensifiers in New Hampshire.** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 40, Georgetown University, October 27-30.
- 2011 Ravindranath, M. **Language shift and apparent time: tracking a change in bilingual competence.** *Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting*, Pittsburgh, PA, January 6-9.
- 2010 Ravindranath, M. **The transitional generation: a border group in language shift.** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 39, University of Texas San Antonio, November 4-6.
- 2010 Ravindranath, M. **Language shift in apparent time.** *Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS) 41*, Philadelphia, PA, October 22-24.
- 2009 Ravindranath, M. **Prejudice and prestige in a case of language maintenance.** *Symposium About Language and Society – Austin (SALSA) XVII*, University of Texas Austin, April
- 2009 Ravindranath, M. **Language attrition and convergence in apparent time.** *Penn Linguistics Colloquium (PLC) 33*, March 27-29.
- 2008 Ravindranath, M. **Language contact in Garifuna: Acquisition of a phonemic distinction.** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 37, Rice University, Houston, TX November 6-9.
- 2007 Ravindranath, M. **The effect of language shift on a sound change in progress.** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 36, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Oct 11-14.
- 2005 Abramowicz, L., Hall, D., & M. Ravindranath. **Near-merger revisited: *ferry* and *furry* in Philadelphia.** *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 34, New York University, New York, Oct 20-23.

#### Invited talks

- 2016 M.R. Abtahian **Sociolinguistic approaches to the study of language shift and endangerment.** University of Buffalo. March 11.
- 2015 M.R. Abtahian. **Sociolinguistics and language shift: approaches to the study**

- of language endangerment.** Michigan State University. December 11
- 2014 Wagner, S. E. & M. Ravindranath. **Applying social network theory to the study of language change.** Michigan State University Faculty Learning Community “Networks and Groups”. February 13.
- 2014 Cohn, A.C. and M. Ravindranath. **Language shift in Indonesia: Examining the role of language size in assessing endangerment.** Cornell University: Linguistics Department Colloquium. January 29.
- 2013 Ravindranath, M. **Exploring generational differences in structure and attitudes in cases of language shift.** Atma Jaya Catholic University, Jakarta, Indonesia: Language and Linguistics Circle. January 8.
- 2011 Ravindranath, M. **Language Change, Shift and Endangerment in a Garifuna Speech Community in Belize.** Cornell University: Linguistics Colloquium. November 17.
- 2010 Ravindranath, M. **Language Change, Shift and Endangerment in a Garifuna Speech Community in Belize.** Dartmouth University: Linguistics Colloquium. April 19.
- 2006 Ravindranath, M. **Language Contact in Garifuna.** University of Pennsylvania: Graduate Humanities Forum on Travel and Language. November 13.