

Esteban Sanchez

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Education

University of Oxford

MPhil in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Oct 2023 – Jun 2025

- Grade: Distinction
- Thesis: *Extended Metaphor: Relating Metaphors in Discourse* (Supervisor: Daniel Altshuler)
- Specialization: Semantics and Pragmatics, Philosophy of Language, Psycholinguistics

Amherst College

Sep 2019 – May 2023

Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Computer Science

- GPA: 3.986/4.0
- Specialization: Mathematical Analysis, Logic, Theory of Computation, Philosophy of Mind, Political Philosophy

Research Interests

Semantics and Pragmatics, Philosophy of Language, Psycholinguistics, Metaphor, Discourse Coherence Theory, Context-Sensitivity, Literary Language, Semantic/Pragmatic Distinction

Publications & Manuscripts

Under Review

- Sanchez, E. “Extended Metaphor, Discourse Relations, and Metaphorical Content.” *Semantics and Pragmatics*.

Presentations & Conferences

- Sanchez, E. “Extended Metaphor: Relating Metaphors in Discourse.” Paper presented at *LingO: Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics*, University of Oxford, June 2025.

Awards & Honors

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| • The Avril Gilchrist Bruten Award for Creative Writing (Shortlist), St. Hugh's College, Oxford | March 2025 |
| • Evan Carroll Commager Fellowship, Amherst College | Sep 2024 – Jun 2025 |
| • The Avril Gilchrist Bruten Award for Creative Writing (Shortlist), St. Hugh's College, Oxford | March 2024 |
| • Phi Beta Kappa, Massachusetts Beta Chapter | May 2023 |

Work Experience

Software Development Engineer L4, Amazon

Sep 2025 – Present

Bellevue, WA

- Supported the backend development of a new service using Lambda and EC2 architectures

Software Development Engineer Intern, Amazon

Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

Bellevue, WA

- Designed and implemented a service enabling non-technical users to update business logic with version control and deploy changes independently of code releases
- Reduced configuration deployment latency from 500ms to 10ms

Software Development Engineer Intern, Amazon

Jun 2023 – Aug 2023

Boston, MA

- Designed a REST API allowing non-technical users to resolve anomalies in data processing
- Automated downstream processing to eliminate manual dependencies

Software Development Engineer Intern, Amazon

Jun 2022 – Aug 2022

Seattle, WA

- Implemented a React user interface for internal service tooling
- Integrated REST APIs for scalability and created development templates for new pages

Software Engineer Intern, UtilityAPI

Jun 2021 – Aug 2021

Oakland, CA

- Designed and implemented a business metrics dashboard for a clean energy startup
- Reduced costs by identifying refund trends and optimizing customer retention

Skills

Artificial Languages: Java, JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, Kotlin | **Natural Languages:** English (native), Spanish (B1)

Fiction & Other Writings

- Sanchez, E. "The 15 Dollar Taco: Kol and the Mexican Position in Fine Dining." *Oxford Review of Books*, University of Oxford, January 2024.
- Sanchez, E. "Reification: A Question in Serial." *The Indicator*, Amherst College, December 2022.
- Sanchez, E. *Unity in Virginia Woolf and Hannah Arendt: Creating Reality in the Insensitive and Inaccessible*. *Inquiries Journal*, September 2022.