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## EDUCATION

- 2020**      **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL  
In-Progress: MA, Hispanic Linguistics
- 2018**      **Allegheny College**, Meadville, PA  
Non-degree student
- 2017**      **Universidad Pedagógica Experimental Libertador**, Barquisimeto, Venezuela  
BA, Teaching English as a Foreign Language
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Present**    **Spanish Instructor**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL  
Courses: SPAN 122, SPAN 130, SPAN 228
- 2021**      **Lecturer**, Universidad Pedagógica Experimental Libertador, Barquisimeto, Venezuela  
Courses: INT4369
- 2019-2020**    **Spanish Teaching Assistant**, The Pegasus School, Huntington Beach, CA  
Grades K-5th
- 2019**      **After-School Academic Tutor**, TITAN ASES CSUF, Tustin, CA  
Grades 6th-8th
- 2017-2018**    **Spanish Language Teaching Assistant**, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA  
Courses: SPAN 215
- 2017**      **Bilingual Teacher**, Colegio Las Colinas, Barquisimeto, Venezuela  
Grade 3rd
- 2015-2017**    **EFL Instructor**, Centro Venezolano de Inglés, Barquisimeto, Venezuela  
Beginner-Advanced
- 2014-2016**    **Grammar Teaching Assistant**, UPEL, Barquisimeto, Venezuela  
Courses: RULE12, RULE17
- 2013-2015**    **English as a Foreign Language Teacher**, Colegio Católico Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Venezuela  
Grades 7th-12th
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021-Present**    **Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL  
P.I.: Silvina Montrul, PhD.
- 2019-2020**    **Research Assistant**, Allegheny College, PA  
P.I.: Shannan Mattiace, PhD.
- 2017-2018**    **Research Assistant**, Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Allegheny College, PA  
P.I.: Barbara Riess, PhD.

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## PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES

**2016**            *Social Networking Websites: Facing High School Interests*. US Embassy's 34th VenTESOL National Convention 'Reflecting and Taking Actions in ELT'; May 28th & 29th, 2016; Valencia, Venezuela

**2015**            *Social Networks: Students' Autonomy in ELT*. Encuentro de Saberes y Experiencias para el Aprendizaje de Inglés como Lengua Extranjera, Universidad Pedagógica Experimental Libertador, November 18th-20th, 2015; Barquisimeto, Venezuela

**2012**            *Values in the EFL Classroom*. V Jornada Interinstitucional de Experiencias Pedagógicas en el Proceso de Enseñanza y Aprendizaje del Inglés. February 27th, 28th and March 1st, 2013; UPEL Barquisimeto, Venezuela

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## LANGUAGES

Spanish (native)  
English (fluent)  
German (beginner)  
Portuguese (beginner)

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## AFFILIATIONS

Venezuelan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Association (VenTESOL)  
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)  
American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP)