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## **CURRENT POSITION**

Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics, Department of English, Ball State University, 2018 – present

Assistant Chair of Operations, Department of English, 2021 - present

*Previous:* Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics, Department of English, Ball State University, 2013 - 2018

## **EDUCATION**

**PH.D., Applied Linguistics**, University of Pittsburgh, 2012

Dissertation: Complexity, Accuracy, and Fluency as Properties of Language Performance: The Development of the Multiple Subsystems over Time and in Relation to Each Other

**Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Certificate**

**M.A., Linguistics**, University of Pittsburgh, 2007

Thesis: Non-Linguistic Cognitive Effects of Learning American Sign Language as a Second Language

**B.A., Elementary Education and Psychology**, Carlow University, *magna cum laude*, 1994

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Second language development as measured by language performance
- Assessing language performance, language development, and language learning
- English language pedagogy
- Science of learning and the scholarship of teaching and learning

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (*accepted*). Emergence of a signing advantage: An investigation of spatial skills in adult hearing L2 Learners of American Sign Language. *Sign Language Studies*.

**Vercellotti, M. L.**, Juffs, A., & \*Naismith, B. (2021). Multiword sequences in English language learner's speech: The relationship between trigrams and lexical variety across development. *System*, 98. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.system.2021.102494>

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2021). Beyond the rubric: Classroom assessment tools and assessment practice. *The Electronic Journal for English as a Second Language (TESL-EJ)*, 25(3). <https://www.tesl-ej.org/wordpress/issues/volume25/ej99/ej99a9/>

**Vercellotti, M. L.**, & McCormick, D. E. (2021). Constructing analytic rubrics for assessing open-ended tasks in the language classroom. *The Electronic Journal for English as a Second Language (TESL-EJ)*, 24(4). <http://www.tesl-ej.org/wordpress/issues/volume24/ej96/ej96a2/>

**Vercellotti, M. L.**, Seig, M. T., & \*Boltz, P. (2021). Understanding the motivations to join a faculty learning community: Are we missing a piece of the puzzle? *Learning Communities Journal*, 13(1), 175-197.

Griffith, J., **Vercellotti, M. L.**, & \*Folkers, H. (2019). What's in a question? A Comparison of student questions in two learning spaces. *Teaching and Learning in Communication Sciences & Disorders*, 3(1). Available at: <https://ir.library.illinoisstate.edu/tlcsd/vol3/iss1/7>

\*Student collaborator

- Vercellotti, M. L.**, & McCormick, D. E. (2018). During production corrections, abandoned utterances, and post-production self-corrections: Multiple-case longitudinal study of self-correction profiles in L2 English learners. *The Electronic Journal for English as a Second Language (TESL-EJ)*, 22(3). Available at: <http://tesl-ej.org/wordpress/issues/volume22/ej87/ej87a3/>
- Vercellotti, M. L.** (2018). Finding variation: Assessing the development of syntactic complexity in ESL speech. *International Journal of Applied Linguistics*, 29(2), 233-247. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ijal.12225>
- Vercellotti, M. L.** (2018). Do interactive learning spaces increase student achievement? A comparison of classroom context. *Active Learning in Higher Education*, 19(3), 197-210. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1469787417735606>
- Vercellotti, M. L.** (2017). The development of complexity, accuracy, and fluency in second language performance: A longitudinal study. *Applied Linguistics*, 38(1), 90-111. <https://doi.org/10.1093/applin/amv002>
- Vercellotti, M. L.**, & \*Packer, J. (2016). Shifting structural complexity: The production of clause types in speeches given by English for Academic Purposes students. *Journal of English for Academic Purposes*, 22, 179-190. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeap.2016.04.004>
- De Jong, N., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (2016). Similar prompts may not be similar in the performance they elicit: Examining fluency, complexity, accuracy, and lexis in narratives from five picture prompts. *Language Teaching Research*, 20(3), 387-404. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1362168815606161>
- Vercellotti, M. L.**, & de Jong, N. (2013). Use and accuracy of verb complements in English L2 speech. *Dutch Journal of Applied Linguistics*, 2(2), 243-250. <https://doi.org/10.1075/dujal.2.2.05lou>
- McCormick, D. E., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (2013). Examining the impact of self-correction notes on grammatical accuracy in speaking. *TESOL Quarterly*, 47(2), 410-420. doi: 10.1002/tesq.92.
- Vercellotti, M. L.**, & Mortensen, D. (2012). A classification of compounds in American Sign Language: An evaluation of the Bisetto and Scalise framework. *Morphology*, 22(4), 545-579.

#### Peer-reviewed Book Chapters

- Aghai, L., Sayer, P., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (2020). Effects of teachers' language ideologies on language learners' translanguaging practices in an Intensive English Program. In Z. Tian, L. Aghai, P. Sayer, & J. L. Schissell (Eds), *Envisioning TESOL through a translanguaging lens*. Educational Linguistics, vol 45. Springer. doi: 10/1007/978-3-030-47031-9\_16
- Shirai, Y., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (2013). Language acquisition and language assessment. In A. J. Kunnan (Ed.). *The Companion to Language Assessment*. (pp. 1477-1491). Wiley-Blackwell.

#### Invited Book Entries

- Vercellotti, M. L.** (2017). Research Support Faculty Fellow. In H. Blythe C. Sweet, and R. Carpenters, *It works for me with SoTL*. New Forums Press, Inc.
- Vercellotti, M. L.** (2017). Taking Steps to Control Variables in Quantitative Quasi Experiment. In H. Blythe C. Sweet, and R. Carpenters, *It works for me with SoTL*. New Forums Press, Inc.
- Ballart, A., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (2017). Interdepartmental Faculty Collaboration. In H. Blythe C. Sweet, and R. Carpenters, *It works for me with SoTL*. New Forums Press, Inc.

Hall, S. S., Largent, D. L., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (2017). Building Institutional Support for SoTL. In H. Blythe C. Sweet, and R. Carpenters, *It works for me with SoTL*. New Forums Press, Inc.

Manuscripts in Preparation

DeJong, N., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (*under review*). The multifaceted role of lexis in second language oral fluency: Knowledge, processing and articulation.

\*Lutz, T., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (*under review*). Reversing roles: Reflections on being teacher-students in an assessment practice course.

Bielski, L. M., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (*submitted*). Creating Clinicians not Technicians: Reflection on Improving Pedagogy with Peer Review of Teaching.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Refereed Conference Presentations

**Vercellotti, M. L.**, & McCormick, D. E. (2019, March). *IEP Learners' Self-correction profiles during an oral production task*. TESOL International, Atlanta, GA.

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2018, December). *Creating rubrics for the TESOL classroom*. Indiana Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (INTESOL), Indianapolis, IN.

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2018, May). *Assessing the development of linguistic complexity in ESL speech: A Consideration of Length, subordination, and structural measures*. CLIC Conference on Assessing Speaking in Context - New Trends, Rice University, Houston, TX.

**Vercellotti, M. L.** et al. (2017, October). *Institutional Support for Course Redesign: Professional Development for Student-centered Pedagogy and SoTL*. Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching and Learning-Evidence-Based Learning, Traverse City, MI.

Griffith, J., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (2017, October). *What's in a Question? A Comparison of Student Questions in Two Learning Spaces*. Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching and Learning-Evidence-Based Learning, Traverse City, MI.

Seig, M. T., \*Boltz, P., **Vercellotti, M. L.**, Christman, J., Jacobi, K., & Nickoli, A. (2017, October). *Shifting Faculty Perspectives of Student-centered Pedagogy and Classroom Space*. Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching and Learning--Evidence-based Learning, Traverse City, MI.

**Vercellotti, M. L.**, & \*Olsen, K. (2016, November). *If You Post It, Will They Read? An investigation of student activity in the learning management system for a flipped course*. Lilly Conference on College Teaching, Miami University, Oxford, OH.

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2015, November). *Maximizing Students' Interactions with an Expert*. Lilly Conference on College Teaching, Miami University, Oxford, OH.

**Vercellotti, M. L.**, & Juffs, A. (2014, August). *Interaction between the Development of Lexical Variety and Tri-grams in ESL Speech Using Statistical and Phraseological Methodology*. World Congress of the International Association of Applied Linguistics, Brisbane, Australia.

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2014, March). *The Development of Accuracy (Or Lack-there-of) in English Second Language Learners Speech*. American Association for Applied Linguistics, Portland, OR.

**Vercellotti, M. L.**, & Juffs, A. (2014, March). *The Interaction between the Development of Lexical Variety and the Use of Trigrams in ESL Speech*. American Association for Applied Linguistics, Portland, OR.

**Vercellotti, M. L.**, & \*Packer, J. (2013, November). *Not all Clauses are Created Equal: Classifying Grammatical Complexity in ESL Speech*. Second Language Research Forum, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

**Vercellotti, M. L.**, & McCormick, D. E. (2013, November). *Profiles of Noticing in L2 English Learners: Examining Online and Post-production Noticing Moves*. Second Language Research Forum, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

De Jong, N., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (2011, March). *Norming Picture Story Prompts for Second Language Production Research: Fluency, Linguistic Items, and Speakers' Perceptions*. American Association for Applied Linguistics, Chicago, IL.

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2009, November). *Non-Linguistic Cognitive Effects of Learning American Sign Language as a Second Language*. Second Language Research Forum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

McCormick, D. E., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (2009, March). *To Err is Human, to Self-correct Divine: Examining Classroom Recorded Speaking Activity Data to Support ESL Self-correction as Noticing*. American Association for Applied Linguistics, Denver, CO.

#### Invited Presentations

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2014, August). *The Development of Linguistic Complexity in ESL speech: Subordinated Clauses and Frequency*. Research Network Colloquium on Linguistic Complexity and Second Language Learning. World Congress of the International Association of Applied Linguistics, Brisbane, Australia.

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2012, July). *Complexity, Accuracy, and Fluency: The Development of Language Performance*. Second Language Acquisition Research Symposium, English Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2009, June). *Choosing a Verb Complement: Use and Accuracy in English L2*. ESL Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

#### Poster Presentations (Selected)

\*Spilman, S., & **Vercellotti, M. L.** (2020, October). *Limited Cognitive Resources: Can English L2 learners self-correct complex clauses in a speaking task*. Second Language Research Forum (SLRF). Vanderbilt University.

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2016, November). *Topic-based Speaking Prompts: English Learners' perspectives*. Indiana Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (INTESOL) Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

**Vercellotti, M. L.** (2010, October). *How Does Fluency Training in the ESL Classroom Affect Language Complexity?* National Science Foundation Science of Learning Centers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Linguistic Science  
Phonetics and Phonology  
English Linguistics  
Introduction to Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh

### Graduate Courses

Phonetics and Phonology  
Morphology and Syntax  
Phonology  
Special Topics in Applied Linguistics: *Emerging Bilingualism with Duolingo*  
Introduction to Language Learning Theories  
Materials Development for Teaching English Language Learners  
Assessment in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

### Graduate Courses-License/Certificate in English as a New Language –ONLINE

English Linguistics for Educators [Quality Matters Course Design Certification]  
Introduction to Language Learning Theories [Quality Matters Course Design Certification]  
Assessment in TESOL [Quality Matters Course Design Certification]

### Pedagogical Workshops (with honorarium)

Creating Rubrics for Assessing Language Performance in the TESOL Classroom. Six-hour workshop (with Dawn E. McCormick). TESOL International Pre-Conference Institute, Atlanta, GA. March 2019.  
Language Assessment. 20-hour workshop. Iraqi Fulbright Scholars. Summer 2015.  
Language Assessment. 20-hour workshop. Lebanese Fulbright Scholars. Summer 2015.

### English as a Second Language

ESL Reading and Vocabulary, English Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh  
Seminar for International Teaching Assistants, English Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh  
Campus Conversation Course, English Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh

## **MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

### Research Project Advisor

M.A. Linguistics, Research Project Advisor, Megan Massoels, Anticipated Graduation 2023  
PhD. English, Applied Linguistics Committee, Faisal Alharbi, Anticipated Graduation 2022  
M.A. TESOL & Linguistics, Research Project Advisor, Shelley A. Spilman, Graduated 2020  
M.A. TESOL, Research Project Advisor, Huong Ho, Graduated 2020  
M.A. TESOL, Research Project Advisor, Muzhda Ghulam, Graduated 2020  
M.A. TESOL, Research Project Advisor, Jon Wegener, Graduated 2018  
M.A. TESOL, Research Project Advisor, Morgan Aprill, Graduated 2017  
M.A. TESOL & Linguistics, Research Project Advisor, Cameron Eigner, Graduated 2017  
Ph.D. English, Applied Linguistics Committee, Hanady Alfalig, Graduated 2016  
M.A. TESOL, Research Project Advisor, Sarah Isaacson, Graduated 2016  
M.A. TESOL, Research Project Advisor, Alicia Miller, Graduated 2016  
M.A. TESOL, Creative Project Advisor, Carrie McKendree, Graduated 2016  
M.A. TESOL, Creative Project Advisor, Neysa Guignard, Graduated 2015  
M.A. TESOL & Linguistics, Research Project Advisor, Brian Greer, Graduated 2014  
M.A. TESOL & Linguistics, Research Project Advisor, Kevin Daily, Graduated 2014

### Career Mentor

Pathways Mentor, Ball State University, 2020 – 2021; 2021-2022

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

Internationalization Faculty Fellow, Rinker Center for Global Affairs, Summer 2021  
Office of Educational Excellence Research Support Faculty Fellow, Summer 2016 - Spring 2018  
Sponsored Programs Office Fellows Program (with stipend), Fall 2014 - Spring 2015  
Center for International Development Faculty Fellow, Fall 2014

## **GRANTS (Selected)**

Ball State University Summer Assessment Grant (with J. Grouling-Snyder), \$2600 (*funded*), 2018  
TOEFL COE 2017 Research Program, \$88,087 (*unfunded*), 2016  
American English E-Teacher–Assessment for English Learners (with MT Seig), \$271,064 (*unfunded*), 2016  
American English E-Teacher Course–TESOL Methodology (with MT Seig), \$255,856 (*unfunded*), 2016  
Office of Educational Excellence, Interactive Learning Space Initiative Grant, \$1000 (*funded*), 2014, 2015  
U.S. Linkage Seed Grant (with R. Cain), \$15,000 (*funded*), 2014  
Junior Faculty Research Grant, Ball State University, \$8500 (*funded*), 2014  
International Travel Grant, \$400 (*funded*), 2014  
The Spencer Foundation, \$49,905. (*unfunded*), 2014

## **AWARDS**

Robert T. Henderson Award, University of Pittsburgh, \$1500, 2009

Carlow University, Excellence in Student Teaching Award, 1994

Pi Lambda Theta, The Lucy McCarthy Award, 1994

## **LICENSES and CERTIFICATES**

Adult Mental Health First Aid USA, National Council for Mental Wellbeing. 2021

ACUE Course on Effective Teaching, 2021

Learning Sciences Certificate, LearnLab

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Certificate, University of Pittsburgh

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Instructional I Teaching Certificate-Elementary K-6

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate-Middle School, Language Arts

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate-Middle School, Mathematics

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate-Middle School, Social Studies

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate-Middle School, Science

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** (*Selected*)

LEAP Indiana Book Club: *Small Teaching Online*, 2021

Interactive Learning Space Initiative Faculty Learning Community, 2014-2018

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Knowledge Group, 2015-2018

iLearn Blended Learning Certificate, 2016

iLearn Online Teaching Certificate Course, 2015

Inclusive Pedagogy Faculty Development Workshop, Ball State University, 2014

Working Effectively with Graduate Students, 2014

Focus on the Search, External Grant Search Workshop, 2013

Teaching a 6-Week Course, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

LearnLab Summer School, Educational Data Mining Concentration, 2012

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL)

American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

TESOL International Association

Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (INTESOL)

## **SERVICE**

### To the Department of English-Ball State University (selected)

Assistant Chair of Operations, Department of English, July 2021-present  
Annual Review of Scholarship Committee, 2019-2021  
Chair, 2019-2020, 2020-2021  
Faculty Advisor, Linguistics Club, 2019-present  
Co-Sponsor of Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society, Fall 2017-May 2021  
Linguistics Area Chair, 2017-2018, 2019-2020, 2020-2021  
Search Committee, TESOL Contract Hire, 2017, 2020  
Assessment Committee, 2015-2018  
Department Chair Election Committee, 2018, 2021  
Search Committee, TESOL Contract Hire, 2018  
Search Committee, Tenure-track Hire, 2016-2017  
Faculty Co-Advisor, Practical Criticism Midwest, 2014-2016  
Faculty Advisor, Graduate Student Advisory Board, 2014-2016  
Admissions Committee, Linguistics Area, 2013-2014, 2015-2016, 2017-2018, 2019-2020  
English Education Decision Point Digital Portfolio Reviewer, 2013-2016  
Dr. Janet Ross Scholarship Reviewer, 2014-2018  
Participant in the Take 3: Department of English Faculty Lecture Series, 2014

### To the College/University-Ball State University

University Special Assigned Leave Committee, 2019-2023  
Chair, 2020-2021, 2021-2022  
University Teaching Evaluation Committee, 2019-2023  
Chair, 2020-2021  
College Curriculum Committee, 2019-2021  
Chair, 2020-2021  
Fulbright Interview Committee, 2019-2021  
Assessment Workshop Series for Intensive English Institute Faculty (*four sessions*), Fall 2017  
Participant in Faculty Presentation to Indiana Commission on Higher Education, August 2016  
Interactive Learning Space (ILS) Initiative Mentor, 2014-2016  
ASPIRE Internal Grants Ad-Hoc reviewer, 2016  
UCC Tier 2 and 3 Assessment Project, Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018  
Freshman Common Reader Selection Committee, 2014-2016  
Discussant Leader, Freshman Common Reader, 2014, 2015, 2016  
Writing Proficiency Exam Reader, Spring 2015  
Lecture *Assessment and Validity* to Faculty of the Intensive English Institute, 2014



To State and Federal Government

Fulbright National Screening Committee: English Language Teaching Assistantships, 2018-2021  
Participant in US Department of State, Office of English Language Programs' Technology in English, 2018  
Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship Interviews,  
2018 Technical Reviewer for a grant proposal to Maryland Industrial Partnerships Program, 2013

To the Field (selected)

Book Reviewer: Cambridge University Press, 2021

Book Proposal Reviewer: Bloomsbury, 2019

Manuscript Reviewer

*Applied Linguistics*, 2013 - present

*Applied Psycholinguistics*, 2015 - present

*Current Psychology*, 2018 - present

*The Electronic Journal for English as a Second Language (TESL-EJ)*, 2021 - present

*Frontiers Psychology*, 2021 – present

*International Journal of Applied Linguistics*, 2021 - present

*International Journal of English Studies*, 2017 - present

*International Review of Applied Linguistics in Language Teaching*, 2018 - present

*Journal of Language and Education*, 2019 - present

*Language Learning*, 2014 - present

*Language Teaching Research*, 2016 - present

*Linguistics*, 2017 - present

*Linguistics and Education*, 2019 - present

*Profile: Issues in Teachers' Professional Development*, 2021- present

*Revista Española de Lingüística Aplicada*, 2019 - present

*Studies in Second Language Learning and Teaching*, 2018 - present

*Study Abroad Research in SLA and International Education*, 2018 - present

*System*, 2018 - present

Conference Proposal Reader

Sigma Tau Delta Annual International Convention, 2017, 2018

Second Language Research Forum (SLRF), 2012, 2015

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) International World Congress, 2019