

# Reading List for the MA Qualifying Examination

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## Sociolinguistics

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- Wolfram, Walt & Natalie Schilling-Estes. 2006. *American English: Dialects and variation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Malden, MA & Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

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### Statement of "Organic Knowledge"

The student with "organic knowledge" of the reading list will be able to:

1. define basic terms and identify or provide examples of them.
2. discuss and evaluate the major theories and trends in the field. The student should be able to cite both theoretical and experimental studies to support and/or refute these theories.