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Academic Employment

2024 - Assistant Professor of Spanish Linguistics, California State University, Fullerton.
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Education

2024 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
Dissertation: *The Grammar of Individuation, Number & Measurement*.
Co-chairs: Roumyana Pancheva & Alexis Wellwood.
2020 M.A. in Linguistics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
2018 M.A. in World Languages, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.
2016 B.A. in English, Universidad de Valladolid, *with honors*, Valladolid, Spain.

Grants & Awards

External grants

2023-25 NSF DDRIG, Co-PI: *The grammar of number, countability and measurement*; with Roumyana Pancheva, Co-PI (UCSC), and Alexis Wellwood, PI (USC), BCS 2315167)

USC

2022 Graduate School Summer Research & Writing Grant, Dornsife College
2022 General Education Graduate Assistant Award, GE Program, Dornsife College

Publications

* = 'equal contribution'

Journal articles

Accepted Little, Carol-Rose* & **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.***. Microvariation in the grammar of comparison and measurement in Ch'ol. *International Journal of American Linguistics*.
2024 **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.**. Superlatives, partitives and apparent φ -feature mismatch in Spanish. *Isogloss* 10: 1-33. <https://doi.org/10.5565/rev/isogloss.277>.
2023 **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.**. There is only one *más*: Spanish *que/de* comparative alternation. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 42: 701–765. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-023-09590-5>.
2023 **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.**. The syntax of individuating and measuring pseudo-partitives in Alasha Mongolian. *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 32: 551-593. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10831-023-09267-5>.
2021 **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.**. Revisiting extraction and subextraction patterns from arguments. *Linguistic Variation* 22: 113-207. <https://doi.org/10.1075/lv.20002.toq>.

- 2020 **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.**. The semantics of Spanish compounding: an analysis of NN compounds in the Parallel Architecture. *Glossa* 5: 1-31. <https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.901>.

Manuscripts under review

- Submitted **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.**. *Jewelry's* missing "jewel": containment, doublets and gaps as probes into countability and the count-mass distinction .
- Under review **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.**. Accommodating number neutrality in Alasha Mongolian: Markedness and semantic interpretation (accepted with minor revisions *Journal of Semantics*).

Conference proceedings (refereed abstract)

- 2024 Davis, Colin* & **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.***. The significance of parasitic gap licensing by pronominal cliticization in Spanish. *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)* 40.
- 2022 Cleani, Antonio* & **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.***. Debunking Multiform Dimensionality: *many*, *tant*-PL, & morpho-syntactic opacity. In Starr, J., et al. eds., *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 32: 705-726. <https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v1i0.5332>.
- 2022 **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.**. A seeming violation to the Monotonicity Constraint in Spanish verbal comparatives. In Gutzmann, D. & Repp, S. eds., *Sinn und Bedeutung* 26: 845–864. <https://doi.org/10.18148/sub/2022.v26i0.1033>.
- 2022 **Toquero-Pérez, L.M.**. The syntax and semantics of Spanish comparatives. In Kim, S. et al. eds. *Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)* 56: 451-462.

Presentations

Invited talks

- 2024 "The *jewelry* puzzle: containment, competition and gaps". *USC S-Side Story*.
- 2024 "Non-canonical measurement in verbal comparatives: implications for the morpho-syntax of directed-motion". *Workshop on Morphology at Princeton*.
- 2023 "Nominal number: markedness and semantic interpretation". *UCSC S-Circle*.
- 2022 "Animating number neutrality". *Universidad Autónoma de Buenos Aires*.
- 2022 "The syntax and semantics of number neutral NPs in Alasha Mongolian". *UCLA syn/sem*.

Contributed (refereed abstracts)

- 2022 "Degree constructions in Ch'ol", *SULA* 12, University of Ottawa [with Carol-Rose Little].
- 2022 "Debunking Multiform Dimensionality: *many*, *tant*-PL, & morpho-syntactic opacity", *SALT* 32, UNAM [with Antonio Cleani].
- 2022 "The significance of parasitic gap licensing by pronominal cliticization in Spanish", *WC-CFL* 40, Stanford University [with Colin Davis].
- 2022 "The interaction of clitic pronouns and parasitic gaps in a variety of Spanish", *CLS* 58, University of Chicago [with Colin Davis].
- 2022 "Uniform Dimensionality across the board: many oranges & morpho-syntactic opacity", *GLOW* 45, Queen Mary University, London [with Antonio Cleani].
- 2022 "Measure Phrases, superlatives and ϕ -feature mismatch in Spanish", *LSRL* 52, University of Wisconsin, Madison .

- 2022 “Clitic pronouns and Parasitic Gaps in Spanish: Evidence for composite A/A-bar movement”, *LSA 96*, Washington DC [with Colin Davis].
- 2021 “Spanish *más* differs from *tanto* and English *more*: a puzzle for the Monotonicity Constraint”, *Sensus 2*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst [Poster].
- 2021 “A seeming violation to the Monotonicity Constraint: evidence from Spanish verbal comparatives”, *Sinn und Bedeutung 26*, University of Cologne.
- 2021 “Does *run more* mean “run faster”? (Non-)monotonicity in Spanish verbal comparatives”, *4th California Meeting on Psycholinguistics*, University of California, Irvine.
- 2021 “Can *correr más* mean “run faster”? (Non-)monotonicity in Spanish verbal comparatives”, *DUCOG 12: Linguistic & Cognitive Foundations of Meaning*.
- 2021 “What Antilocality and the Principle of Minimal Compliance tell us about extraction and subextraction”, *LSA 95* [Poster].
- 2020 “The syntax and semantics of Spanish comparatives: a uniform account”, *LSRL 50*, University of Texas, Austin.
- 2020 “The syntax and semantics of Spanish comparatives”, *CLS 56*, University of Chicago .
- 2017 “Is this an ice house or a house of ice? Production, judgment and interpretation of English NN compounds in L1 Spanish L2 English adults”, *KFLC 70*, University of Kentucky.

Teaching

CSU, Fullerton

SPR 2025	<i>Advanced Grammar and Composition</i> (Span 301)	(undergraduate)
SPR 2025	<i>Advanced Syntax</i> (Span 580T)	(graduate seminar)
FALL 2024	<i>Spanish Morphology and Syntax</i> (Span 467)	(undergraduate)
FALL 2024	<i>Historical Linguistics</i> (Span 530)	(graduate seminar)

The New York-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics

SUM 2022	<i>Introduction to Formal Semantics.</i>	(with Rajesh Bhatt & Roumyana Pancheva)
WIN 2022	<i>Introduction to Formal Semantics.</i>	(with Rajesh Bhatt & Roumyana Pancheva)

USC

2023-2024	TA for <i>Language and Society</i>	(Instructors: Andrew Simpson, Mary Washburn)
2020-2022	TA for <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i>	(Instructor: Sandra Disner, Deniz Rudin)
SPR 2020	TA for <i>Language and Mind</i>	(Instructors: Stephanie Shih & Deniz Rudin)
FALL 2019	TA for <i>Language and Society</i>	(Instructor: Andrew Simpson)

Guest lectures (USC)

SPR 2021	“The syntax-phonology interface: prosody, phases and (non-)cyclicity in the grammar”. Graduate course <i>Advanced Syntax</i> .	(Instructor: Roumyana Pancheva)
SPR 2021	“What moves where in what language: parametric differences in movement”. Undergraduate course <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> .	(Instructor: Sandra Disner)
SPR 2021	“The syntax of movement: a teaser”. Undergraduate course <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> .	(Instructor: Sandra Disner)
FALL 2020	“Introduction to transformational rules”. Undergraduate course <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> .	(Instructor: Sandra Disner)

- FALL 2020 “Transformations beyond English: principles and parameters”.
Undergraduate course *Introduction to Linguistics*. (Instructor: Sandra Disner)
- SPR 2020 “Introduction to syntax: constituency”.
Undergraduate course *Language and Mind*. (Instructors: Stephanie Shih & Deniz Rudin)

Academic Service

To the profession (refereeing)

- 2024 *Linguistic Inquiry, Glossa, Glow47, PLC48*.
2023 *Isogloss, PLC47*.
2022 *Glow46, Glossa*.
2021 *International Journal of Chinese Linguistics*.

To the department (CSU, Fullerton)

- 2024- Member, Outreach Committee.

To the department (USC)

- 2020-2022 Organizer of USC Syntax+/S-Side Story.
2020-2022 Technology Coordinator, USC Graduate Students in Linguistics.
SPR 2022 Student representative in Job Search Committee (Tenure track, Syntax).
SPR 2021 Student representative in Job Search Committee (Tenure track, Psycholinguistics).
SPR 2020 Student representative in Job Search Committee (Tenure track, Syntax).

Languages

- I speak Spanish (native), English (almost native), French (intermediate), German (basic)
Have worked Spanish, English, German, Norwegian, Alasha Mongolian, Ch’ol
Fieldwork Alasha Mongolian (Mongolic): USC (ongoing since 2022); Ch’ol (Mayan): Chiapas (2022)

Others

- R (basic), ELAN (basic), Praat (basic), CHAT (Training and management)