

Luis David Gaytán-Soto

Education

2022-Present **M.A.** Hispanic Linguistics
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
Faculty Advisor: [Melissa Bowles, Ph.D.](#)

2018-2022 **B.A.** Spanish (Linguistics & Literature) (*Cum Laude*)
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (CPP)
Minors: History & Philosophy | McNair Scholar (2021-2022)
Faculty Advisor: [Amalia Llombart-Huesca, Ph.D.](#)

Non-Degree Education

2023 Summer (7 Weeks) Intensive Portuguese Summer Program
Middlebury College

2022 Summer (9 Weeks) Summer Pre-Doctoral Institute
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Faculty Advisor: [Salvatore J. Callesano, Ph.D.](#)

2021 Summer (7 Weeks) Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)
Northwestern University
Faculty Advisor: [Miguel Caballero-Vazquez, Ph.D.](#) [See Page 8](#)

Academic Employment History

Fall 2023 (16 Weeks) College of Liberal Arts and Sciences | UIUC
Student Academic Affairs Office
¹Access and Achievement Program Graduate Student Assistant

Spring 2021 (16 Weeks) Office of Student Success, Equity, and Innovation | CPP
Student Success Programs Office
²Early Assessment Program Administrative Student Assistant

Publication(s)

(In Press) Llombart-Huesca, A., **Gaytán-Soto, L.** “Spanish Heritage Language Learners: Reading difficulties and spelling errors”. *Spanish as a Heritage Language Journal*

¹ Supporting under-represented minorities, 1st generation students, & students from low SES high schools

² Supporting prospective 1st generation students entering from high school & community college to 4yr college

Academic Accolades

(•=Internal) (†=External)

Fellowships

Fall 2023	Career Exploration Fellowship UIUC •	\$5,000
Summer 2023	Summer FLAS Fellowship European Union Center UIUC •	\$7,500
2022-Present	Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Fellowship †	\$30,000*
Fall 2022	IGNITE Fellowship Teach for America †	\$2,200
2022-2023	Aspire Illinois Masters Fellowship UIUC •	\$20,000
Summer 2022	SPI Summer Research Fellowship UIUC •	\$4,500
Spring 2022	IGNITE Fellowship Teach for America †	\$1,200
Summer 2021	Summer Research Fellowship Northwestern University †	\$5,000

Conference Travel Grants

Fall 2023	Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics Grant LSA †	\$1,000
Spring 2022	Conference Travel Grant CPP •	\$600

Fellowships: Alternate/Finalist/Waitlisted

2023-2024	Hispanic Scholarship Fund (Waitlisted) †	\$500-5,000
Spring 2023	Summer FLAS Fellowship (Finalist) Center for Global Studies •	\$7,500
2023-2024	Empowerment Fellowship (Finalist) †	\$20,000
2023-2024	Inter-Seminars Graduate Fellowship (Alternate) UIUC •	\$37,250

Scholarships

Fall 2022	Inspire Initiatives Scholarship NAACP †	\$5,000
Summer 2022	Latino Faculty Association Leadership Scholarship CPP •	\$1,000
Spring 2022	McNair GRE Scholarship CPP •	\$200
Spring 2021	Cecil B. Brown Scholarship CPP •	\$6,000
Spring 2021	English & Modern Languages Scholarship CPP •	\$500

Stipends

Summer 2023	FLAS Travel Stipend The U.S. Department of Education †	\$1,100
2021-2022	McNair Scholars Stipend CPP •	\$600
Spring 2022	McNair Scholars Travel Stipend CPP •	\$400
Spring 2022	McNair Scholars Research Stipend CPP •	\$400
Fall 2020	Research Assistant Stipend Dept. of Political Science CPP •	\$500

Award(s)

Fall 2023	Graduate Student Leadership Award-Master's Student UIUC •	\$500
Fall 2021	Research Distinction Award CPP •	

Research Project(s)

*Indicates undergraduate student collaborators

Current Project(s):

1. **How do instructed & uninstructed Spanish heritage speakers process accent marks: An overview of their depth of processing. With Dr. Melissa Bowles [IRB Approved]

On-Pause Project(s):

1. Using the Implicit Association Test in Spanish: The next step in bilingual language bias.
With Dr. Salvatore Callesano

Conference Presentations

Oral Presentations (** = virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic)

- 2024 **Gaytán-Soto, L.**, Parker, K., Knott, B. *Graduate Portuguese and Hispanic Symposium (GRAPHSY)*. Georgetown University. “How do instructed & uninstructed Spanish heritage speakers process accent marks: An overview of their depth of processing” ***Expected**
- 2024 **Gaytán-Soto, L.**, McCarvel, M., Mantenuto, I., Dees, J. (January 4th to 7th). *Linguistics Society of America (LSA)*. Annual Meeting in New York City. “Identifying, understanding, and supporting diverse first-generation scholars in linguistics”
- 2022 Llombart, A., **Gaytán-Soto, L.** (July 9th to 12th). *American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP)*. Annual Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. “Spanish Heritage Language Learners & Reading”.
- 2022 Dao, A. Ph.D., Aguilar, A., **Gaytan-Soto, L.**, Minasian, M., Widjaja, G., (March). *Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities (RSCA)*, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. “Isolation in a Multigenerational House- hold During the Covid-19 Pandemic” **
- 2022 Llombart, A., **Gaytán-Soto, L.** (February). *9th National Symposium in Spanish as a Heritage Language (NSSHL)*, Florida State University. “Spanish Heritage Language Learners Reading difficulties and spelling errors”.
- 2021 Robertson, M., **Gaytán-Soto, L.** (November). *Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research (SCCUR)*, California State University, San Bernardino. “Cross-Cultural Differences in Social Media Use: Implications for International Social Media Strategy”. **
- 2021 **Gaytán-Soto, L.** (August). *Creative Activities. Research Symposium (CARS)*, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. “Transcending Beyond HIV: From a Death Sentence to a Metaphor of Life in Marta Dillon’s Vivir con virus (2016)” (Presented 2nd quote) **
- 2021 **Gaytán-Soto, L.** (July). *Research Symposium, Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)*, Northwestern University. “Transcending Beyond HIV: From a Death Sentence to a Metaphor of Life in Marta Dillon’s Vivir con virus (2016)” (Presented 1st quote) **
- 2021 Cunningham, O, Prentice, J., **Gaytán-Soto, L.**, & James Sturges Ph.D. (April). *12th Lowell Overton Undergraduate Research Symposium*, California State

Polytechnic University, Pomona. “Assessing the Relationship between Social Media Use and Sustained Attention” **

2021 Menounou, E. Ph.D., **Gaytán-Soto, L.**, Juscamaita, K., &., Horn, N. (March) *Research Scholarship and Creative Activities (RSCA)*, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. “Reasoning Globally: With a Little Help From Their Friends” **.

Poster Presentation(s)

2022 **Gaytan-Soto, L.** (July). *Illinois Summer Research Symposium (ISRS)*, The University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. “Using the Implicit Association Test in Spanish: The next step in bilingual language biases”. (Given as a round-table discussion as well)

Select Research Experiences

Summer 2021 [Dr. Holguín-Mendoza Ph.D.](#)
Associate Professor of Spanish Linguistics | UCR

Spring 2021-Spring 2022 [Dr. Amàlia Llobart-Huesca, Ph.D.](#)
Professor of Spanish Linguistics | CPP

Fall 2020-Spring 2021 [Dr. Elli Menounou, Ph.D.](#) & [Dr. Renford Reese, Ph.D.](#)
Assistant Professor & Professor of Political Science | CPP

Teaching Experience

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Graduate Teaching Assistant | Urbana, IL

Spring 2024 LLS 100: *Intro to Latina/o Studies*
Fall 2023 LAS 112: *First Year College Success (co-taught)*
Fall 2023 SPAN 141: *Introduction to Spanish Grammar*
Spring 2023 LAS 292: *Global Perspectives in Cross-Cultural Contexts*
Fall 2022 LAS 291: *Global Perspectives for Inter-Cultural Learning*

Mt. San Antonio College | Undergraduate Teaching Assistant | Walnut, CA

Fall 2020 AMLA 80: *American Language Intermediate Writing*
Winter 2021 AMLA 80: *American Language Intermediate Writing*
([See Student Feedback](#))

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona | Undergraduate Grader | Pomona, CA

Spring 2021 SPN 1120: *Introduction to the Spanish Speaking World*

Service

Undergraduate Student Mentoring & Advising

Fall 2023-Present Advising, Connecting, & Empowering Mentorship Program | UIUC

	<i>Assigned 3 Latinx mentees-Comentoring La Casa Cultural Latina</i>
Fall 2022-Spring 2023	Advising, Connecting, & Empowering Mentorship Program UIUC <i>Assigned 1 Latinx mentee undeclared La Casa Cultural Latina</i>
Fall 2022-Spring 2023	Bronco Navigators via Mentor Collective CPP <i>Assigned 1 Latinx mentee majoring in Spanish</i>
Summer 2022-Fall 2023	Undocuprofessionals Networks: Mentor <i>Assigned 1 Latinx mentee from UCLA majoring in applied mathematics</i>
Spring 2022	César Chávez Center for Higher Education Peer Mentorship CPP <i>Assigned 1 Latinx mentee majoring in anthropology</i>
July 2021-December 2021	Bronco Navigators via Mentor Collective CPP <i>Assigned 7 mentees-4 actively participated</i>
Journal Reviewer	
Fall 2022-Present	<i>Vernacular: New Connections in Language, Literature, & Culture</i> Graduate Student Journal The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Conference Organizer	
Fall 2023-Spring 2024	16 th Annual Illinois Language & Linguistics Society Conference UIUC
Fall 2022-Spring 2023	Socio-Linguistic Symposium UIUC
Fall 2022-Spring 2023	15 th Annual Illinois Language & Linguistics Society Conference UIUC
Abstract Reviewer	
Spring 2023	Socio-Linguistic Symposium UIUC
Departmental and University Organizations/Committees	
Fall 2023-Spring 2024	1 st Gen Access & Equity Travel Grant Selection Subcommittee Linguistic Society of America
Fall 2023-Spring 2024	Social Chair Spanish & Portuguese Graduate Organization UIUC
Spring 2023-Present	Graduate Recruitment Representative Spanish & Portuguese Graduate Organization UIUC
Spring 2023-Summer 2023	1 st Gen Access & Equity Committee : Lead in developing abstract for the LSA 2024 Annual Meeting Linguistic Society of America
Spring 2023	La Casa Cultural Latina Scholarship: Selection Committee UIUC
Fall 2022-Present	La Casa Cultural Latina: Advisory Committee UIUC

Fall 2022-Present	1 st Gen Access & Equity Committee Linguistic Society of America
Fall 2022-Spring 2023	Richard Chavez Ambassador La Casa Cultural Latina UIUC
Fall 2021-Spring 2022	President The McNair Club CPP
Spring 2020	Vice-President & Treasurer The Spanish Club CPP
Fall 2020	Interim President The Spanish Club CPP
Fall 2019-Spring 2020	President The Spanish Club CPP

Invited Talks & Panels

(* = virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic) (**=Hybrid: In person and via Zoom) (***=Invited virtually)

2023	Gaytan, L. (November). <i>LAS Access & Achievement Program</i> . University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. “Applying to Graduate School Workshop: MA/PhD Programs in Social Sciences”
2023	Gaytan, L. (November). <i>La Casa Cultural Latina: Lunch on us Workshop Series</i> . University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. “Applying to Graduate School Workshop: MA/PhD Programs in Social Sciences”
2023	Gaytan, L. (February). <i>Introduction to research programs at CPP</i> , California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. “Researcher student panel” ***
2022	Gaytán, L. (September). <i>McNair Scholars meeting</i> , California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. “McNair Scholars Graduate Student Panel Q & A panel” ***
2022	Gaytán, L. , Luna, N (April 7 th , 14 th , & 21 st). <i>Applying to Graduate School Workshop: MA/PhD Programs in Social Sciences & STEM</i> . California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. McNair Scholars Program & the Learning Resource Center. **
2022	Gaytán, L. (May). <i>McNair Scholars Orientation-Cohort 24</i> , California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. “McNair Scholars Q & A panel”
2021	Gaytán, L. (November). <i>McNair Scholars meeting</i> , California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. “My Experience During Northwestern’s University Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) and applying to Summer Research Programs”. *

2021 **Gaytán, L.** (October). *McNair Scholars Preparatory Orientation*, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. “McNair Preparatory Group Advising Session” *

2021. **Gaytán, L.** (October). *McNair Scholars Preparatory Program Orientation*, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. “What is it like being a McNair Scholar and how did you get started in research” *

Workshops/Panel Organizer

2020 *Navigating Undergraduate Studies*. February 27th. Invited speakers: Dr. Daniel Lewis, Professor of History | CPP

2020 *Graduate School Admission & Culture*. February 15th. Invited speaker: Meloddye Campos, Ph.D. Candidate in Hispanic Literature and Cultural Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago | CPP

2019 *Hemispheric American Literature Overview*. November 14th. Invited speaker: Dr. Nancy Quintanilla, Assistant Professor of Literature | CPP

2019 *15th-17th Iberian Literature and Early Modern Drama Research Overview*. November 7th. Invited speaker: Dr. Marta Albalá, Associate Professor of Iberian Literature (TT) | CPP

Voluntarism

Fall 2022-Spring 2023 Pen Pal Program with William Elementary School | UIUC

July 2022-Present [Cohost-Behind the Research Podcast](#)

January 2021-April 2021 Pandemic Professors 501 (C)(3) (Virtual)

January 2021 United Nations Volunteer: *Transcribed 1 hour of Spanish Audio*

Spanish Tutoring (ST) & Spanish Conversation Facilitator (SCF) _____

Spring 2021-Spring 2022 Spanish Subject Tutor | CPP

Fall 2021-December 2021 Spanish Language Assistantship (SCF) | CPP

Spring 2021-June 2021 Spanish Professional Internship (ST & SCF) | Mt Sac. College Developed [worksheet activity](#) about the direct object in Spanish

Tutoring Training

Spring 2021-Fall 2021 Level 1 & 2 Fundamentals of Tutoring 1010 | CPP

Translation Experience

English to Spanish Primary Sources

Spring 2020

Ronald Reagan, *Neshoba County Fair Speech* (1980)

Spring 2020

John M. Harlan, *Dissenting Opinion in Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896)

Certificates, Letter's, & Test's

Spring 2022

[Certificate of Appreciation](#) | CPP

For dedication to mentoring 1st year students 2021-2022

April 2021-April 2023

English Oral Proficiency Interview (ACTFL) (OPI)-[Superior](#)

February 2021

[Certificate of Appreciation](#) | United Nations Volunteer Program

January 2021-January 2023

Spanish Oral Proficiency Interview (ACTFL) (OPI)-[Advanced High](#)

Fall 2020

[Letter](#) earning strong recommendation from the 3 professors
[Certificate](#) recognizing contribution and participation

Languages

Spanish: Heritage Speaker

English: Native

Portuguese: Speaking & Reading