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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Interactional Sociolinguistics and Discourse Analytic approaches to understanding communication, leadership, identity construction, expressions of agency and power, institutional frameworks, and ideologies. My military service during Don't Ask Don't Tell, my work with the LGBTQ+ community as well as the veteran and military-connected student population at Georgetown University inform my research.

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## EDUCATION

**Georgetown University** 2019 – Present

**Doctor of Philosophy** in Sociolinguistics, expected Spring, 2022

Dissertation committee: Dr. Cynthia Gordon (chair), Dr. Deborah Tannen, Dr. Heidi Hamilton

Dissertation (forthcoming): Constructing institutional identities: How veterans talk about their transition from the military to college

**Georgetown University** 2017 – 2019

**Master of Science** in Sociolinguistics

Thesis: "I have the deck": Power and style in the discursive production of leadership by individuals of marginalized gender and sexual identities in the U.S. Navy

**San Diego State University** 2014 – 2015

Non-degree student

Completed French and Korean language courses, Introduction to Linguistics, and Syntax in preparation for an MS in Sociolinguistics

**United States Naval Academy** 2003 – 2007

**Bachelor of Science** in International Relations

**Minor** in Chinese language

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**Georgetown University** 2019 – Present

**Graduate Assistant, Veterans Office**

2019 – Present

- Advised 192 prospective and current military-students with accurate and comprehensive information regarding admissions, finances, academic support, career networking, and support services.
- Developed and created new marketing design and strategies reflective of both Georgetown University's Jesuit tradition and the mission of the Veterans Office. These designs were implemented in our print and digital information resources.
- Implemented research to improve the Veterans Office's services and outreach, specifically creating an inclusive environment for military-connected students.
- Recruited over 30 student veterans for Veterans Helping Veterans in Fall 2020, a program that empowers current students to be a resource for other veterans and military-connected students.
- Collaborated with the Office of Advancement and Development to guide prospective donors and philanthropists with their gifts to the university.
- Maintained the Veterans Office website and weekly newsletter to provide up to date guidance and resources for a military-connected community of over 1200 students.

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics**

Spring 2021

**Language and Society with Dr. Marissa Fond**

- Assisted in mentoring, lecturing, researching, grading, and clerical help for 27 undergraduate students.
- Supported the professor in engaging with students on Zoom, Canvas, Slack and Hypothes.is.
- Mentored students on research and project development with a focus on linguistic analyses.

**Research Assistant, Department of Linguistics  
with Dr. Lourdes Ortega**

Fall 2020

- Identified key and relevant literature about the implications of COVID-19 on marginalized ethnic communities regarding access to healthcare and technology resources for a (virtual) international conference in Oslo.
- Provided foundational research and support for a multimillion dollar grant to recruit multilingual people of color for the Master of Arts in Educational Transformation.

\* Between 2014 and 2017, I was recovering from leukemia. I focused on my mental and physical health as I received chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. During this time, I also enrolled in language courses and introductory linguistics classes at San Diego State University.

**Surface Warfare Officer, U.S. Navy**

2007 – 2014

**Executive Assistant to the Executive Director**

2012 – 2014

Commander Naval Surface Forces, US Pacific Fleet, San Diego, CA

- Interfaced with Flag Officers, Senior Executives, and Senior Civilians to support and assist the Executive Director in projects consisting of budgets greater than one million dollars.
- Ensured travel requirements met mission essential criteria resulting in saving the Navy over \$500,000

**Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission Liaison Officer**

2011 – 2012

United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission, Seoul, Republic of Korea

- Coordinated education and orientation visits for business and professional Korean National leaders to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to enhance understanding of the United Nations Command's (UNC) role and mission in South Korea.
- Coordinated 8 site surveys along the 241 KM long DMZ to ensure educational facilities were clear of minefields and safe for public visits.
- Instrumental in the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission's mission to guarantee the UNC's efforts in South Korea are within the guidelines of the 1953 Military Armistice Agreement by coordinating 23 NNSC inspections of US-ROK assets throughout South Korea during two major exercises.
- Single handedly planned and executed the visit of 15 Ambassadors from Switzerland, Sweden and Poland to the UNC to discuss the future of the NNSC.

**Future Operations Planning Officer**

2010 – 2011

Commander Mine Countermeasures Division Three One, San Diego, CA

- Handpicked to lead and facilitate planning conferences for three major fleet exercises, utilizing the expertise of senior commanders to identify critical operational needs to ensure achievement of Fleet Commander's strategic needs.

**Combat Information Center Officer**

2007 – 2010

USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49), Sasebo, Japan

- Demonstrated combat-tested leadership in the South China Sea, employing rapid decision-making and tactical problem-solving skills while standing over 1200 hours of navigation and combat watch. Responsible for the safe navigation of a \$1B warship and 300+ crew members.
- Led and managed a 20-personnel division responsible for the operation of communications, detection, and weapons systems essential for controlling air, ground, and naval operations. Maintained all lines of communications with air, ground and surface assets, ensuring the ship was always prepared for natural or wartime disasters.
- Coordinated and developed 23 bilateral humanitarian assistance disaster relief exercises with Singapore, Brunei, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia utilizing amphibious assets which contributed to ensuring U.S. Navy relations throughout Southeast Asia.

PUBLICATION(S) **Mararac, N. M.** (Forthcoming). Discursive leadership by queer military officers: Queer linguistics and the military. In T. E. Kibbey (Ed.), *Linguistics out of the closet: The interdisciplinarity of gender and sexuality in language science*. De Gruyter.

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INVITED TALKS

**Room at the Table: Locating Asian identity in the LSA and the academy** (2021, January) Linguistic Society of America 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Collaborated with Asian American scholars in linguistics to examine race, race relations, and diversity in the context of higher education, and co-hosted a workshop to examine the intersection of queer and Asian identity research in linguistics.

**F-formation as transcription** (2020, March) Invited as a guest lecturer in the Multimodal Interaction Analysis seminar in the Department of Linguistics at Georgetown University to discuss methods for capturing multimodal interaction in transcription.

**Young adult cancer and military service** (2020, March) Invited as a guest lecturer for Introduction to Medical Anthropology in the Department of Anthropology at Georgetown University.

**Federal Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) Culture Committee Meeting** (2020, March) Invited as a guest speaker to discuss intercultural understandings of marginalized gender and sexual identities in the context of “doing” leadership.

**Symposium: Toward an intersectional linguistics** (2020, January) Linguistic Society of America’s 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Invited to participate as a discussant with panel speakers about intersectional research and opportunities to influence social impact.

**Vet Ally: 2.0** (2019, November) Shared my research on the complex and various intersections of identities regarding veteran and queer populations on college campuses.

**Vet Ally: 1.0** (2019, November) Led a workshop with Georgetown University faculty and administrators to discuss the strengths, challenges, and realities of the military-connected student population with the objective of providing them with the resources and skills to support these students.

**IDEAS (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Social Justice) For the Future: An Inclusion Nextwork Summit** (2019, August) Invited as a workshop facilitator to discuss linguistic awareness in leadership.

**LGBTI Pride in Development - Tackling Gender and Sexual Diversity Through our Positive Impact** (2019, June) Invited as a speaker during The Palladium Group’s Diversity and Inclusion Speaker Series on leadership performance by individuals who identify within the LGBTQ+ spectrum and how to create workplaces of inclusion through leadership.

**Vet Ally: 2.0** (2018, November) Participated as a panelist to engage with Georgetown University faculty, administrators and students to raise awareness of the military-connected student population and their various intersecting identities.

**Vet Ally: 1.0** (2018, November) Led a workshop with Georgetown University faculty and administrators to discuss the strengths, challenges, and realities of the military-connected student population with the objective of providing them with the resources and skills to support these students.

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**\*Mararac, N.M.** (2020, June) “I have the deck!” Leadership style in sea-stories by LGBT U.S. Naval Officers”. Paper accepted to present at the 11<sup>th</sup> biennial conference of the International Gender and Language Association (IGALA11) in London, United Kingdom.

**\*Mararac, N.M.** (2020, March) “‘Doing’ leadership as an L2 English speaker in the U.S. Military”. Paper accepted to present at the Georgetown University Round Table (GURT) 2020 Conference in Washington, DC.

**\*Mararac, N.M.** (2020, March) “I have the deck! Leadership styles in sea-stories by LGBT U.S. Naval Officers”. Paper accepted to present at the Fifth Veterans in Society Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Mararac, N.M.** (2020, March) “Leader-identity socialization and construction in the life story of a U.S. Navy veteran”. Paper accepted to present at the 2020 American Association of Applied Linguistics Conference in Denver, Colorado.

**Mararac, N. M.** (2020, January) “Leadership style in “sea-stories” narratives by LGBT Naval Officers”. Paper presented at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Mararac, N.M.** (2019, May) “I have the deck’: Leadership, gender, and sexual identity construction in U.S. Navy sea stories”. Paper presented at the Lavender Languages and Linguistics 26<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Gothenburg, Sweden.

**Mararac, N. M.** (2018, March). “Identity construction in a gentrifying neighborhood through the lens of face and face-work”. Paper presented at the Georgetown University Roundtable (GURT), 2018, in Washington, DC.

\*Conferences postponed due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

AWARDS &  
HONORS & AWARDS

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| Nominated, Student Veterans of America Student Veteran of the Year                      | Spring 2021 |
| Certificate of Excellence, Outstanding Graduate Assistant in Jesuit Student Affairs     | Spring 2020 |
| Nominated, Outstanding Student Leader in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Service Award | Spring 2020 |
| Georgetown University Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant                    | Fall 2020   |
| Georgetown University Graduate School Conference Travel Grant                           | Fall 2020   |
| Georgetown University Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant                    | Spring 2019 |
| Georgetown University Graduate School Conference Travel Grant                           | Spring 2019 |

MEMBERSHIPS &  
SERVICE

- President, GradPride (Graduate Student LGBTQ+ Organization)** 2019 – Present
- Initiated *Spectra Alliance*, a coalition of three queer affinity groups and three ally-identified student groups throughout Georgetown University with the objective of facilitating collaboration among graduate student organizations.
  - Co-led the first Spectra Alliance event, *The Lived Experiences of Transgender Servicemembers and Veterans*, which included the collaboration of GradPride and two other graduate groups, and the support of three military-student organizations.
  - Singlehandedly fundraised \$2000 for the first Spectra Alliance event.
  - Recruited and developed new leadership for GradPride to facilitate transition and continuity by bridging relationships with administrators, specifically the LGBTQ Resource Center.
  - Lead organizer for “OUT in Research Week,” a conference dedicated to elevating queer scholarship at Georgetown University.
- Diversity Equity and Inclusion Liaison, GU Student Veteran Association** 2019 – Present
- Invited as a guest lecturer to two undergraduate classes to discuss challenges experienced by veterans with disabilities on college campuses.
  - Initiated Veterans Helping Veterans in collaboration with the Veterans Office by recruiting 30 student veteran mentors to assist other veterans with the transition to college/student life.
  - Provided planning support for two Veterans Day events and one Memorial Day event.
- Student Representative NCA Communication Military Division** 2020 – Present
- First student representative in the newly official Communication Military Division in the National Communication Association.

- Synthesized student membership research interests to develop research collaboration opportunities and panel discussions.

**RULE Mentor**, Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University 2020 – Present

- Research-based Undergraduate Linguistics Experience (RULE) Mentor for 2 undergraduate students.
- Trained 2 undergraduate students how to use MAXQDA, a qualitative discourse analysis software for analyzing data in a team.

**Co-president**, Georgetown Linguistics Student Association 2018 – 2019

- Initiated and recruited 15 students for a student mentor program. Incoming students were matched with mentors based on linguistics concentration and personal interest.
- Held weekly coffee hour to facilitate community among department colleagues.

**Member**, Inter-University Seminar, Armed Forces and Society 2019 – Present

**Member**, U.S. Naval Institute 2017 – Present

**Member**, Linguistic Society of America 2017 – Present

**Member**, American Association for Applied Linguistics 2017 – Present

**Mentor**, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Washington, DC. 2016 – Present

- Trained to assist and mentor youth in the US foster care system to develop key life skills in preparation for aging out of the system.
- Appointed to a high school-aged unaccompanied refugee minor and assisted with building life skills, transitioning to the US education system, and applying to colleges.