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EDUCATION

Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ
Ph.D. in Bilingualism & Second Language Acquisition May 2030
Department of Spanish & Portuguese
Dissertation:
Advisor: Joseph Casillas, Ph.D.

Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ
M.A. in Spanish Translation & Interpretation Oct 2024
Department of Spanish & Portuguese
Advisor: Miguel Jimenez, Ph.D.

Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ
B.A. in Linguistics May 2021
Department of Linguistics
Minors: Spanish, French, Italian
Advisors: Mariapaola D'Imperio, Ph.D. & Joseph Casillas, Ph.D.

CERTIFICATES

Improving Your Classroom Skills Workshop Series Nov 2025
Rutgers University, Institute for Teaching, Innovation, and Inclusive Pedagogy

Multicultural Competence Jan 2021
Rutgers University, Department of Latino and Caribbean Studies

Level 5 Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language Sep 2018
International TEFL Academy

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University, Department of Spanish & Portuguese New Brunswick, NJ
Graduate Research Assistant Sep 2024 – Present

- Research on the impact of Open Science practices on citation count
- Determine if research with open data and code provide analytically reproducible scripts

Rutgers University, Department of Spanish & Portuguese New Brunswick, NJ
Undergraduate Research Assistant Dec 2021 – Sep 2023

- Worked with Joseph Casillas, Ph.D. to investigate the interplay between proficiency and empathy in the development of L2 Spanish intonation

Rutgers University, Department of Linguistics

New Brunswick, NJ

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Sep 2020 – May 2021

- Independent research under Dr. Mariapaola D’Imperio and Dr. Joseph Casillas to document the intonational inventory of Salvadoran Spanish
- Collected data from 15 Salvadoran speakers using a Discourse Completion Task
- Analyzed intonation data within the Autosegmental Metrical framework

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Spanish & Portuguese Sep 2019 – May 2020

- Researched under Dr. Liliana Sanchez and Dr. Jennifer Austin to investigate the correlation between heritage Spanish speakers’ proficiency and their parents’ evaluations of their Spanish
- Collected data through surveys

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ

Intro to the Study of Language (940:261)

Fall 2025

Real-time Processing of Intonation (guest lecture in The Bilingual Mind)

Spring 2024

PUBLICATIONS

Casillas, J. V., Constantin-Dureci, G., Andreu Rascón, I., Shao, J., Rodríguez, S. A., Gadamsetty, A., ... & Esposito, R. (2025). Opening open science to all: Demystifying reproducibility and transparency practices in linguistic research. *Linguistics*, (0).

<https://doi.org/10.1515/ling-2023-0249>

Casillas, J. V., Garrido-Pozú, J. J., Parrish, K., Arroyo, L. F., Rodríguez, N., Esposito, R., ... & Taveras, K. (2023). Using intonation to disambiguate meaning: The role of empathy and proficiency in L2 perceptual development. *Applied Psycholinguistics*, 44(5), 913-940.

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0142716423000310>

PRESENTATIONS

Hispanic Linguistics Symposium

Nov 2025

Casillas, J., Esposito, R., Shao, J., Corregidor, E., Rodríguez, S., Rascón, I., Laungani, K., Gardere, R., Vargas, J. (2025). *Open Science and Accessibility in Hispanic Linguistics: Current Practices, Future Directions*.

Annual Berkely Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium

Apr 2021

Esposito, R, D’Imperio, M, Casillas, J. V. (2021). *Intonation of Salvadoran Spanish*.

HONORS & AWARDS

Henry Rutgers Scholar Award (\$1000)	May 2021
Linguistic Department Research Award	Apr 2021

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

SGS Dean’s Fellowship (\$30,000)	Sep 2024 – May 2025
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ACADEMIC SERVICE

Rutgers University, Department of Spanish & Portuguese	New Brunswick, NJ
Faculty Meeting Graduate Student Representative	Sep 2024 – Dec 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take minutes for meetings and communicate with graduate students• Present graduate-student issues to faculty	

LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH

RU Bilingual	New Brunswick, NJ
President	Sep 2025 – May 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organize and implement undergrad-taught ESL classes in New Brunswick community• Organize and teach Spanish-language classes in New Brunswick community• Collaborate with Rutgers’ Language Bank to provide interpretation and translation services to the New Brunswick community• Provide sociolinguistic workshops to the New Brunswick community at the Mexican Consulate• Social media management	

iRISE	New Jersey
Presenter	Sep 2025 – Dec 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide hands-on eye-tracking workshops for middle- and high-school students in New Jersey• Foster interest in eye-tracking methodologies for commercial and academic uses	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Accurate Communication	New York, NY
Interpreter, Contractor	Oct 2023 – Aug 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpreted consecutively to complete asylum (I-589), Temporary Protective Services (I-821), and work authorization (I-765) forms• Sight translated court documents• Translated birth certificates from Spanish to English	

Duolingo	Remote
Coordinator, Contractor	Sep 2022 – Jan 2024

- Coordinated text-to-speech and content feedback channels
- Triaged internal and external reports in a timely manner
- Collaborated with various cross-company teams to resolve issues

Duolingo

Translator, Contractor

Remote
Nov 2020 – Jan 2024

- Review and translate Spanish to English
- Update and maintain glossary
- Generate AI text-to-speech for podcast-style content
- Completed Course Creation pedagogy bootcamp

REFERENCES

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