

Curriculum Vitae

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I. Name: Thomas S. Donahue

II. Education:

Denison University, B.A. with honors, 1962 (English major, math minor); Miami University, M.A. 1964 (Victorian Literature and Medieval English Literature); Ohio State University, Ph.D., 1968 (English Linguistics).

III. Fields of Preparation:

Historical Linguistics, Dialectology, Sociolinguistics, the Sociology of Language, Literature of Medieval England (esp. Chaucer).

IV. Teaching Experience:

Ohio State University, Teaching Assistant 1965--1968; San Diego State University, Assistant Professor in the English Department, Associate Professor of Linguistics, 1968-1983; Professor of Linguistics, 1983--.

Courses taught at SDSU: lower and upper division introduction to linguistics; Phonology; American Dialectology; Sociolinguistics; Sociology of Language; Historical Linguistics; Old English; Chaucer, Tolkien, the Arthurian Romance (for the Department of English and Comparative Literature); seminars in syntax, historical linguistics, Anglo-Saxon Period culture, and sociology of language topics.

V. Professional Publications:

A. Articles in journals, in refereed proceedings, and in the ERIC data bank, edited for linguistics by the Center for Applied Linguistics.

1. "On the Nature of the Early American Black English Lingua Franca," in Derry L. Malsch, James E. Hoard, and Clarence Sloat, eds., Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Western Conference on Linguistics, pp. 23-30. Edmonton: Linguistic Research, Inc., 1979.

2. "Toward a Broadened Context for Modern Bilingual Education," Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development, Vol. 3, No. 2, 1983, pp. 77-87.

3. "On Certain Basic Flaws in the Criticism of Modern Bilingual Education," in John Morreal, ed., Proceedings of the Ninth LACUS Forum (Columbia, South Carolina: Hornbeam Press), 1983, pp. 445-456.
4. "A Linguist Looks at Tolkien's Elvish," Mythlore, No. 37. Winter 1984, pp. 28-31. Also, "Tolkien's Elvish," excerpted in The Language of Humor--The Humor of Language: the 1982 Volume of the WHIM Conference, Don Nilsen, ed. (Tucson, AZ: ICD), 1982, pp. 64-65.
5. "U. S. English: Its Life and Works," International Journal of the Sociology of Language, No. 56, 1985, pp. 99-112.
6. "What the Sociology of Language Has to Say About American Dialectology," in Robert A. Hall, Jr., ed., Proceedings of the Eleventh LACUS Forum (Columbia, South Carolina: Hornbeam Press), 1985, pp. 460-471.
7. "The Functionalist Perspective of the Family in the Sociology of Language: an Axiom," in the Texas Linguistics Forum (the proceedings of NWAV XVI), 1988, pp. 93-99.
8. "A Structuralist--Functionalist Account of Border Slang." IJSL No.114, 1995, pp. 107-118.
9. In the Educational Resources Information Center collection (refereed by the Center for Applied Linguistics):
 - A. "A Crucial Perspective on the Early History of Black English," ERIC Document ED 171 154, pp. 1-19. Arlington, Virginia: the Center for Applied Linguistics, 1980. An early version of #1 above.
 - B. "Copula Deletion and West African Languages: A Source for Covert Norms in American Black English," ERIC Document ED 206 197, pp. 1-26. Arlington, Virginia: the Center for Applied Linguistics, 1982.
 - C. "Age-Graded Themes in White American Middle-Class Slang: an Hypothesis," ERIC Document ED 313 914, pp. 1-16. Arlington, Virginia: the Center for Applied Linguistics, 1990. An early version of #8 above.

B. Other articles and notes.

1. "Bilingual Education and the Spread of American English," English Around the World, Vol. 26, May 1983, pp. 3, 8.
2. "A Reply to Mr. Hyde," Mythlore, No. 37, Winter 1984, p. 33.
3. An Op-Ed essay on Proposition 63 (titled by the editor "It's Sneaky, Misleading Proposition") for the San Diego Evening Tribune on October 15, 1986.
4. "How to Read Black English Vernacular Critically: A Guide," Fiction International, 17:1, Summer 1987, pp. 165-175.
5. "On Bilingual Education Theory and Practice," pp. 9-10 in the 1995 issue of Bridge II magazine, published by the San Diego Nihongo Kyoiku Shinkokai.
6. "What Is Wrong With This Person?" pp. 104-106 in Scott Puckett, editor, Sick to Move, Vol 2 #2, August 1996.
7. "Waiting to Bloom," the Perspectives article in the SDSU Magazine, Spring, 1997, page 6.
8. "Pidgins and Creoles of the Midwest," forthcoming in the Encyclopedia of the Midwest, edited by Christian Zacher for the Ohio State University Press.

C. Book Chapters.

1. "On the Spread of the Inland Northern Dialect," in Timothy Frazer, editor, Heartland English, Chapter 3, pp. 49-58. University of Alabama Press, 1993. Also in the American Dialectology anthology Dialect and Language Variation, 2nd edition, ed. by Michael Linn. Orlando, Fl.: Academic Press.
2. "Recent American Language Policy in the Border States," in Open Signs: Language and Society on the United States-Mexico Border, edited by Harry Polkinhorn, Rogelio Reyes, and Gabriel Trujillo Munoz, pp. 165-196 [with a Spanish translation on pp. 197-232.] Calexico/Mexicali: Binational Press SDSU/UABC, 1993. An edited and revised version of item 3, below.
3. "American Language Policy and Compensatory Opinion," in James W.

Tollefson, editor, Power and Inequality in Language Education, Chapter 6, pp. 112-141. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.

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4. "Language Planning and the Perils of Ideological Solipsism," in James W. Tollefson, editor, Language Policies in Education: Critical Issues, Chapter 7, pp. 137-162. New York: Erlbaum, 2002.

5. "On the Eastern Edge of the Heartland: Two Industrial City Dialects," forthcoming in Language Variation and Change in the American Midland: A New Look at "Heartland" English, a volume edited by Tom Murray and Beth Simon for Erlbaum, due in late 2005.

D. Essay Review.

A review of Albert Valdman, Beverly Hartford, and Charles Foster, 1982, Issues in International Bilingual Education. In the Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development, Volume 5, No. 5, pp. 429-433.

E. Work in Progress.

--"The Sociology of Language Perspective on Propaganda."

--"Chomsky as Counter-Propagandist."

VI. Papers Given at Professional Meetings:

1. "Types of Evidence for the History of Consonants in Black English," UWM Symposium on Linguistics, March 17, 1978.

2. "A Crucial Perspective on the History of Consonants in Black English," Summer LSA Conference, U. of Illinois, July 29, 1978.

3. "On the Nature of the Early American Black English Lingua Franca," WECOL Meeting, U. of Oregon, October 21, 1978.

4. "A Redundancy Measure for Pidginized Verb Structures," at the U. of Louisville Conference on 'Non-English Language Variation in the Western Hemisphere,' October 13, 1979.

5. "Tolkien and the Elvish Languages," Winter LSA Conference, Los Angeles, December 28, 1979.
6. "Copula Deletion and West African Languages: a Source for Covert Norms in American Black English," at the UWM, March 27, 1981.
7. "Toward a Broadened Context for Bilingual Education," for Professor Joshua Fishman's NEH Summer Seminar, August, 1981.
8. "Phonological Games in Tolkien's Work," Western Humor and Irony Conference, Tempe, Arizona, April 1, 1982.
9. "On Certain Basic Flaws in the Criticism of Modern Bilingual Education," LACUS IX, Northwestern University, August 6, 1982.
10. "U. S. English: Its Life and Works, at Professor Paul R. Brass' NEH Summer Seminar at the U. of Washington, August, 1984.
11. "What the Sociology of Language Has to Say about American Dialectology," LACUS IX, Cornell University, August 14, 1984.
12. "Bicultural Family Conflicts, Marginalization, and Language Maintenance," at the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations, Athens, Ohio, May 29, 1987.
13. "The Functionalist Perspective of the Family in the Sociology of Language: An Axiom" at NWAV XVI, University of Texas, Austin, October 25, 1987.
14. "A Structuralist-Functionalist Approach to Slang," at NWAV XVIII, Duke University, October 22, 1989.
15. "Official English: A Macrosociolinguistic Analysis," at NWAV XXI, University of Michigan, October 18, 1992.
16. "Current United States Language Policy on the Border" in the conference on 'Lenguaje y Cultura en La Frontera Mexico-E.U.,' November 25, 1992.

17. "A Structuralist-Functionalist Approach to Southern College Slang," given at the Popular Culture Association of the South, in Charlotte, North Carolina, on October 18, 1994.

18. "Cognitive Grammar and Old English Compounding," given at the meeting of the Medieval Association of the Midwest, Northern Michigan University at Marquette, Michigan, September 24, 1995.

VII. Lectures:

1. "Black Dialect in College English Compositions," English Department Colloquium, October 1972.

2. "Types of Evidence for the History of Consonants in Black English," Linguistics Department Colloquium (LDC), Spring 1978.

3. "Tolkien's Phonology," given in the SDSU English Department in Spring terms in 1977, 1978, and 1979; in the LDC, 1979; and as an invited paper at Youngstown State University (Ohio), October 17, 1979.

4. "On the Foreign Accent in American Black English," San Diego State, Colloquium for Black History Month, February 26, 1980.

5. "A Mathematical Redundancy Measure for Pidginized Verb Structures," LDC, Spring 1980.

6. "Linguistics and Education," invited lecture at Grossmont College, April 17, 1980.

7. "On Copula Deletion in American Black English and In West African Languages of the Kwa Group," LDC, Spring 1981.

8. "Toward a Broadened Context for Modern Bilingual Education," LDC, Spring 1982.

9. "On Certain Basic Flaws in the Criticism of Modern Bilingual Education," LDC, Spring 1983.

10. "Early Sociology and the Sociology of Language," LDC, Spring 1984.

11. "U. S. English: Its Life and Works," Linguistics Faculty Colloquium, February 1985.

12. "What the Sociology of Language Has to Say About American Dialectology," LDC, Spring 1985.

13. "What the Sociology of Language Has to Say to Multicultural Teachers," San Diego Unified / Cabrini Center, June 1985.

14. "Bicultural Family Conflicts and Language Maintenance," LDC, Spring 1987.

15. "Chomsky as Counter-Propagandist," LDC, Spring 1989.

16. "The Actual Significance of the English as an Official Language Issue," LDC, Spring 1993.

17. "A Sociology of Language Approach to American Idioms, Proverbs,

- Clichés, and Slang," a lecture/mini-course for the convention of the California Court Interpreters Association, October 23, 1993.
18. "A Structural-Functional Approach to Border Slang," given at the Linguistics Student Association at Cal State Fullerton, April 15, 1994, and at the LDC, March 4, 1995.
 19. Linguistics Student Association at Cal State Fullerton, April 15, 1994, and at the LDC, March 4, 1995.
 20. "Two Industrial City Dialects," given at Youngstown State University on November 1, 2002.

VIII. Other Professional Activities:

1. Reader, National Science Foundation, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1984, 1986., 1995.
2. Reviewer for the Campanile Press, 1977.
3. Discussed "Edwin Newman's Version of Standard English," on KPBS-FM's "Perspective: the English Language," August 22, 1979.
4. Sabbatical investigation of early sociology and the Sociology of Language.
5. Assistant Editor, Fiction International, 1987--1991.
6. Panelist / Moderator at the PCCLAS meeting, October, 1988, in a colloquium exploring the language and cultural issues arising from my publication #V-7 above.
7. Moderator for the Linguistics portion of the Simposio held by the SDSU Spanish and Portuguese Department, April 20, 1989.
8. Panelist representing CFA at the Higher Education/State Legislation Workshop, CATESOL 25, April 16, 1994.

IX. Scholarly Awards and Honors:

1. Proctor and Gamble Tuition/Fees Scholarship, through my undergraduate years at Denison University.
2. NDEA Title IV Fellowship for graduate study at Miami University and Ohio State University, 1962-1965.
3. SDSU Foundation Summer Faculty Fellowship, Summer 1980.
4. NEH Summer Seminar Fellowships, 1981 and 1984.
5. I was named the "Most Influential Faculty Member" by the Linguistics Department's Outstanding Graduating Senior in 1978, 1979, 1981, 1990 and 1995.
6. MPPP award, SDSU, 1988.

X. Consultancy:

1. Law firms, lawyers: Sims and Silver, 1985; Hollywood and Neill, 1986; Eugene Gorrow, 1988; McInnis, Fitzgerald, Rees, Sharkey, & McIntyre, 1993.
2. For the San Diego Unified School District's Bilingual Education Unit, Summer, 1984.

XI. Prominent University Service:

Advisor to the Graduate Teaching Assistants in composition courses in the English Department, 1970-1973; Graduate Advisor, Linguistics, 1974-1985; Acting Chair, Linguistics, Fall 1977; Chair, Linguistics, 1985--1989; Chair, Linguistics Personnel Committee, 1990—seriatim to present; Research Committee, 1981-83, 1984; CAL Personnel Committee, 1983-85; CAL Academic Planning Committee, 1980-82, 1986-88, Chair, 1987-88; SDSU Academic Affairs Liaison with Hoover High School in the Partnership Program with the San Diego Unified School District, 1986-87; Teacher Education Institute, 1986--87; Undergraduate Teacher Assessment Program (for the Undergraduate Studies Division), 1987--; served as SDSU Academic Affairs Representative to the Student Affairs Division, 1987-90; CAL Representative to the SDSU Academic Senate, 1987--; Chair of the Senate Student Affairs Committee, 1988--90, 1991--94; CAL Audio-Visual Committee, 1988--; CAL representative to the University Curriculum Committee, 1988--; Associate Dean, CAL, 1989-1990; Advisory Committee to the Dean of the College of Extended Studies, 1989--90; Task force for the University Summer Orientation Course, 1989--91; Affirmative Action and Outreach Advisory Committee, 1990--, Vice Chair, 1995--, Chair, 1996--2001; Organizer, Early College Credit Program, 1990--92; Faculty Fellows Program through the HRLLO, 1992--; Participant as Mentor in the Student Outreach Services Living and Learning Program, 1992-93; Chair, Department Peer Review Committee, Department of Rhetoric and Writing Studies, 1993-4; member, Financial Aid Advisory Board, 1994--; Chair, CAL Personnel Committee, 2001-3.

Service in the community:

1. An article on our Hmong research project, written by reporter Greg Gross, appeared in the San Diego Union on December 14, 1981.
2. I was interviewed by the reporter Kathleen Buttermore for an article in the Daily Californian, "Go for it with Slang," appearing March 5, 1983; four or five similar interviews on this topic have followed in local papers in subsequent years.
3. I served on the District Advisory Committee to the S. D. Unified District's Gifted and Talented Program, 1986 and 1987.

4. I was interviewed about Proposition 63 for KFMB-TV in October, 1986.
5. Public reading from Harold Jaffe's Beasts for Project YANO (benefit for Vietnam Vets) at the Ken Theater June 7, 1988.
6. Panelist for the San Diego Unified District's Gate Program at the Teacher-Administrator Conference, October, 1988.
7. A presentation and discussion of "Mass Culture and the Maintenance of English," given at the ESU meeting on 2/14/89 in La Jolla.
8. Discussed "What Your Professor Expects From You" as Faculty Fellow with occupants at Alvarado Center on November 4, 1992; and "What You Are Being Educated For," at Chapultepec Hall on February 28, 1994.
9. Addressed the Summit Unitarian Fellowship on "California's Budget Crisis" on January 17, 1993.
10. I was interviewed on Bilingual Education Policy for the Imperial Valley Press for an article by John Scheibe entitled "Bilingualism: A Gateway Between Cultures" appearing on March 20, 1994.
11. I was interviewed on slang usage for the Associated Press in October, 1996.