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## *Education*

### **University of California Los Angeles**

Los Angeles, CA

2025 (*Expected*)

PhD in Spanish

Linguistics Program

Dissertation: “*Using Musical Training to Improve Pronunciation of L2 Spanish Learners*”

Committee: *Dr. Ji Young Kim* (chair), *Dr. Sun-Ah Jun*, *Dr. Claire Moore-Cantwell*, *Dr. Antonio Carlos Quicoli*

### **University of Kentucky**

Lexington, KY

2018

Master of Arts in Linguistic Theory and Typology

Sociolinguistics Track

Thesis: “*Going Gaga: Pop Fandom as Online Community of Practice.*”

Committee: *Dr. Jennifer Cramer* (chair), *Dr. Kevin McGowan*, *Dr. Rusty Barrett*

### **Transylvania University**

Lexington, KY

2015

Bachelor of Arts: Spanish and Music Technology (double major)

Advisors: *Dr. Veronica Dean-Thacker* & *Dr. Jeremy Paden*

## *Teaching*

**2023 – Present**

**Lecturer, *California State University – Long Beach***

- SPAN 423 (Introduction to Spanish Linguistics), 2 sections, Fall 2023
  - Developed curriculum and all assessments.

**2022 – Present**

**Teaching Fellow, *University of California Los Angeles***

- Teaching Assistant, Spanish/Portuguese M35 (**Spanish, Portuguese, and the Nature of Language**), Fall 2023 (under *Dr. Victoria Mateu*)
- Instructor, Spanish/Portuguese M35 (**Spanish, Portuguese, and the Nature of Language**), Summer 2023
- Instructor, Spanish 1 (**Elementary Spanish 1**), Summer 2023
- Instructor, Spanish 7A (**Introductory Spanish for Heritage Speakers**), Spring 2023

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- Instructor, Spanish 27 (**Advanced Spanish Composition and Conversation for Heritage Speakers**), Winter 2023
- Teaching Assistant, Spanish/Portuguese M35 (**Spanish, Portuguese, and the Nature of Language**), Fall 2022 (under *Dr. Victoria Mateu*)
- Instructor, Spanish 3 (**Elementary Spanish 3, Accelerated**), Summer 2022
- Instructor, Spanish 3 (**Elementary Spanish 3, Asynchronous**), Summer 2022

**2021 – 2022 Teaching Associate, *University of California Los Angeles***

- Instructor, Spanish 4 (**Intermediate Spanish 4**), Spring 2022
- Instructor, Spanish 3 (**Elementary Spanish 3**), Winter 2022
- Instructor, Spanish 2 (**Elementary Spanish 2**), Fall 2021
- Instructor, Spanish 3 (**Elementary Spanish 3**), Summer 2021

**2020 – 2021 Teaching Assistant, *University of California Los Angeles***

- Instructor, Spanish 3 (**Elementary Spanish 3**), Spring 2021
- Instructor, Spanish 2 (**Elementary Spanish 2**), Winter 2021
- Instructor, Spanish 1 (**Elementary Spanish 1**), Fall 2020

**2015 – 2017 Teaching Assistant, *University of Kentucky***

- Instructor, WRD-111 (**Composition & Communication 2**), 2 sections, Spring 2017
- Instructor, WRD-110 (**Composition & Communication 1**), 2 sections, Fall 2016
- Instructor, SPAN-101 (**Elementary Spanish 1**), 1 section, Fall 2015

### ***Miscellaneous Teaching***

July 2023 – Present

*Spanish Tutor, Free-Lance/Zoom*  
Tutored adolescent Heritage speaker in Spanish

July 2017

*Language and Culture, LSA Linguistic Institute*  
**University of Kentucky**  
Teaching assistant under *Dr. Michael Silverstein*

Spring 2015

*Spanish III, Transylvania University*  
Observed and assisted *Dr. Jeremy Paden*  
Lead several 50 minute class sessions

2013 - 2015

*Spanish Tutor, Transylvania University*  
Academic Center for Excellence

2014

*English as a Second Language Tutor - Volunteer,*  
**Bluegrass Literacy - Lexington, KY**

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## ***Research***

### ***Interests***

Phonology, Phonetics, Bilingualism, Spanish in the United States, Intersection of Language and Music, Second-Language Phonological Acquisition, Phonology of Heritage Speakers

### ***Conference Presentations***

- 2023 **10<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Spanish as a Heritage Language (NSSHL)**  
Harvard University (Cambridge, MA), April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Research Title: *Relative Contribution of Segments and Prosody to Perceived Heritage Accent* (collaboration with Joo Kyeong Kim, Ji Young Kim, and Jenny Choi).
- 2023 **28<sup>th</sup> Conference on Spanish in the United States**  
Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX), April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Research Title: *The Perception of Heritage Accent by Heritage Speakers and Non-Heritage Native Speakers* (collaboration with Joo Kyeong Kim, Ji Young Kim, and Jenny Choi).
- 2022 **8<sup>th</sup> Conference on Current Approaches to Spanish and Portuguese Second Language Phonology (CASPSLaP)**  
University of Wisconsin – Madison (Zoom). February 16<sup>th</sup>  
Research Title: *Improving L2 Spanish diphthongs with musical training.*

### ***Posters***

- 2023 **20<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS)**  
Prague Congress Center (Prague, Czech Republic), August 10<sup>th</sup>  
Research Title: *Demystifying Heritage Accent: Heritage Accent Perceived by Heritage Speakers* (collaboration with Joo Kyeong Kim, Ji Young Kim, and Jenny Choi)
- 2023 **14<sup>th</sup> Heritage Language Research Institute (HRLI)**  
University of California Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA) June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Research Title: *Is Heritage Spanish a Distinct Variety of Spanish?: Evidence from Heritage Speakers' Perception of Heritage Accent* (collaboration with Joo Kyeong Kim, Ji Young Kim, and Jenny Choi)
- 2017 **Master of Arts in Linguistic Theory & Typology (MALTT) Graduate Student Conference**  
University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY), February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Research Title: *[v] in United States Spanish.*

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## *Professional Training*

**Pedagogy Seminar: Teaching Spanish at the College Level**  
Fall 2020                      University of California Los Angeles

**UCLA Annual TA Conference**  
Fall 2020                      University of California Los Angeles

**Linguistic Institute – Linguistic Society of America**  
July 2017                      University of Kentucky

**Kentucky Institute for International Studies**  
July 2013                      Study abroad in Segovia, Spain.

## *Professional Experience and Service*

### *Positions Held*

- 2022 – present                      *Editorial Board Member, Mester (UCLA Spanish and Portuguese graduate student academic journal)*  
Reviewed linguistics submissions to Mester.
- 2018 – 2019                      *Piano Instructor – Paid position,*  
**Guitar Center – Lexington, KY**  
Gave private piano lessons catered towards individual students, emphasized the balance of learning skills and building repertoire.
- 2016 - 2017                      *Steering Committee Member, LINCD (Linguistics Incubator for Collaborative Digital Research)*  
Invited and assisted researchers for future sessions.  
Organized the Graduate Student Conference
- 2016                      *Participant, Reading Leader, Phonetics / Phonology*  
**Reading Group**
- 2016                      *Participant, Reading Leader, Sociolinguistics Reading*  
**Group**
- 2014-2015                      *Steering Committee Member, Pioneer Voices –*  
**Transylvania University's Men's Choir**  
Planned and coordinated fellowship events.  
Helped with auditions and set-up for Cabaret (2015)

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## ***Workshops/Invited Talks***

- 2022 **8<sup>th</sup> Conference on Current Approaches to Spanish and Portuguese Second Language Phonology (CASPSLaP)**  
University of Wisconsin – Madison (Zoom). February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Ignite Demonstration: *Musical Chants to Improve Rising Diphthong Production in L2 Speakers.*
- 2021 **UCLA Spanish & Portuguese Research Group**  
University of California Los Angeles (Zoom). February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Workshop: *Using Audacity for Linguistics*
- 2020 **UKY LIN 328: Analyzing Language in Digital Spaces**  
University of Kentucky (PowerPoint voiceover). October  
Invited Lecture: *Dank Memes and Kim Davis*
- 2016 **Linguistics Incubator for Collaborative Digital Research (LINCD)**  
University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY). September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Workshop: *Using Audacity for Linguistics*

## ***Awards and Honors***

- 2019-2020 ***First Year Fellowship, UCLA***
- 2015 ***Magna Cum Laude, Transylvania University***
- 2015 ***Honors in Spanish, Transylvania University***
- 2015 ***Honors in Music, Transylvania University***
- 2015 ***Dean's List (7 Semesters), Transylvania University***
- 2011 ***William T. Young Scholar (Full Tuition – 4 Years), Transylvania University***

## ***Technical Skills***

### ***Languages***

**Native:** English

**Near-Native Proficiency:** Spanish

**Reading Knowledge:** French, Portuguese, Catalan, Italian

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## ***Computer Programs***

**Audio Editing and Analysis:** Pro Tools, Logic Pro X, Audacity, Adobe Audition, Praat

**Coding:** R, Python

**Other:** Ibex Farm, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Microsoft Office Suite