

DARIN JOHNSON

University of South Carolina | School of Journalism and Mass Communications

DJ67@mailbox.sc.edu

APPOINTMENTS

University of South Carolina	Columbia, SC
Assistant Professor of Communication	2026-present
Research Assistant Professor (<i>Bridge to Faculty Fellow</i>)	2024-2026

EDUCATION

PhD	University of Pennsylvania , Communication	2024
	Annenberg School for Communication	Philadelphia, PA
	Advisor: Dr. Emily Falk	
	<i>Center for Teaching and Learning – Teaching Certificate</i>	2023
MA	University of Pennsylvania , Communication	2021
	Annenberg School for Communication	Philadelphia, PA
	Advisor: Dr. Emily Falk	
MA	Universidad de Alcalá , International Education	2019
	Thesis: Alternative Cultural Perspectives on U.S. Holidays	Madrid, Spain
BS	Johns Hopkins University , Neuroscience	2017
	with additional majors in Spanish & Medicine Science & the Humanities	Baltimore, MD

HONORS AND AWARDS

Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Student \$500	2021
Johns Hopkins University Provost's Undergraduate Research Award \$3000	2016
Johns Hopkins University Diversity Innovation Grant \$2500	2016
CIC Research and Creative Scholarship Grant \$3000	2025

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **Johnson, D. G.**, Mwilambwe-Tshilobo, L., Mattan, B. D., Carreras-Tartak, J., & Falk, E. B. (2026). Psychological correlates of self-reported code switching among Black Americans. *Cultural Diversity & Ethnic Minority Psychology*.
2. Cooper, N., Muzekari, B., Resnick, A., Paul, A. M., Torres, O., Sayed, F., Beard, E., Cakar, M., Carreras Tartak, J., Hao, S., Mattan, B. D., Andrews, M. E., **Johnson, D. G.**, ... & Falk, E. B. (2026). Using ecological momentary assessment, geolocation tracking, and neuroimaging to assess effects of tobacco retail exposure on smoking behavior: Protocol for the GeoSmoking Study. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*.

3. Muzekari, B., Cooper, N., Resnick, A., Paul, A. M., Torres-Grillo, O. E., Andrews, M. E., Mattan, B. D., Scholz, C., **Johnson, D.G.**,...& Falk, E. B. (2025). Naturalistic tobacco retail exposure and smoking outcomes in adults who smoke cigarettes daily. *JAMA Network Open*, 8(9), e2530132.
4. Ober, T. M., **Johnson, D. G.**, Liu, L., Kinsey, D., & Courey, K. A. (2025). Communication as a Future Ready Skill: A Proposed Framework and Strategies for Assessment. ETS Research Report. RR-25-05. *ETS Research Report Series*.
5. Liu, L., Courey, K. A., Kinsey, D., Ober, T. M., & **Johnson, D. G.** (2025). Navigating the Digital Horizon: A Proposed Framework and Strategies for Assessing Digital Literacy. ETS Research Report. RR-25-06. *ETS Research Report Series*.
6. **Johnson, D. G.** (2025). Dis-ease of Mother Tongue. *Health Promotion Practice*, 26(2), 224-225.
7. **Johnson, D. G.**, Mattan, B. D., Flores, N., Lauharatanahirun, N., & Falk, E. B. (invited submission) (2021). The social-cognitive and affective antecedents of code switching and the consequences of linguistic racism for Black people and people of color. *Affective Science*, 3(1), 5-13.

Working Papers

1. **Johnson, D. G.**, Lydon-Staley, D., Mwilambwe-Tshilobo, L., Carreras-Tartak, J., & Falk, E.B. Assessing Day-to-Day Fluctuations in Code Switching Tendency in association with Discrimination, Vigilance, and Negative Affect among Black American Employees (**final preparation for submission**)

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS & PRESENTATIONS, AND INVITED TALKS

Proceedings

- Ober, T., **Johnson, D.**, Lehman, B., Gooch, R., & Flor, M. (2024). Developing an Ontology of Teacher Feedback within a Digital Learning Platform for Math. International Society of the Learning Sciences, Buffalo, NY, June 8th-14th, 2024.
- Brown, R., Hewlin, P.F., **Johnson, D.**, Plummer, P., & Sherrell, J. (2022). Code-Switching in the Workplace: The Strategies, Challenges, and Practical Implications. In Academy of Management Proceedings (Vol. 2022, No. 1, p. 16910). Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510: 82nd Academy of Management.

Presentations

- Johnson, D.G.**, Wippold, G., Tu-Keefner, F. (June, 2026). Developing an Intervention to Reduce Barriers to Patient-Centered Communication Among Black Physicians Working in South Carolina. International Association for Media and Communication Research, Galway, Ireland.

- Johnson, D.G.**, Tu-Keefner, F., Wippold, G. (May, 2026). Code Switching and Barriers to Patient-Centered Communication: A Scoping Review. International Conference on Language and Social Psychology, Tucson, AZ.
- Johnson, D.G.**, (November, 2025). Status Quo Breaching: Investigating Racialized Individuals' Non-Conformity. National Communication Association, Denver, Colorado.
- Johnson, D. G.**, Mwilambwe-Tshilobo, L., Lydon-Staley., Carreras-Tartak, J., & Falk, E.B. (June, 2024) Exploring Situational Factors Relevant to Code Switching Among Black Employees. International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Gold Coast, Australia.
- Johnson, D.G.**, Ober, T., Flor, M., Lehman, B., & Gooch, R. (April, 2024). Associations between student performance and characteristics of teacher-feedback within an online math assessment platform. Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, PA, April 11th-14th, 2024.
- Johnson, D. G.**, Lydon-Staley, D., & Falk, E.B. (May, 2023) Assessing Day-to-Day Fluctuations in Code Switching Tendency in association with Discrimination, Vigilance, and Negative Affect among Black Americans. International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada.
- Andrews, M., Cooper, N., Paul, A., **Johnson, D. G.**, Muzekari, B ., Mesquiti, S., Torres, O., Resnick, A., Scholz, C., Mattan, B., Barnett, I., Henriksen, L., Strasser, A., & Falk, E. B. (May, 2023) Compounding effect of microaggressions and exposure to tobacco advertising on stress and smoking. International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada.
- Johnson, D. G.**, Cooper, N., Mattan, B. D., Carreras-Tartak, J., & Falk, E.B. (May, 2022) The Underpinnings of Code Switching: An Observational Study of Black Americans' Code Switching Tendency. International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Paris, France.
- Johnson, D. G.**, Mattan, B. D., Lauharatanahirun, N., & Falk, E.B. (May, 2021) The Psychological Underpinnings of Code Switching. International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference.
- Johnson, D.G.**, Christian, K., Kim, S., Song, H., Ming, G. (April, 2017). Adult Neurogenesis and Medial Temporal Lobe Epilepsy. Annual Day of Undergraduate Research in Engineering, The Arts and Humanities, Medicine, and Science Poster Presentation, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.

Invited Talks

Johnson. D. G., (2025, May 7). Linguistic Bias, Code Switching, & Language Diversity. Princeton University. Workshop on Naturalistic Conversation. Princeton, NJ.

Johnson. D.G., (2023, May 22). Assessing Day-to-Day Fluctuations in Code Switching Tendency in Association with Discrimination, Vigilance, and Negative Affect among Black Americans. University of Pennsylvania, Integrated Language Science and Technology & Cultural Evolution Working Group: Workshop on Language, Stereotypes and Social Cognition. Philadelphia, PA.

Johnson, D.G., (2022, October 24). About Code Switching. Out4STEM invited speaker series, The College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Philadelphia, PA.

Johnson, D.G., (2021, October 19). Social-Cognitive and Affective Antecedents of Code Switching and the Consequences of Linguistic Racism for Black People and People of color. UC Davis Department of Communication Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Justice Journal Club, Virtual Talk.

PRIOR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Laboratory Technician, Song & Ming Lab 2017-2018

University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine

Directors: Drs. Kimberly Christian, Hongjun Song & Guo-Li Ming

- Project: Examining the functional role of adult born immature hippocampal granule neurons on memory consolidation

Research Assistant, Song & Ming Lab

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Neuroscience

2013-2017

Directors: Drs. Kimberly Christian, Hongjun Song & Guo-Li Ming

- Project: Investigating in vivo firing properties and spatial encoding of adult born hippocampal granule neurons using optogenetics and electrophysiology

Research Assistant, Nauen Lab

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Neuroscience

2016

Director: Dr. David Nauen

- Project: Revealing the pathogenesis of medial temporal lobe epilepsy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Annenberg School for Communication 2023

Comm 1250 Introduction to Communication Behavior | Supervisor: Dr. Yphtach Lelkes

- Led and co-developed lesson plans for a weekly recitation with 23 undergraduates
- Held weekly office hours tailoring individual support for students

Teaching Fellow, Annenberg School for Communication 2020

Comm 318 Stories from Data (virtual) | Supervisor: Dr. Matthew O' Donnell

- Developed and led a lecture presenting a data informed story about code switching

- Held weekly office hours tailoring individual support for students

English Language Instructor, Madrid, Spain 2018-2019

- Taught English as a second language to high school students in two different public schools: Institutio Palas Atenea & Institutio Valle Inclán
- Assisted with curriculum design aimed to improve students' pronunciation and retention of English language

Freelance English Tutor, Madrid, Spain 2018-2019

- Taught English as a second language to high school and adult learners
- Designed personalized learning plans for students to improve conversational fluency

English Language Instructor, Tokyo, Japan 2016

- Taught English as a second language to over 30 high school students to improve their language acquisition and conversational English skills at Toshin High School
- Developed individualized educational plans to assist students' language retention and facilitate cultural exchange

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE & INTERNSHIPS

Collegiate Associate 2023-2024

Educational Testing Service (ETS) (remote)

- Consulted with research and measurement scientists on projects devoted to assessing 21st century skills for students
- Co-created novel assessment tasks to evaluate digital literacy and communication skills among high school aged students
- Reviewed extant academic standards to identify focal knowledge, skills, and abilities

Research and Measurement Sciences Internship Program 2023

Educational Testing Service (ETS) (remote)

- Collaborated with research scientists on projects committed to improving socioculturally responsive personalized learning in student assessment
- Conduced independent research analyzing features of textual teacher-feedback data to predict student learning on an online math learning platform
- Participated in skills sessions and professional development workshops

Community Engaged Research Mentorship Program 2022

University of Pennsylvania, Netter Center for Community Partnerships

- Collaborated with local high school students as co-researchers to gauge research topics of interest and co-create research projects
- Led a presentation and facilitated discussion with high school students about social and cultural experiences with code switching across contexts
- Learned about democratic principles and frameworks (e.g., problem solving learning) used in community-engaged research

SERVICE & MENTORSHIP

Judge/ Panelist , University of South Carolina Sumter CROWN Act Coalition Spoken Word Poetry Competition	2024
Keynote Speaker , Johns Hopkins Medicine Johns Hopkins Internship in Brain Sciences	2024
Guest Facilitator , Penn Medicine Spaces of Color (Racial Trauma and Healing Group)	2024
Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer , Career Development International	2023
Student Representative , Graduate Student Assembly Inclusivity Diversity Equity and Leadership Council, University of Pennsylvania	2019-2020
Treasurer , LAMBDA Grads LGBTQIA+ Affiliated Student Group and Organization, University of Pennsylvania	2019-2020
Youth Mentor , OUT4STEM Philadelphia Community group for LGBTQIA+ high schoolers interested in the STEM field	2017

SELECT MEDIA COVERAGE

USA Today: What is code-switching? Why Black Americans say they can't be themselves at work <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/careers/2024/02/01/code-switching-meaning-black-americans-at-work/72370895007/> (quoted)

Annenberg School for Communication: What is Code Switching? Q+A With Darin Johnson <https://www.asc.upenn.edu/news-events/news/what-code-switching-qa-darin-johnson>

SKILLS

Programming: R (intermediate), Python (beginner), SPSS (beginner)

Lab: Immunohistochemistry, Polymerase Chain Reaction, Gel Electrophoresis

Languages: English & African American English (fluent), Spanish (proficient)