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Associate Professor, Teaching Stream

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Profile

Experienced linguist, academic writing instructor, and researcher with over 15 years of experience in the academic setting teaching a wide variety of courses in the humanities. Dept. profile \square .

Education

2005 – 2012	Ph.D. Applied Linguistics, <i>University of the West Indies, Mona</i> Title: "Modeling Time Reference in Judge's Summation: A Study in Time Reference Management in a Creole Continuum Courtroom"
	Supervisor: Hubert Devonish, Professor of Linguistics, University of the West Indies, Mona
2002 – 2005	MPhil. Linguistics, University of the West Indies, Mona Converted to PhD program
1999 – 2002	B.A. Linguistics, University of the West Indies, Mona

Work Experience

2021 – present Waterloo, Canada

Associate Professor, Teaching Stream,

Department of English Language and Literature, University of Waterloo ☑

- Teaching undergraduate courses in academic writing
- Re-designed course content to target students from the math and engineering faculties
- Designed new course for Black studies diploma
- Introduced product modeling for technical writing students
- Managed online version of Introduction to Academic writing
- Co-coordinated awards ceremony for the department

2016 – 2021 **Definite Term Lecturer,**

Waterloo, Canada Department of English Language and Literature, University of Waterloo

2008 – 2016 **Course Director,**

Toronto, Canada Department of Languages, Literature, and Linguistics York University ☑

- Designed and launched three courses on the structure and usage of Jamaican Creole.
- Coordinated undergraduate major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies.
- Served on a hiring committee for administrative assistant.
- Served as adjudicator for graduate student scholarship

2005 – 2008 Part-time Lecturer,

St. Andrew, Jamaica Dept. of Language, Linguistics, and Philosophy, University of the West Indies, Mona

- Redesigned several undergraduate courses in linguistics to add professional relevance
- Served on the strategic planning committee for the department
- Served as the graduate student representative on faculty council

2005 – 2008 **Lecturer,** Dept. of Liberal Studies, University of Technology

- Coordinated team-taught course in academic writing.
- Taught a range of courses in oral and business communication designed for students of engineering and business administration

Courses Taught

St. Andrew, Jamaica

ENGL408B - The Discourse of Advertising, University of Waterloo

This course examines the linguistic and rhetorical tools involved in the language of advertising. Participants are introduced to a brief history of the discourse of advertising and how the rhetoric in that communicative genre has evolved across space and time (focusing primarily on the mid 20th century to the present). Additionally, the course utilizes various analytical methods grounded in rhetorical theory and applied linguistics in exploring the principles of advertising language. Finally, participants are engaged in the dissection and creation of original advertising copy.

ENGL306A - Introduction to Linguistics, *University of Waterloo*

This course introduces students to the foundational areas in the field of linguistics. Linguists study the quintessential human trait - language - and situate this study within areas of study as diverse as human cognition and development, language learning and teaching, and critical theory. This course is designed to give participants a brief overview of the structural components of language (such as the sounds, syntax, and how meaning is assigned to units of language) as well as how language shapes and impacts on our world in dynamic and interesting ways.

ENGL383 - Phonetics, *University of Waterloo*

This course explores the fascinating world of human speech sounds, equipping learners with a comprehensive understanding of phonetics, the foundational discipline for careers in speech pathology. Through interactive lectures, engaging software activities, and collaborative projects, you will gain in-depth knowledge of sound production, transcription, and analysis, focusing on the sounds of English but also using examples from other languages. Additionally, you will explore the relationship between phonetics and phonology, gaining insights into how sounds pattern and organize in languages.

[Course proposed and created by me]

ENGL210J - Technical Writing, University of Waterloo

This course is intended to introduce participants to the principles and procedures of technical editing. We will draw on examples from manufacturing, the sciences, and the legal field in an effort to build competence and proficiency in the different levels of editing. Material for editing will be drawn both from real-world cases as well as originally created by class participants with the goal of engaging in professional editing techniques. Participants will finally be introduced to the basics of working with editing software.

BLKST210 - Language Life and Literature in the Caribbean, *University of Waterloo*

This course introduces students to the ways in which language shapes and sustains various forms of cultural expression in the Caribbean region. Participants will use the creative output of storytellers, poets, DJs, and playwrights as a lens to investigate and trace the evolution of a distinctly Caribbean identity from the post-colonial period (the 1960s) up to the present. Participants are also introduced to the social dynamics of Creole language use in the Caribbean and an exploration of the ways in which these languages are implicated in diverse cultural art forms.

[Course proposed and created by me]

ENGL119 - Communication for Math and Computer Science, *University of Waterloo*

Educators at the high school level are describing the current declining math scores in Ontario as a "crisis." Some attribute this to a general fear and discomfort with the subject, but also to intimidating and unengaging methods of communicating topics in mathematics. This course hopes to address the latter problem - how experts and practitioners of math communicate core principles in the subject area without alienating the layperson. We will draw on a variety of communication techniques, ranging from report writing to group presentations and podcasting in an effort to develop a skill set needed to strengthen math enthusiasts as competent and effective communicators.

ENGL109 - Introduction to Academic Writing, *University of Waterloo*

ENGL 109 serves as an introductory course to the foundations and principles of the genre of writing expected at the university level. Participants will be exposed to three styles of academic essays - the expository, narrative and argumentative essay - and instructed how each style fits into the larger goals of the institution as well as to the world outside the classroom. Since good writing is a social and indeed collaborative activity, participants will receive ongoing feedback on their own writing, as well as learn how to give constructive criticisms to the writing of their peers.

JC1000 - Introduction to Jamaican Creole, York University

This course introduces participants to the basic elements of the grammar and use of Jamaican Creole ("Patwa/Patois"). It is designed specifically for persons with no prior knowledge of the language and/or persons who have knowledge of the language but would like to learn the grammar and writing system formally. In addition to the grammar of Jamaican, different aspects of Jamaican culture will be explored, such as literature, film and theatre, and music.

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Teaching Portfolio

University of Waterloo Teaching samples, https://www.cliveforrester.com/teaching

A teaching portfolio to showcase adjustments to courses during the transition to remote teaching in the pandemic and beyond.

Books

2024 Kingston, Jamaica Forrester, C. & Dawkins, N. (eds). (2024). Sounds of Advocacy, Language, and Liberation: Papers in honour of Hubert Devonish,

University of the West Indies (UWI), Press. Kingston, Jamaica.

https://www.uwipress.com/9789766408947/sounds-of-advocacy-language-and-liberation/

2023

Berlin, Germany

Forrester, Clive (ed). (2023). Intersections of language rights and social justice

in the Caribbean context

(Studies in Caribbean Languages 5). Berlin: Language Science Press. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.10052722 https://langsci-press.org/catalog/book/407 ☑

Articles (Refereed)

2014 Forrester, C. "Converting Time Reference in Judge's Summations: A Study in

Time Reference Management in a Creole Continuum Courtroom.", International

Journal of Speech, Language and the Law. Vol. 21.2, 225-250. DOI:

10.1558/ijsll.v21i2.225 ♂

2013 Forrester, C. (2013). "Ethics, Conscience and Just Desert: The Linguistic

Performance of Sentencing in the Jamaican Courtroom." In C. Brown Blake and

D. Walicek (eds.), Sargasso: Language Rights and Language Policy in the

Caribbean, Vol. II. https://dloc.com/UF00096005/00039/83x

Book Chapters (Refereed)

2025 Forrester, C. (2025). Rethinking Cheating in the Age of Al., In Corbeil, J. R., &

Corbeil, M. E. (Eds). Teaching and Learning in the Age of Generative AI. Taylor &

Francis. ☑

2024 Forrester, C. (2024). Language Policy in the Caribbean., In book: The Wiley

Blackwell Encyclopedia of World Englishes. First Edition. Edited by Kingsley Bolton. ©

2024 JohnWiley & Sons, Ltd. Published 2024 by John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/379538217_Language_Policy_in_the_Ca

ribbean ♂

2024 Forrester, C. (2024). "Don't say a word": Interpreting Jamaican idioms in a

Toronto courtroom., In Forrester, C. & Dawkins, N. (2024). Sounds of Advocacy, Language, and Liberation: Papers in honour of Hubert Devonish, University of the

West Indies (UWI), Press. Kingston, Jamaica.

https://www.uwipress.com/9789766408947/sounds-of-advocacy-language-and-

liberation/

2023 Forrester, C. (2023). #problematic: Using English for social justice advocacy in

Creole-speaking societies., In Clive Forrester (ed.), Intersections of language rights and social justice in the Caribbean context, 1–25. Berlin: Language Science Press.

DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.10103074

https://langsci-press.org/catalog/book/407 ☑

2022 Forrester, C. (2022). Writing Miss Lou Right: Language, Identity, and the Official

Jamaican Orthography, In Johnson, Michele. A., (ed) Miss Lou and Jamiekan Langwij: Commemorations and Critical Perspectives. African World Press. □

2020 Farquharson, J. T., Forrester, C., & Hollington, A. (2020). "The linguistics of

Jamaican swearing: Forms, background and adaptations"., In Nassenstein, N., &

Storch, A. (Eds.) Swearing and Cursing. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Mouton. doi:

https://doi.org/10.1515/9781501511202-007

2007 Forrester, C. (2007) Ethical Issues of Negotiation: An Exploratory Study of

Code-Switching, Deception and Negotiation Tactics in the Jamaican Context.,

In Nowel Cowell, Archibald Campbell, Gavin Chen, Stanford Moore (eds). Ethical Perspectives for Caribbean Business. Arawak Press. Jamaica.

https://www.amazon.ca/Ethical-Perspectives-Caribbean-Business-

Editors/dp/9768189606

Media Publications

12/2023 Toroto, Canada	Patwa, Jamaica's mother tongue, deserves to be an official language, Globe and Mail (Opinion Section) https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-patwa-jamaicas-mother-tongue-deserves-to-be-an-official-language/?login=true
UWaterloo Service	
01/2021 – present	FAUW Equity Committee, <i>Member of equity committee for the Faculty Association</i> Planned and executed equity initiatives for faculty at the university.
09/2021 – 12/2024	Black Faculty Collective, Coordinator Managing and directing action items for the BFC ☑
08/2021 – 05/2024	Department Brown Bag research series, Research Workshops for Dept. of English Language and Literature A research series for faculty members to share their research and provide feedback for others
02/2021 – 2022	Faculty of Arts, <i>Ujima Black History Month @UW</i> Core planning committee for the Black History Month ☑ event in the Faculty of Arts
01/2020 - 11/2020	Department Teaching Squares, Anti-racist teaching Squares for the Dept. of English Language and Literature A forum for faculty members to share and implement ideas in their courses centred on anti-racist initiatives.
10/2021 – 05/2022	Department Chair Search Committee, <i>Member of Chair search committee for Dept. of English Language and Literature</i>
12/2021 - 02/2022	Assoc. Vice President Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-racism, Core hiring committee for Equity Specialist
01/2021 - 11/2021	Dept. of English Language & Literature Anti-racism task force, <i>Anti-racist committee for the Dept. of English</i>
04/2021 – 06/2021	Faculty of Arts, <i>Core Hiring Committee, Arts First DTL</i> Reviewed candidate files and created a shortlist for interviews, then assisted in interviewing candidates
09/2018 - 09/2019	Faculty of Arts, Dept. of English representative at OUF (Ontario Universities Fair)
11/2016 – 05/2018	Department of English Language and Literature Awards Ceremony, Department Awards Coordinator Assisted in organizing the annual English Awards Ceremony in recognition of student achievement.

Professional Affiliations

2021 – present Canada

Canadian Linguistics Association, *Member* ☑

2014 – present United Kingdom International Association for Forensic and Legal Linguistics, Member ☑

08/2022 – 2024 Trinidad and Tobago **Society for Caribbean Linguistics,** *President*

08/2012 – Present Trinidad and Tobago **Society for Caribbean Linguistics,** *Member* **☑**

Consultancies

06/2023 - 08/2023

Long Island Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network (L.I. RBERN),

Consultant on the creation of resource material "English Creole Influenced Language

Learners: A resource guide for educators on Long Island."

Created resource material and conducted workshop with a sub-committee from the

Society for Caribbean Linguistics (SCL).

06/2014 - 09/2014

Director of Court Interpretation, Ministry of Attn. General, Toronto,

Canada

Verified courtroom transcript of Jamaican speech

Analyzed court transcript in mistrial case

07/2009 - 07/2011

Chair, Peel English Creole Language Program steering committee, Brampton, Consultant for heritage language program

Canada

Designed material for teachers on the English Creole heritage language program

06/2009 – 07/2009 Toronto, Canada "Project Coral" Criminal Defence Team, Toronto,

Consultant to criminal defence team

Analyzed wiretap evidence containing Jamaican speech

Expert Witness Activity

08/2022

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Omar Lewis, 1st degree murder,

Pennsylvania, USA **CP-51-CR-7140-2021,** Provided linguistic analysis and transcription

Transcribed and analyzed mobile phone voice note of murder confession.

Consulting attorney:

Law Offices of George S. Yacoubian, Jr., LLC

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07/2018

R. v. Hayles-Wilson, 1st-degree murder, Canada, Toronto.,

Canada Testified on behalf of defence

Gave testimony on the interpretation of Jamaican language idioms heard on

wiretap evidence.

Consulting attorney:

Paul J.I. Alexander Barrister 55 University Avenue, Suite 1100 Toronto, ON M5J 2H7 Tel (416) 960-3000 Mobile (416) 854-2118

Invited Talks

06/2025 St. Andrew, Jamaica	Al and the future of Creole Linguistics, Plenary panelist, Society for Pidgin and Creole Languages (SPCL) Summer Conference. UWI, Mona.
07/2023 Kingston, Jamaica	Ethical Usage of Artificial Intelligence in Academic Writing, Plenary Speaker, Caribbean Association of Academic Literacies Practitioners (CATALP) AI Forum https://youtu.be/loAYEb524CY?si=c5VjJP7F6sNi_BCl
03/2023 Kingston, Jamaica	Impact of AI on Language Services (Translation), Guest speaker, Translators and Interpreters Association of Jamaica Quarterly Meeting
2020 St. Andrew, Jamaica	"Language, Justice, and Black Lives" Humanities in Action Virtual Seminar Series: Black Lives Matter, Guest Panelist https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=bUUtxQpxLVs&list=LL&index=3&t=2414s&ab_channel=UWIMonaMedia
2019 Toronto, Canada	"From Plantation to Parliament: The Journey to the Recognition of Jamaican as an Official Language.", Panel discussion on the Centennary of Hon. Mrs. Louise Bennette-Coverly, Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community, and Diaspora at York University.
2019 Heredia, Costa Rica	"La evolución y el estado de los criollos Caribeños en el hogar y en la diáspora" (The evolution and status of Caribbean Creoles at home and in the diaspora)., Plenary lecture, Central American Linguistics Assoc. 10th Biennial Conference. National University of Costa Rica, Heredia, Costa Rica.
2019 Montreal, Canada	"Jamaican Language from the Plantation to the Academy and Beyond", Public lecture, "Jamaican Language from the Plantation to the Academy and Beyond"
2019 Heredia, Costa Rica	"Language, Identity, and Race in the Jamaican Context", Guest lecture, University of Puerto Rico (UPR), San Juan, Puerto Rico.
2018 Waterloo, Canada	"What is the Value of an Arts Degree?", Panelist, Waterloo County English Awards Day. Renison University College. Waterloo, ON.
2016 Toronto, Canada	"How is Black Identity performed in Canada?", Panelist, Welcome reception panel discussion for Dr. Erna Brodber, Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC), York University. Toronto, ON.
2016 Toronto, Canada	"Where are all the Black Faculty?", Panelist, Black History Month event, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University. Toronto, ON.
2014 Toronto, Canada	Downtrodden but not Defeated: The Journey of Caribbean Creole Languages", <i>Guest speaker, Black History Month event, Environment Canada. Toronto, ON.</i>
2011 Toronto, Canada	"A Waagwaan? Jamaican Language, Culture, and Identity at the Crossroads", Guest speaker, Welcome to Jamrock lecture series, Accents on Eglinton Bookstore. Toronto, ON.

2009 "Groundings with my Brothers",

Brampton, Canada Panelist, Black History Month event, Chinguacousy Secondary School. Brampton, ON.

"Transcreolisation; Changing Attitudes towards an Indigenous Creole

Toronto, Canada Language - Evidence from Jamaica", Caribbean Studies Graduate Network (CSGN)

workshop. University of Toronto. Toronto, ON.

Graduate Examination Activites

2025 "Expanding the CALL Toolkit: An Analysis of the Effectiveness of Digital Comics
Cave Hill, Barbados in the Instruction of Standard English Grammar to Bajan Speakers" Ph.D.

Defence for Mr. Voghn-Everett Tatem, *External Examiner, Department of*

Language, Linguistics, and Literature. University of the West Indies (UWI) Cave Hill.

2018 "Fifty Shades of Day: The Varied and Incomplete Meanings of Marketing

Waterloo, Canada Capabilities" PhD Defence for Gregory Tanguay., Internal-External Examiner,

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Wilfird Laurier University.

2017 "Defining a Prime Minister - A critical discourse analysis of newspaper

St. Augustine, Trinidad editorials in Trinidad and Tobago" PhD Defence for Rajendra Shepherd,

External examiner, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics, University of

the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine.

2017 "A Rhetorical and Gender Interpretation of Advertisements by Banks

Cave Hill, Barbados Breweries, Barbados' MA Dissertation for Alyssa Harewood, External examiner,

Department of Caribbean Studies, University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill.

2017 LIN6307: Introduction to Sociology of Language for Graduate Students.

St. Andrew, Jamaica Graduate course in linguistics, External evaluator, Department of Language,

Linguistics and Philosophy, University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona.

Undergraduate Thesis Examination

09/2024 – 05/2025 Factors Impacting the Retention of Punjabi as a Heritage Language in one

Waterloo, Canada Canadian Family, Undergraduate Thesis for Zoya Randhawa, B.A. in English.

Department of English Language and Literature, University of Waterloo.

09/2021 - 06/2022 Rhetoric and Advertising: Hierarchies and Power Imbalances in 1960s Chanel

Waterloo, Canada No. 5 Advertisements, Undergraduate Thesis for Rency Luan, B.A. in English.

Department of English Language and Literature, University of Waterloo.

Conference Presentations

06/2025 Digital Pedagogy and the Future of Jamaican Creole Education: An On-Demand

St. Andrew, Jamaica Course Model, Society for Pidgin and Creole Languages (SPCL) Summer Conference.

University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona. ☑

08/2024 The Linguist and the Community: A Reflection on Caribbean Language

Georgetown, Guyana Advocacy through Three Stories, Society for Caribbean Linquistics 25th Biennial

Conference. University of Guyana, Georgetown, Guyana. 🛮

Preisdential Plenary for the SCL.

2019 #problematic: English as the Social Justice Lingua Franca in Creole Speaking

St. Andrew, Jamaica Societies.,

The Many Facets of Mervyn. University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona. Jamaica.

2019 Waterloo, Canada	Using Lego in the Classroom: Experimenting with Kinesthetic Learning in an English class., UW Teaching and Learning Conference. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada.
2018 Heredia, Costa Rica	Language Rights in the Right Language: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Feedback to Creole-Related Articles in Jamaican Newspapers., 22nd Biennial Society for Caribbean Linguistics, San Jose & Limon, Costa Rica.
2018 St. Andrew, Jamaica	"Don't Say a Word": Interpreting Jamaican Idioms in a Toronto Murder Case., Sounds of Advocacy, Language, and Liberation, Mona, Jamaica
2016 St. Andrew, Jamaica	Jamaican Creole Language Issues Inside Ontario Courtrooms: The Dynamics of Linguistic Consultancies., Society for Caribbean Linguistics 21st Biennial Conference, Mona, Jamaica.
2016 Toronto, Canada	Students On Air: Using Internet Radio as a Presentation Platform., Teaching in Focus 2016 Conference, Toronto, Canada.
2014 Orenjestad, Aruba	The Role of the Linguist in the Interrogation of Caribbean 'Hate Speech', Society for Caribbean Linguistics 20th Biennial Conference, Oranjestad, Aruba
2014 Toronto, Canada	Social Media and the Rise of Secularism in Jamaica., Social Media and Implications for Politics, Religion and Gender, 2nd Annual Social Media Conference, Toronto, Canada
2012 Nassau, Bahamas	Reflective Writing and Affective Assessment in a Language Classroom: The Case of Jamaican Creole at York University, Society for Caribbean Linguistics 19th Biennial Conference, Nassau, Bahamas.
2010 St. Andrew, Jamaica	Language in the Jamaican Diaspora: The Case of Patwa at York University, Dept. of Language, Linguistics, and Philosophy Research Day, Mona, Jamaica.
2009 Toronto, Canada	Interpretation on Trial: Linguistic Issues inside the Jamaican Courtroom., Dept of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics lecture series, York University, Toronto, Canada.
2007 St. Andrew, Jamaica	Conversation Analysis and its Application to Jamaican Sign Language: Towards an Understanding of Discourse Styles and Strategies in an Indigenous Signed Language, 2nd Annual Post Graduate Research Day, Mona, Jamaica
2006 Honolulu, USA	Court Transcripts as a Source of Forensic Linguistic Analysis: Teaching Jamaican Courtroom Reporters a New Orthography, 4th Annual International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, USA.
2005 New York, USA	The Discourse of Time in the Jamaican Courtroom: English Speaking Counsel Meets Creole Speaking Witness, 50th Annual International Linguistic Association Conference, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, New York, USA.
2004 St. Andrew, Jamaica	Jamaican Courtroom Discourse: Some Implications of Cross-Linguistic Interaction, Inaugural Graduate Students Conference, UWI Mona, Jamaica.
2003 St. Andrew, Jamaica	Ethical Issues of Negotiation: A Jamaican Perspective, 3rd Colloquium on Business Ethics, Department of Management Studies, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.

2002 The Survival of Marroon Creole in the Caribbean, Society for Caribbean

St. Augustine, Trinidad Linguistics 13th Biennial Conference. University of the West Indies (UWI), St.

Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

Media Mentions & Interviews

10/2023 **Cynara,** CBC Documentary

Toronto, Canada https://gem.cbc.ca/cynara?cmp=DM_DOCS_FEED_GEMCARD_cynara ♂

07/2021 "Dominica fights to save Creole forged by Slaves in Caribbean",

Waterloo, Canada AP (Associated Press)

https://toronto.citynews.ca/2021/07/02/dominica-fights-to-save-creole-forged-by-

slaves-in-caribbean-2/

2020 "Jamaican Creole Coveted Everywhere", b/dscvrd Podcast

Waterloo, Canada https://bdscvrd.com/blog/boasty-ep-5-jamaican-creole-coveted-everywhere

2010 "York@50: The Way Must be Tried", Omni TV

Toronto, Canada https://www.omnitv.ca/on/en/videos/2863992221001/

Volunteer

Waterloo, Canada

05/2019 - Present Caribbean Canadian Association of Waterloo Region (CCAWR), Board Director

Conceptualize and execute various programs and initiatives that support the

Caribbean community in the Kitchener-Waterloo region.