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## **Bridging the gap between clinical and sociolinguistic data and issues**

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Since 1983 I have been the adviser of two post-doctoral research projects, six Ph.D. dissertations, and twenty-five M.A. theses in various fields of developmental and clinical linguistics. I have served as a member of the Ph.D. Committee or as a reader for eleven PhD dissertations and over seventy-five M.A. theses in these fields as well. I have also authored a monograph and guest-edited or co-edited three special thematic issues on clinical linguistics for professional journals, authored or co-authored eighteen articles in anthologies and proceedings and close to thirty articles in scientific journals in these fields.

In addition, in the larger area of sociolinguistics: I have co-authored two books and edited two volumes, and have authored and co-authored close to twenty-five articles in anthologies and proceedings, and about the same number in scientific journals. I have advised one post-doc, eight Ph.D., and seven M.A. students, and have been the reader or on the committee for sixteen Ph.Ds and fifteen M.A, students.

Over the years I have encountered – in addition to the very extensive developmental and clinical data and issues found in these research projects – a large amount of clinical data which can be both directly and indirectly associated with several diverse sociolinguistic issues as well.

In this paper I will try to bridge the gap between the clinical and sociolinguistic data and issues that I have been exposed to during this period.