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EDUCATION

- In Progress **Ph.D. Hispanic Linguistics**
2021 - **Graduate Minor in Latina/Latino Studies**
 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- 2019 **M.A. Linguistics**
 Concentration in Language and Culture
 California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)
- 2017 **B.A. Psychology (*cum laude*)**
 Graduate of the University Honors Program
 California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2022, September 30). *Exploring the discourse around “in-betweenness” of Latin American G1.5 in Los Angeles*. Presented at ALFALito 2022 (Proyecto 16), UIUC.
- 2022 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2022, February 24). *Constructing identity through language: Perceptions of English and Spanish fluency among bilingual speakers*. Presented at the Sociolinguistics Symposium (SoSy22), UIUC.
- 2021 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2021, July 23). *Exploring the relationship between language attitudes and intergenerational language shift in Chicago’s Mexican communities*. Presented at the Illinois Summer Research Symposium, UIUC.
- 2017 Castro, S. E. (2017, November 13). *Effects of exposure and attitude in language maintenance and shift* [Paper proposal]. Presented at the Graduate Research Conference, CSULB.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2022, October 27). *“In-between two worlds”: An analysis of deictics in the discourse of G1.5 in Southern California*. Presented at the UIC Bilingualism Forum, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 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*. Presented at the 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?* Presented at the WASC Senior College and University Commission Academic Resource Conference (ARC19), 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*. Presented at the Graduate Research Conference, CSULB.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

- 2022 Pye, J., & **Castro Cantú, S.** (2022, August 4). Book Review: *Manufacturing Celebrity: Latino Paparazzi and Women Reporters in Hollywood* by Vanessa Díaz. *The London School of Economics and Political Science*. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2022/08/04/book-review-manufacturing-celebrity-latino-paparazzi-and-women-reporters-in-hollywood-by-vanessa-diaz/>

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC
Awarded \$500 to conduct research in the summer of 2022

TEACHING AWARDS

- 2021 - List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, UIUC
Awarded Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022

HONORS AND AWARDS

2021	Summer Predoctoral Institute Graduate Student Participant, UIUC
2019	Excellence in Graduate Research Award, Linguistics Department, CSULB
2019	Distinguished Graduate Student Award, Linguistics Department, CSULB
2019	Outstanding Comprehensive Project Award, Linguistics Department, CSULB
2018	Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Scholarship, Honorable Mention
2017	Joann Beers Outstanding Service Award, Department of Psychology, CSULB
2017	Outstanding Senior in Psychology, Department of Psychology, CSULB
2015	Associate of Arts Awarded with Honors, El Camino Community College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

2022 -	Teaching Assistant , College of Liberal Arts & Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Perspectives in Cross-Cultural Contexts Spring 2023• Global Perspectives for Intercultural Learning Fall 2022
2021 -	Teaching Assistant , Department of Spanish & Portuguese <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Spanish Grammar in Context Spring 2023• Introduction to Spanish Grammar Spring 2022, Summer 2022• Intensive Elementary Spanish Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022 -	Doctoral Researcher , Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intergenerational language shift, language ideologies, Spanish in the U.S.
2018 - 2019	Graduate Research Assistant , Linguistics Department, CSULB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heritage languages in Southern California• Grant: Hispanic Opportunities for Graduate Access and Retention
2017 - 2018	Research Coordinator , Writing Across the Curriculum, CSULB
2015 - 2017	Undergraduate Research Assistant , Department of Psychology, CSULB

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - 2021 **Coordinator**, Graduate Center (*formerly GSRC*), CSULB
2017 - 2019 **Graduate Assistant**, Graduate 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**, University Writing Center (*formerly WRL*), CSULB
2016 **Student Assistant**, Bob Murphy Access Center (*formerly DSS*), CSULB
2016 **Psychology Resource Office Guide**, Department of Psychology, CSULB

SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER

MENTORSHIP

- 2022 - **Graduate Mentor**, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, UIUC

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2022 - **Capricious Grading Committee**, Span & Port Graduate Organization, UIUC
2022 **Session Chair**, Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS14), UIUC
2022 **Moderator**, Book Celebration of *Networked Refugees*, 2/9, Dept of AAS, UIUC
2021 - 2022 **Organizing Committee**, Sociolinguistics Symposium (SoSy22), UIUC
2016 - 2017 **Undergraduate Intern**, Graduate Center, CSULB
2016 - 2017 **Vice President**, Psychology Student Association, CSULB

COMMUNITY WORK

- 2022 - **Spanish Interpreter**, The Immigration Project, Central and Southern Illinois
2015 **Spanish Language Interpreter**, Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Linguistic Society of America
Asociación de Lingüística y Filología de América Latina (ALFAL)
American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese
American Anthropological Association
Society for Linguistic Anthropology
Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology

Golden Key International Honour Society
Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society

CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING

Hybrid Teaching and Learning Certificate, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning
(CITL), UIUC (in progress)
UndocuAlly Training, Dream Success Center, CSULB
Elementary French courses, Long Beach City College

LANGUAGES

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