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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Language Documentation
Endangered languages
Semantics of native languages

EDUCATION

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| 2021-present | (In progress) Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin.
Supervisor: Patience L. Epps |
| 2024 | MA. Linguistics. University of Texas at Austin. Supervisor: Patience L. Epps |
| 2020 | B.A. Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching. University of San Simon. Cochabamba, Bolivia. |

CURRENT POSITIONS HELD

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| 2022 – present | Teaching Assistant in the Department of Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin.
Fall 2022: Language Change and Language variation (Prof. Danny Law).
Spring 2023: Introduction to the Study of Language (AI. Barret Hamp).
Fall 2023: Introduction to the Study of Language (Prof. David Quinto-Pozos). Spring 2024: Introduction to the study of Language (Prof. Anthony Woodbury). Fall 2024: UGS 303 Threatened languages (Prof. Anthony Woodbury). |
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2020 – 2021	Spanish teaching assistant. Academy of Auvergne. Clermont-Ferrand, France.
2020 – 2022	Assistant coordinator - Linguistics Summer School Bolivia
2020	Internship: Documentation, curation and archiving of monolingual Quechua. Commission: Vanishing Languages and Cultural Heritage. Austrian Academy of Sciences. Vienna, Austria

SPOTLIGHT

Quechua language documentation work <https://www.lssbolivia.com/post/spotlight-oscar-rojasvillarroel>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Summer 2024	FEL grants (\$980)
Summer 2024	Tinker research grants (\$3,400)
Summer 2023	Joel Sherzer Fellowship (\$1,000)
Summer 2023	Carlotta Smith Fellowship (\$870)
Spring 2023	Department of Linguistics – Pattience L. Epps Fellowship (\$5,000)
2022-2023	Nora England Fellowship (\$5,000).
Summer 2022	Joel Sherzer grant (\$750)
Spring 2022	Graduate School Spring Fellowship University of Texas at Austin, Department of Linguistics (\$10,000)
Fall 2021	Nora England Institute Fall Fellowship (\$10,000)

FIELDWORK

2021 - present	Qewiña Pampa Town South Bolivian Quechua
2023	Charazani-La Paz, North Bolivian Quechua (May-Aug)

MAJOR RECOGNITIONS

2020	Honorable mention on “adventure story in Quechua”, Atuqpa Chupan Quechua Revista edited in Lima, Perú.
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2019 The best academic GPA of 2019. Applied Linguistics Department.
University of San Simón. Cochabamba, Bolivia.

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

2023 Evidentiality in a rural variety of (South Bolivian) Quechua in Cochabamba,
Bolivia. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

2020 ‘Funciones del sufijo –na en el quechua monolingüe de Qewiña Pampa’.
Revista Pagina y Signos.

PUBLICATIONS IN QUECHUA LANGUAGE

2020 “Iphu” ‘misty rain’, (a compilation of traditional stories from Qewiña
Pampa). Cochabamba, Bolivia. Kipus Editorial.

2020 “K’ankamanta, chiwumanta, khuchimanta, misimanta ima” {The rooster,
the goat, the pig, and the cat}. Traditional adventure story. Atuqpa Chupan
Quechua Revista edited in Lima, Perú.

INVITED TALKS

2022 La categoría de evidencialidad en la familia lingüística Quechua.
Facultad de humanidades y ciencias de la educación, Universidad
mayor de San Simón. (May 20)

2020 Documentation of South Bolivian Quechua spoken by elderly monolinguals:
a native speaker perspective from Qewiña Pampa. Commission: Vanishing
Languages and Cultural Heritage. Austrian Academy of Sciences. Vienna,
Austria. (Oct 21)

2020 Documentation and revitalization of monolingual Quechua at the Qewiña
Pampa. Pioneros en el Trabajo Lingüístico y Revitalización de sus
Lenguas
Nativas. Linguistics Summer School Bolivia. Linguistic Summer School
Bolivia. https://youtu.be/RYaBW__NZ3Y (Jul 31)

2021 Estudios Linguisticos del Quechua boliviano por hablantes nativos de
comunidades rurales. Documentacion lingüística del Quechua monolingüe
en Qewiña Pampa. Linguistics Summer School Bolivia. (Apr 17)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Temporal dynamics in evidentiality a case study of the South Bolivian Quechua. WAIL conference, Santa Barbara, CA. (May 3-4).
- 2024 Morphophonological deletion in monolingual speech of South Bolivian Quechua in Carrasco. 5th Symposium on Amazonian Languages, Albuquerque, NM. (Mar 29)
- 2022 Innovations on evidential marking of a rural variety of Quechua in Cochabamba – Bolivia: an analysis of an insider. Evidentiality in language and discourse, online conference. Duranea de Jos, Univeristy of Galati Romania. (July 1st)
- 2022 Evidentiality in two rural varieties in Cochabamba Bolivia. Workshop on American Indigenous Languages. WAIL conference. University of California Santa Barbara, California, USA, April 8-9.
- 2021 Funtions of the suffix -na in monolingual Quechua speech from Qewiña Pampa. Fifth Meeting of the European Network for the Study of Andean Languages (REELA). Tübinguen, Germany. Sept 10-12.
- 2021 With Gladys Camacho, Gabriel Gallinate and Mery Mamani Macias. Documentación lingüística de las lenguas de Bolivia: una aproximación desde la comunidad. VIII Congreso Nacional de Lingüística e Idiomas. Universidad Pública de El Alto, La Paz, Bolivia. Nov 11-13.
- 2020 Documentación y descripción del quechua monolingüe en Qewiña Pampa: una 2020 inclinación hacia la revitalización del quechua Boliviano. RIMARISUN PERÚ 2020: Congreso internacional en Lenguas Originarias. Universidad Nacional José María Arguedas. Andahuaylas – Apurimac, Perú. Oct 29-31. <http://cilo.unajma.edu.pe>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022-pres. Teaching assistant. Language change and variation. University of Texas at Austin. (Fall)
- 2020-2021 Spanish teaching assistant. Academy of Auvergne. Auvergne, France.
- 2020 French teacher. Alliance Française. Cochabamba, Bolivia. (Feb-Sep)

- 2019 Spanish teacher. Alliance Française. Cochabamba, Bolivia. (Oct-Nov)
- 2018 Basic French teacher. San Simon University. Cochabamba, Bolivia. (Mar-Apr)
- 2018 Intermediate French teacher. San Simon University. Cochabamba, Bolivia. (July - August)
- 2017-2018 Spanish teacher. Instituto Boliviano. Cochabamba, Bolivia.

ORGANISED EVENTS

- 2024 Organiser. Texas Linguistics Society Conference. University of Texas at Austin (Feb 2024).
- 2020 Organizer. Online Serie de Charlas Académicas en Lingüística. Linguistics Summer School Bolivia. (Jul-Oct)
- 2018 Organizer. "El tour de la llama programa de radio" (The llama tour radio program). Radio San Simón. Cochabamba, Bolivia.
- 2016 Organizer. "Workshop on political linguistics". Applied Linguistics Department. University of San Simon. Cochabamba, Bolivia.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native Speaker of South Bolivian Quechua (L1)
Native Speaker of Spanish (L2)
English (Advanced)
French (Advanced)
Italian (Pre-intermediate)
Portuguese (Pre-intermediate)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2020 Library assistant. Applied Linguistics Department. University of San Simon. Cochabamba, Bolivia.
- 2019 Quechua – English interpreter. Chiropractic mission. Cochabamba, Bolivia

- 2018 Spanish – English assistant interpreter. XII international parliament's presidents' summit. Cochabamba, Bolivia
- 2018 Quechua – English interpreter. Chiropractic mission. Cochabamba, Bolivia
- 2017 Quechua – English interpreter. Chiropractic mission. Cochabamba, Bolivia
- 2017 Assistant 7th ELT Conference-social Networking. Cochabamba, Bolivia.