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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Phonology, bilingualism, corpus linguistics, language contact

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Spanish Linguistics and Language Science, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802 (expected date of graduation: May 2015)

Master of Arts in Spanish Linguistics, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802 (2010-2012)

Master of Arts in Spanish Linguistics, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32608 (2002-2004)

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, Minor in Secondary Education, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32608 (1998-2002)

Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, Seville, Spain (Summer 2001)

PUBLICATIONS

Benevento, Nicole & Dietrich, Amelia. (to appear). I think, therefore *digo yo*: Variable position of the 1sg subject pronoun in New Mexican Spanish-English code-switching. *International Journal of Bilingualism*, Special issue "Gauging convergence on the ground: Code-switching in the community", Rena Torres Cacoullos and Catherine E. Travis (Eds.). [Doi:10.1177/1367006913516038](https://doi.org/10.1177/1367006913516038)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial assistant for <i>Language Variation and Change</i>	August 2012 - Present
Graduate Assistant at <i>The Pennsylvania State University</i>	August 2010 – Present
Staff translator/language specialist at <i>North Carolina Institute for Public Health</i>	Sept 2009 – May 2011
Instructor of Spanish at <i>South Dakota State University</i>	Aug 2004 – July 2009
Teaching Assistant at <i>University of Florida</i>	Jan 2003 – May 2004

AWARDS

Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) Fellowship, Travel Grant funded by the National Science Foundation PIRE program and administered by Penn State's Center for Language Science for travel to the University of Cambridge, UK, March-April 2013

Superior Teaching and Research (STAR) Award to support travel to San Basilio de Palenque, Columbia, College of Liberal Arts, March 2013

Jesús Díaz Award for exemplary achievement in the areas of service, teaching, and academics, Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese, The Pennsylvania State University, 2013

SIPGSO Award, Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese Graduate Student Organization, The Pennsylvania State University, 2013

Cooperative Leadership in Teaching Award, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures (now Department of Spanish and Portuguese), University of Florida, 2003

COURSES TAUGHT

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPAN 001 (Elementary Spanish I) – Summer 2011

SPAN 002 (Elementary Spanish II) – Summer 2013

SPAN 003 (Elementary Spanish III) – Spring 2011

SPAN 215 (Introduction to Spanish Linguistics) – Fall 2011, 2013; Spring 2012

SPAN 414 (Spanish Phonology) – Summer 2012, Spring 2013

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPAN 101 (Beginning Spanish 1) – Fall 2004

SPAN 102 (Beginning Spanish 2) – Fall 2004, Spring 2005

SPAN 201 (Intermediate Spanish 1) – Spring 2005, 2006, 2008; Fall 2005, 2006

SPAN 202 (Intermediate Spanish 2) – Spring 2007, 2009; Fall 2007, 2008

SPAN 308 (Spanish for the Health Professions) – Spring 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

SPAN 330 (Reading & Writing for Communication) – Spring 2006

SPAN 340 (Phonetics) – Fall 2005, 2006, 2007

SPAN 443 (Linguistics) – Fall 2008

SPAN 491 (Independent Study)

EURS 311 (European Study Abroad Orientation) – Spring 2007

LAS 491 (Latin America Study Abroad Orientation) – Spring 2006, 2008, 2009

MFL 396 (Study Abroad Field Experience) – Summer 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

SPN 1130 (Beginning Spanish 1) – Spring 2003, Summer 2003

SPN 1131 (Beginning Spanish 2) – Fall 2003, Spring 2004

REFERRED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Benevento, Nicole & Dietrich, Amelia. (2013). I think, therefore soy *yo*: Variable position of subject pronoun *yo* in New Mexican Spanish-English code-switching. *24th Conference on Spanish in the United States and 9th Conference on Spanish in Contact with Other Languages*, University of Texas-Pan American: McAllen, TX.

Benevento, Nicole & Dietrich, Amelia. (2012). Variable position of 1sg subject pronoun in New Mexican Spanish-English code-switching. *NWAV 41*, Indiana University: Bloomington, IN.

INVITED AND INFORMAL PRESENTATIONS

Benevento, Nicole. (2007). Approaches/Issues Related to Latino Health Care and Traditional Healing Arts. Diversity Week Presentation, South Dakota State University: Brookings, SD.

Benevento, Nicole. (2004). CMC vs. face-to-face communication: The effect of CMC on the development of foreign language skills. South Dakota World Languages Association, Sioux Falls, SD.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

"The acoustic and auditory correlates of stress and accent in a speech community." Fall 2012 Linguistics Speaker Series, The Pennsylvania State University. September 2012.

"Using Simulation to Improve Nursing Students' Spanish Skills." Twenty-fifth Annual Graduate Exhibition, The Pennsylvania State University. April 2012.

"Variable position of 1sg subject pronoun in New Mexico Spanish-English Bilingual Corpus (NMSEB)." Center for Language Science Young Scholar Speaker Series, The Pennsylvania State University. January 2012.

"The Acoustic Correlates of Stop-Spirant Alternations: A Pilot Study of Honduran Spanish" Fall 2011 Linguistics Speaker Series, The Pennsylvania State University. October 2011.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Voting delegate for the College of Liberal Arts on the Graduate Student Association (GSA) General Assembly, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic years; **Co-chair for the Publicity and Media Committee** for the 2013-2014 academic year

Graduate student representative on the search committee to hire new faculty in Hispanic Linguistics, Fall 2013

Judge for Graduate Exhibition, March 2013

Collaborate with linguistics faculty to plan and organize **Fall 2012 SIP Linguistics Speaker Series** and **Fall 2011 SIP Linguistics Speaker Series**

Judge for Undergraduate Exhibition, April 2012, April 2013

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Summer Study Abroad Program Co-coordinator of Service-Learning trip to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, 2009, 2010; **Summer Study Abroad Program Co-coordinator** to Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2008; **Summer Study Abroad Program Co-coordinator** to Granada, Spain, 2005, 2007; **Summer Study Abroad Program Co-coordinator** to Oaxaca, Mexico, 2006

Committee member, Collaborate with colleagues to complete the Laptop Proposal for Modern Languages as a part of a University-wide effort, Fall 2008

Senior Day, Advising local high school students about the advantages of language, October 2008, October 2004

Committee member to plan and organize Modern Languages Awards Reception, Spring 2008, Spring 2009

Supervisor *Entre nosotros*: Faculty Discussion Series as Faculty Advisor to *Sigma Delta Pi*, Fall 2007 – Spring 2009

Committee member, Collaborate and coordinate with other faculty members in the second-year program to standardize the Intermediate Spanish Program, Spring 2007 – Spring 2008

Committee member to update and redesign the Modern Languages Webpage, Spring 2007

Modern Languages Majors and Minors Email Newsletter Supervisor, Fall 2006 – Spring 2009

Committee member in planning “Day of Languages” in celebration of the Year of Languages, November 2005

Majors Fair, Advising university students in choosing a major, October 2005

Committee member for Curriculum Update, Fall 2005 – Spring 2006

Secretary at Departmental and Spanish section meetings

Faculty advisor, *Sigma Delta Pi*, Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispánica, August 2004 – May 2009

CERTIFICATIONS & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Grant Writing Workshop, Grant Writing USA, Certificate of Attendance, Sioux Falls, SD (17 – 18 April 2008)

ACTFL 4-Day Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Tester Training Workshop, South Dakota State University (25 – 28 October, 2007)

Faculty Development Workshop, South Dakota State University (August 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)

Standards for Foreign Language Learning: Preparing for the 21st Century, Familiarization Workshop, South Dakota State University (2 October 2004)

The Role of Grammar in the Communicative Classroom, Certificate of Attendance, McGraw-Hill World Languages Second Language Professional Development Symposium (27 February 2004)

Medical Spanish for Healthcare Professionals, Certificate of Attendance, Suwannee River Area Health Education Center, Inc. (May – July 2003)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Graduate Student in the Center for Language Science, The Pennsylvania State University

Member of the South Dakota World Language Association (October 2004)

Active Member of *Sigma Delta Pi*, Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispánica (Inducted November 2003)

Lifetime Member of *Alpha Phi Omega*, National Service Fraternity (Inducted April 1999) Logged approximately 200 hours of service.

Member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (Inducted April 1999)

LANGUAGES

English	Native
Spanish	Near-native
Italian	Reading comprehension
Catalan	Reading comprehension

SOFTWARE SKILLS

ELAN (speech analysis/transcription)

Goldvarb X (multivariate analysis)

Minitab (statistical software package)

Praat (speech analysis)

VoiceSauce (speech analysis)