Rev. John Witherspoon (1781):

“I will mention the vulgar abbreviations in general, as an’t, can’t, han’t, don’t, should’nt, would’nt, could’nt, &c.”

Language, Stereotypes, and Discrimination

A presentation by Robin Queen and Anne Curzan as part of the 2015 Investing in Ability event series at the University of Michigan.
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Robin Queen and Anne Curzan #iaw2015

U-M profs Anne Curzan & Robin Queen on The Impact of Language on Stigma & Stereotyping, noon today, Hatcher Gallery. lib.umich.edu/events/impact-
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Anne Curzan, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of English language and literature, linguistics, and education; and Robin Queen, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of Germanic languages and literatures, linguistics, and English language and literature, talk about "The Impact of Language on Stigma and Stereotyping."

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"We're noticing the way language plays out in our day-to-day interactions. There is no sound too small to attract our attention"
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Do we have control over how other people hear our language? Should we? We walk through the world noticing all of language.
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What is language? What happens with language? What matters about language? #iaw2015 We have strong sense we know, but it's incomplete
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"Language is ENTRENCHED in our body. Our biology is formed around language." #ia2015 We are driven to do this just as to walk.

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Chimpanzees can learn to use parts of language, but sentences are hard for them. Easy for 4yo kids.

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Chimp Talk Debate: Is It Really Language?

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"American Sign Language has no heritage shared with English. It is closer to French Sign language" #ia2015

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Proposal: "Whatever a human produces that is systematic is grammatical. Whatever it is." #iaw2015 This doesn't mean it's standard, tho.

The tool here is to think of linguistic variation as DIFFERENCE not deficit. Forget the rules, says Robin Queen. #iaw2015

Double negation is standard in French. Considered wrong in standard English, but try thinking different instead. #iaw2015

Then what happens with the judgments of grammar? Loading the social onto use of language. #iaw2015

"Ain't" has been in standard dictionaries for long time, cuz it's a very old word. What's wrong with ain't?

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By Christine Brennan, USA TODAY

As marriages go, the Rich Rodriguez-University of Michigan union had about as much chance of succeeding as any that Elizabeth Taylor or Larry King ever tried.

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A) "I can't tell what 'ain't' stands for?" b) "Well, what about won't?" A) "I don't like the way it sounds." B) "What about faint?"

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