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Anderson, B. (2002). *The fundamental equivalence of native and interlanguage grammars: Evidence from argument licensing and adjective position*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Indiana University.

Book (edited volume):

Brinton, D., Kagan, O., & Bauckus, S. (Eds.). (2008). *Heritage language education. A new field emerging*. London: Routledge.

Article (in book):

Bullock, B.E., & Toribio, A.J. (2009). Trying to hit a moving target: On the sociophonetics of code-switching. In L. Isurin, D. Winford, & K. de Bot (Eds.), *Multidisciplinary approaches to code switching* (pp. 189-206). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Articles (in journal):

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