

Presenter



Jessi Grieser, PhD

Jessi Grieser is an associate professor of linguistics in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Michigan. She received her Ph.D. in Sociolinguistics from Georgetown University. Her research takes discourse analytic and variationist approaches to studying the linkages between language and race and place identities, African American Language, and language and gentrification, as well as language online. She is the author of two monographs: *The Black Side of the River*, from Georgetown University Press, 2022, and *The Language of Professional Blackness*, from Duke University Press, 2023. She is a co-script writer and consultant on the YouTube series *Crash Course Linguistics*, created by Complexly, Inc in conjunction with PBS, and is frequently a consultant for media outlets such as *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, NPR, *Business Insider*, and *The Economist*. Her work takes an anti-racist approach to understanding linguistic diversity and celebrating language change.

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Linguistic Diversity in the Classroom: Solidarity and Support

When we encounter students in our work as educators we are encountering students with a wide swath of linguistic backgrounds—different Englishes, different and many primary languages, different socializations to the role that language should play in their lives. This challenge demands a flexible approach which meets students where they are linguistically, with full thought for the ways in which ideas about language often reinforce white, colonialist ideals to the detriment of learners' progress. In this talk, Dr. Jessi Grieser will discuss some features of linguistic diversity we need to take into account as educators aiming to meet our students and writers where they are, and provide a roadmap to holistic assessment which celebrates the linguistic gifts our students bring to our classrooms while also remaining sensitive to the demands a less linguistically-aware workforce may make of them in the future.

Students are encouraged to attend. All undergraduate attendees will be entered to win one of five copies of Dr. Grieser's book, *The Black Side of the River*.

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