

## **Linguistics 113 Initial Questionnaire**

### **I. Your UMass info**

Name  
Major  
Year  
Age  
Current address  
E-mail  
Phone

### **II. Your thoughts on ‘accent’, ‘dialect’, ‘language’**

1. What do you understand by the term accent?
2. Do you speak with an accent?
3. If so, is it a regional accent? Which?
4. What do you understand by the term ‘dialect’? What’s the difference between a language and a dialect?
5. What do you understand by the term ‘standard English’?
6. What are some linguistic features that people use that aren’t part of standard English?

### **III. Questions about your background relevant to dialect**

1. What is your mother tongue? What languages do you speak?
2. Where were you born? (name town and state)
3. What is your current hometown and how long have you lived there?
4. What other towns have you lived in and for how long?
5. Do you want to return to your hometown, or nearby, when you finish college?
  
6. Are your parents native speakers of English? If not, which language?  
    Mother  
    Father
  
7. Where were your parents born, and where have they lived since?  
    Mother  
  
    Father
  
8. Did your parents go to college? If so, where?
  
9. What sort of jobs do your parents have?
  
10. Do your parents speak with a regional accent? Which?
  
12. Where have your grandparents lived for most of their lives?
  
13. What is the ethnicity of your grandparents (Italian-American, Cherokee, Jewish, African-American, Puerto-Rican, French-Canadian, Irish, Wampanoag, Jamaican, Cuban, Khmer, etc.)?