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EDUCATION

- 2021 –** **Ph.D. Hispanic Linguistics**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- 2019** **M.A. Linguistics, Concentration in Language and Culture**
California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)
- 2017** **B.A. Psychology**
California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022** Castro Cantú, S.E. (2022, February 24). *Constructing identity through language: Perceptions of English and Spanish fluency among bilingual speakers* [Oral presentation]. Sociolinguistics Symposium (SoSy22), UIUC.
- 2021** Castro Cantú, S.E. (2021, July 22-23). *Exploring the relationship between language attitudes and intergenerational language shift in Chicago's Mexican communities* [Oral presentation]. Illinois Summer Research Symposium, UIUC.
- 2019** **Castro, S. E.**, Holtz, M., Ku, N., & Finney, M. (2019, June 23-28). *Ethnolinguistic vitality, ethnic affiliation, parental effort and heritage language maintenance in Southern California* [Poster presentation]. International Symposium on Bilingualism 12 (ISB12), Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- 2019** Scenters-Zapico, J., Diesel, L., & **Castro, S. E.** (2019, April 11). *What do California State University, Long Beach alumni, instructors, and students think about the role of writing on campus and in their professions?* [Poster presentation]. WASC Senior College and University Commission Academic Resource Conference (ARC2019), Garden Grove, CA.

- 2018** Castro, S. E., Holtz, M., & Ku, N. (2018, November 14). *Effects of domains of language use, parental effort, attitude, and identity on heritage language maintenance* [Poster presentation]. CSULB Graduate Research Conference, Long Beach, CA.
- 2017** Castro, S. E. (2017, November 13). *Effects of exposure and attitude in language maintenance and shift* [Paper proposal]. CSULB Graduate Research Conference, Long Beach, CA.

PAPERS

- 2019** Castro, S. E. (2019, May). *Parental effort, heritage language fluency, and identity: How college students become bilingual and construct their identity as bilingual speakers* [Culminating master's research project]. Linguistics Department, CSULB.
- 2016** Castro, S. E. (2016, December). *Progressive Supranuclear Palsy: Causes, symptoms, and treatment methods* [Undergraduate senior thesis]. University Honors Program, CSULB.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021** List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, Fall 2021, UIUC
- 2021** Graduate Student Participant, Summer Predoctoral Institute, UIUC
- 2019** Outstanding Graduate Student in Linguistics, CSULB
- 2019** Outstanding Comprehensive Project Award, Linguistics Department, CSULB
- 2018** Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Scholarship, Honorable Mention
- 2017** Bachelor of Arts Awarded with *Cum Laude* Honors, CSULB
- 2017** Graduate of the University Honors Program, CSULB
- 2017** Outstanding Senior in Psychology, Department of Psychology, CSULB
- 2017** Joann Beers Outstanding Service Award, Department of Psychology, CSULB
- 2015** Associate of Arts Awarded with Honors, El Camino Community

COURSES TAUGHT

- 2022** Introduction to Spanish Grammar (Spring 2022, Summer 2022)
- 2021** Intensive Elementary Spanish (Fall 2021)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022 –** **Doctoral Researcher**
Language Shift and Identity, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC
- 2018 - 2019** **Graduate Research Assistant**
Heritage Languages of Southern California, Linguistics Department, CSULB
Grant: Hispanic Opportunities for Graduate Access and Retention (HOGAR)
- 2017 - 2018** **Research Coordinator**
Writing Across the Curriculum, CSULB
- 2016 - 2017** **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
Department of Psychology, CSULB

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2022** **Session Chair**
Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS14), Feb. 26, UIUC
- 2022** **Moderator**
Celebration of *Networked Refugees*, Feb. 9, Dept. Asian American Studies, UIUC
- 2021 - 2022** **Organizing Committee**
Sociolinguistics Symposium (SoSy22), UIUC
- 2016 - 2017** **Vice President**
Psychology Student Association, CSULB

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2016** **Psychology Resource Office Guide**
Department of Psychology, CSULB
- 2016 – 2017** **Undergraduate Intern**
Graduate Studies Resource Center, CSULB

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - 2021** **Coordinator**
Graduate Studies Resource Center, CSULB
- 2017 - 2019** **Graduate Assistant**
Graduate Studies Resource Center, CSULB
- 2017** **Writing Tutor**
El Camino Community College, Torrance, CA
- 2017** **Graduate Peer Advisor**
Career Development Center, CSULB
- 2017** **Instructional Student Assistant**
Department of Psychology, CSULB
- 2016 - 2017** **Writing Tutor**
Writer's Resource Lab, CSULB

EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER

- 2021 –** **Graduate Student Member**
Spanish & Portuguese Graduate Student Organization, UIUC
- 2017 - 2019** **Graduate Student Member**
Linguistic Student Association, CSULB
- 2015** **Language Interpreter Volunteer**
Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles

INDEPENDENT TRAINING

UndocuAlly Training, Dream Success Center, CSULB
Elementary French courses, Long Beach City College
Certificate Program in Writing, University of California, Berkeley Extension

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Linguistic Society of America
American Anthropological Association
Society for Linguistic Anthropology
American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese
Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology
Golden Key International Honour Society
Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society

LANGUAGES

English: full proficiency
Spanish: L1, full proficiency
French: elementary proficiency