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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University

4.00 GPA

- Schreyer Honors College: Paterno Fellows Scholar
- Bachelor of Philosophy in Linguistics
- Bachelor of Arts in Spanish
- Bachelor of Arts in English

Expected Graduation: May 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Center for Language Science at The Pennsylvania State University

August, 2012--present

Research Assistant

- Learn about and practice various research techniques used to study bilingualism such as eye tracking, Praat and Goldvarb LION software
- Participate in weekly lab meetings under the guidance of Dr. Paola Dussias, & Research Assistant to Lauren Perrotti, Holger Hopp, & Alvaro Villegas
- Participate in weekly lab meetings under the guidance of Dr. John Lipski

EDUCATION ABROAD

Penn State University Study Abroad in Puebla, Mexico

May 15--- June 26 2013

- Participated in a Penn State faculty-led study abroad program completing courses in Spanish language and culture. Lived with a homestay family to improve my Spanish language skills and achieve a greater understanding of current Mexican culture

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Habitat for Humanity- Penn State University Campus Chapter

August, 2011--Present

2013-2014 Executive Director

- Run biweekly general meetings and weekly executive team meetings
- Coordinate volunteer events for our members throughout the year
- Seated on the Habitat for Humanity Greater Centre County Executive Board

2012-2013 Executive Board Member- Donor and Alumni Relations Chairperson

- Worked with Habitat donors and alumni in order to fundraise for our organization and communicate our involvement to the Penn State/Centre County community
- Created a sharing library for the residents of Bellaire Court for State Day of Service 2013
 - Collected books and coordinated volunteers to organize the sharing library

Spring Break Team Leader and Volunteer (2012- Corpus Christi, TX, 2013- Miami, FL)

- Worked with Habitat staff, future Habitat homeowners and fellow Penn State Habitat volunteers to build homes in these need-based areas during Spring Breaks

Liberal Arts Undergraduate Council (LAUC)

August, 2011--Present

2013-2014 Treasurer

- Maintain the budget for our organization throughout the year
- Handle any donations/expenses that the organization receives/spends
- Participate in THON canning weekends/alternative fundraisers
- Beaver Stadium Run Volunteer

Council of Lionhearts- University Park, PA

August, 2012--Present

- Student leader roundtable comprised of service leaders from various Penn State service organizations engaged in service learning and organization collaboration
- Organize and promote the Penn State "State Day of Service"

Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon/Donor and Alumni Relations

Committee member

October, 2012--April, 2013

- Help distribute/collect THONvelopes, one of THON's primary organization fundraisers
- Help with concessions/history tours to help encourage the dancers during THON weekend

Penn State Fresh Start Day of Service

August 2013

Team Leader

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

SPAN 003- Intermediate Spanish

Fall 2011

SPAN 100- Intermediate Spanish Grammar

Spring 2012

SPAN 110- Intermediate Spanish Conversation

Fall 2012

SPAN 215- Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

Spring 2013

SPAN 253W- Introduction to Hispanic Literature

Fall 2013

SPAN 410- Advanced Oral Expression

Fall 2013

SPAN 414- Spanish Phonology

Spring 2014

SPAN 415- Spanish Morphology and Syntax

Spring 2014

LING 100-Introduction to Linguistics

Fall 2011

LING 446-L1 Acquisition

Spring 2012

LING 402-Syntax

Fall 2012

LING 448-Sociolinguistics

Spring 2013

LING 404-Phonology

Fall 2013

LING 447- Bilingualism

Fall 2013

LING 496- Research Credits in Bilingualism

Fall 2012-Present

LING 496C- Research Credits in Sociolinguistic Research Methods

Fall 2013

PSYCH 100- Introduction to Psychology

Spring 2012

HONORS

Penn State President's Freshman Award

January 2012

Penn State President Sparks Award

January 2011

Penn State Ross B. Lehman Freshman Leadership Award

May 2011

Penn State Eberly Family Scholarship

May 2010

College of Liberal Arts Scholarship Recipient

2011-2012/2012-2013

Pittsburgh Foundation Scholarship

May 2010

Liberal Arts Enrichment Fund recipient

May 2013-June 2013

Schreyer Honors College Travel Grant recipient

May 2013-June 2013

Penn State Dean's List

Fall 2011-Present

LANGUAGES

English: Native in speaking, writing, and reading

Spanish: Intermediate-Advanced in speaking, writing, and reading

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bill's Restaurant and Golfland

May 2012--present