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## EDUCATION

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<i>Expected</i> May 2024	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> Ph.D. Romance Languages and Literatures Concentration in Spanish, Linguistics Track Graduate Certificate in Applied Data Science
May 2018	<b>Baylor University</b> B.S. in Chemistry, Spanish <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2022      Influence of orthography in production and perception of /b/ in US Spanish. *Journal of Experimental Phonetics* XXXI, 9-29. Co-authored with Gabriella Licata and Rachel Weiher. <https://www.ub.edu/journalofexperimentalphonetics/pdf-articles/XXXI-02-Helms.pdf>.

### Conference Proceedings

- In Press      Sociophonetic analysis of mid front vowel production in Barcelona. *Open Romance Linguistics*.
- 2022      Bay Area Spanish: regional sound change in contact languages. RLLT17, eds. Ora Matushansky, Laurent Roussarie, Michela Russo, Elena Soare & Sophie Wauquier. Special Issue of *Isogloss Open Journal of Romance Linguistics* 8(2)/17, 1-18. doi:[10.5565/rev/isogloss.116](https://doi.org/10.5565/rev/isogloss.116).
- 2021      Bidirectionality of language contact: Spanish and Catalan vowels. *Proceedings of the Linguistics Society of America* 6(1): 159-172. doi:[10.3765/plsa.v6i1.4956](https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v6i1.4956).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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- Apr 2022      Utilizing density-controlled vowel space area to examine the role of language dominance in the acquisition of Spanish and English vowel reduction patterns. Talk to be presented at New Sounds 2022 in Barcelona.
- Jan 2022      Medium shifting as a constraint on intraspeaker variation in virtual interviews. Talk presented at the LSA 2022 Annual Meeting in D.C. (with Isaac Bleaman and Katie Cugno).
- Oct 2021      Increased intelligibility (but not formality) in Zoom interviews. Talk presented virtually at NWAV 49 (with Isaac Bleaman and Katie Cugno).
- Jan 2021      Bidirectionality of language contact: Spanish and Catalan vowels. Poster presented virtually at the LSA 2021 Annual Meeting.
- Nov 2020      Bay Area Spanish: Regional sound change in contact languages. Talk presented virtually at Going Romance 34.
- Jul 2020      Sociophonetic variability in the production of Spanish /e/ by Catalan-Spanish bilinguals in Barcelona. Talk presented virtually at LSRL50.

Oct 2019	Merger in production and perception? Bilingual discrimination of Spanish /β/ and /v/. Talk presented at HLS at the University of Texas at El Paso (with Gabriella Licata and Rachel Weiher).
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Fall 2021	<b>Spanish 3 - Instructor</b> Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese - UC Berkeley
Fall 2021	<b>Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics - Reader</b> Dr. Justin Davidson Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese - UC Berkeley
AY 20-21	<b>Spanish 2 - Instructor</b> Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese - UC Berkeley
AY 19-20	<b>Spanish 1 - Instructor</b> Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese - UC Berkeley
Fall 2018	<b>Introduction to Sociolinguistics - Reader</b> Dr. Richard Rhodes Dept. of Linguistics - UC Berkeley

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2021-2022	<b>Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award</b> Department of Spanish and Portuguese - UC Berkeley
Spring 2022	<b>RLL Continuing Fellowship</b> Romance Languages and Literatures Ph.D. Program - UC Berkeley
2021-2022	<b>John L. Simpson Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship</b> Institute of International Studies - UC Berkeley
Summer 2019-2021	<b>Block Grant Research Award</b> Romance Languages and Literatures Ph.D. Program - UC Berkeley
2018-2022	<b>Department Research Grant</b> Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese - UC Berkeley
Summer 2019	<b>Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Award</b> Intensive study of Catalan in Barcelona, Spain Institute of European Studies - UC Berkeley
Fall 2018	<b>Power Award</b> Graduate Division - UC Berkeley
Spring 2018	<b>Outstanding Student Award</b> Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry - Baylor University Dept. of Spanish - Baylor University
2017-2018	<b>Dr. Robert E. Graves Scholarship</b> Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry - Baylor University

## SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

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2019-2021	<b>Co-Organizer of the Language Variation and Change Working Group</b> Townsend Center - UC Berkeley
2019-2022	<b>Member of the Sociolinguistics Lab (SLaB)</b> Dept. of Linguistics - UC Berkeley

2020-2022	<b>Editor of the RLL Newsletter</b> Romance Languages and Literatures Ph.D. Program - UC Berkeley
2019-2020	<b>Co-Editor of the graduate journal <i>Lucero</i></b> Volume 25 Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese - UC Berkeley
Spring 2018	<b>Spring Visit Graduate Representative</b> Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese - UC Berkeley
2016-2018	<b>Student Member of Curriculum Committee</b> College of Arts and Sciences - Baylor University

## SKILLS

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Languages	English ( <i>Native</i> ); Spanish ( <i>Advanced</i> ); Catalan ( <i>Advanced</i> ); French ( <i>Beginner</i> ); Latin ( <i>Reading</i> )
Software	Python; R; Git; Praat; L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X; ELAN; TANDEM-SRAIGHT; Qualtrics; HTML
Other	Acoustic analysis; forced alignment; machine learning; natural language processing; data analysis

## WORKSHOPS GIVEN

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Oct 2020	<b>k-Means Clustering and Factor Analysis</b> Sociolinguistics Lab (SLaB) - UC Berkeley
Dec 2019	<b>Generating Continua in TANDEM-STRAIGHT</b> Sociolinguistics Lab (SLaB) - UC Berkeley

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Summer 2019	<b>Sociophonetic production</b> Sociolinguistic interviews and word elicitation - Barcelona, Spain
Spring-Fall 2019	<b>Sociophonetic perception</b> Allophonic discrimination task - Bay Area, California
Summer 2016	<b>Organic Chemistry Undergraduate Researcher</b> Kane Lab - Baylor University
Summer 2015	<b>Manufacturing Intern</b> Haemotologic Technologies, Inc. - Essex, Vermont