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EDUCATION

- In Progress **Ph.D. Hispanic Linguistics**
2021 - University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- 2023 **Graduate Minor in Latina/Latino Studies**
 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- 2019 **M.A. Linguistics**
 Concentration in Language and Culture
 California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)
- 2017 **B.A. Psychology (*cum laude*)**
 Graduate of the University Honors Program
 California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)

RESEARCH VISITS

- 2023 **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)**
 Escuela Nacional de Lenguas, Lingüística y Traducción, Mexico City
 Duration: May 22 - June 19

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

- 2024 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2024, January 12). *El bilingüismo en el paisaje lingüístico de la Ciudad de México: El caso de La Condesa y Roma Norte*. Presented at the Bilingualism in the Hispanic and Lusophone world (BHL_2024), Jan 10-12th, Puebla, Mexico.
- 2023 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2023, April 7). *Ideologías del español “estándar” en hablantes de herencia de español en Chicago*. 28th Conference of Spanish in the U.S., April 6-8th, 2023, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX.

- 2022 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2022, September 30). *Exploring the discourse around “in-betweenness” of Latin American G1.5 in Los Angeles*. Presented at ALFALito 2022 (Proyecto 16), UIUC.
- 2022 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2022, February 24). *Constructing identity through language: Perceptions of English and Spanish fluency among bilingual speakers*. Presented at the Sociolinguistics Symposium (SoSy22), UIUC.
- 2021 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2021, July 23). *Exploring the relationship between language attitudes and intergenerational language shift in Chicago’s Mexican communities*. Illinois Summer Research Symposium, UIUC.
- 2017 Castro, S. E. (2017, November 13). *Effects of exposure and attitude in language maintenance and shift* [proposal]. CSULB Graduate Research Conference.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2022, October 27). *“In-between two worlds”: An analysis of deictics in the discourse of G1.5 in Southern California*. Presented at the UIC Bilingualism Forum, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2019 **Castro, S. E.**, Holtz, M., Ku, N., & Finney, M. (2019, June 23-28). *Ethnolinguistic vitality, ethnic affiliation, parental effort and heritage language maintenance in Southern California*. International Symposium on Bilingualism 12 (ISB12), Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- 2019 Scenters-Zapico, J., Diesel, L., & **Castro, S. E.** (2019, April 11). *What do California State University, Long Beach alumni, instructors, and students think about the role of writing on campus and in their professions?* Presented at the WASC Senior College and University Commission Academic Resource Conference, Garden Grove, CA.
- 2018 **Castro, S. E.**, Holtz, M., & Ku, N. (2018, November 14). *Effects of domains of language use, parental effort, attitude, and identity on heritage language maintenance*. CSULB Graduate Research Conference.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2023 **Tinker Field Collaborative Research Fellowship**, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, UIUC

- 2023 **Conference Participation Travel Grant**, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC
- 2022 **Summer Research Fellowship**, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in preparation

- 2024 **Castro Cantú, S.**, & Callesano, S. [Manuscript in preparation]. Language ideology, discourse, and higher education institutions: Two cases of Spanish, English and Spanglish in Illinois. *Languages Special Issue: Spanish in the US: A Sociolinguistic Approach*.

Book Reviews

- 2022 Pye, J., & **Castro Cantú, S.** (2022, August 4). Book Review: *Manufacturing Celebrity: Latino Paparazzi and Women Reporters in Hollywood* by Vanessa Díaz. The London School of Economics and Political Science. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2022/08/04/book-review-manufacturing-celebrity-latino-paparazzi-and-women-reporters-in-hollywood-by-vanessa-diaz/>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC

Spanish in the U.S.	Fall 2023, Spring 2024
Spanish for Business	Summer 2023, Fall 2023
Advanced Spanish Grammar in Context	Spring 2023
Introduction to Spanish Grammar	Spring 2022, Summer 2022
Intensive Elementary Spanish	Fall 2021, 2022, Spring 2023, 2024

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, UIUC

Global Perspectives in Cross-Cultural Contexts	Spring 2023, Fall 2023
Global Perspectives for Intercultural Learning	Fall 2022

TEACHING CERTIFICATES

(In progress) **Graduate Teacher Certificate**, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning (CITL), UIUC

2023 **Master Course in Online Teaching**, CITL, UIUC

TEACHING AWARDS

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, UIUC

Awarded Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023 **President's Research in Diversity Travel Program**, The University of Illinois System
- 2023 **CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program**, The California State University | Faculty Mentor: Anna Bax, PhD
- 2021 **Summer Predoctoral Institute**, UIUC | Advisor: Salvatore Callesano, PhD
- 2019 **Excellence in Graduate Research Award**, Linguistics Department, CSULB
- 2019 **Distinguished Graduate Student Award**, Linguistics Department, CSULB
- 2019 **Outstanding Comprehensive Project**, Linguistics Department, CSULB
- 2018 **Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Scholarship** Honorable Mention, The California State University
- 2017 **Joann Beers Outstanding Service**, Department of Psychology, CSULB
- 2017 **Outstanding Senior in Psychology**, Department of Psychology, CSULB
- 2015 **Associate of Arts Awarded with Honors**, El Camino Community College

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021 - **Doctoral Researcher**, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC
P.I.: Salvatore Callesano, PhD | Language shift, Spanish in the U.S.
- 2018 - 2019 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Linguistics Department, CSULB
P.I.: Malcolm Finney, PhD | Heritage language shift and vitality
- 2017 - 2018 **Research Coordinator**, Writing Across the Curriculum, CSULB
P.I.: John Scenters-Zapico, PhD
- 2016 - 2017 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Department of Psychology, CSULB
P.I.: Yada Treesukosol, PhD

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - 2021 **Coordinator**, Graduate Center (*formerly GSRC*), CSULB
- 2019 **Graduate Assistant**, Thesis & Dissertation Office, CSULB
- 2017 - 2019 **Graduate Assistant**, Graduate Center, CSULB
- 2017 **Writing Tutor**, El Camino Community College, Torrance, CA
- 2017 **Graduate Peer Advisor**, Career Development Center, CSULB
- 2017 **Instructional Student Assistant**, Department of Psychology, CSULB
- 2016 - 2017 **Writing Tutor**, University Writing Center (*formerly WRL*), CSULB
- 2016 **Student Assistant**, Bob Murphy Access Center (*formerly DSS*), CSULB

SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER

DISCIPLINE-LEVEL SERVICE

- 2024 - **Scientific Committee**, Intersecciones hispánicas: Revista de literatura, cultura y lingüística, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico
- 2023 - **First Generation Access and Equity (FGAE) Committee**, Linguistic Society of America

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2023 - 2024 **President**, Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Organization (SPGO), UIUC
- 2022 - 2023 **Capricious Grading Committee**, SPGO, UIUC
- 2021 - 2022 **Organizing Committee**, Sociolinguistics Symposium (SoSy22), UIUC
- 2016 - 2017 **Undergraduate Intern**, Graduate Center, CSULB
- 2016 - 2017 **Vice President**, Psychology Student Association, CSULB
- 2016 **Psychology Resource Office Guide**, Department of Psychology, CSULB

MENTORSHIP

2022 - 2023 **Graduate Mentor**, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, UIUC
Completion of GC 500: Graduate Mentoring Practicum

COMMUNITY WORK

2022 - **Spanish Interpreter**, The Immigration Project, Central and Southern Illinois
2015 **Spanish Language Interpreter**, Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Linguistic Society of America
Asociación de Lingüística y Filología de América Latina (ALFAL)
American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese
American Anthropological Association
Society for Linguistic Anthropology
Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology
Golden Key International Honour Society
Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society

CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING

2024 **Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) TA Seminar**, January 9-10, UIUC
2023 **Graduate College Mentoring Certificate**, UIUC, April 26th, 2023
2023 **Undocumented Student Ally Training**, UIUC, March 3rd, 2023
2020 **Elementary French courses**, Long Beach City College
2018 **UndocuAlly Training**, Dream Success Center, CSULB

LANGUAGES

English: full proficiency, Spanish: L1, full proficiency, French: elementary proficiency