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POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor of Linguistic Anthropology

Department of Anthropology
The State University of New York at Potsdam

August 2015-
present

Post Doctoral Research Fellow/Sociolinguist

Department of Anthropology
Southern Methodist University

February 2014-
June 2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Linguistic Anthropology

University of Virginia
Dissertation: *Time in Language, Gesture and Thought. A Case Study in Chol Mayan*
Supervised by: Professor Eve Danziger

May 2014

MA in Amerindian Studies

Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

June 2005

D.E.A. Diploma of Advanced Studies in Social Anthropology

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

May 2005

BA Degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

July 2002

BA Degree in Classical Philology

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

July 2000

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

Intersections of language, culture, and cognition: linguistic relativity

Multimodality in communication, co-speech gesture

Latin America, Mesoamerica, Mayan languages and cultures, Chol Mayan

Intersections of linguistic and applied anthropology, applied discourse analysis

The anthropology of time

Bilingualism

Literacy and cognitive development

SUPPLEMENTARY ACADEMIC TRAINING AND VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

“Certificate in Advanced Pedagogy in the Humanities” Mellon Graduate Teaching Seminar for Excellence in the Humanities Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	May 2013
“Estudiante Huésped” (Visiting graduate student) Centro de Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social CIESAS-Sureste San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, México	2009-2010
“Gesture and Simulation Semantics” Empirical Methods in Cognitive Linguistics. University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark	July 2008
“Empirical Foundations for Theories of Language” Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute Department of Linguistics, Stanford University	July 2007
Graduate Exchange Student Department of Sociology, Boston College	2003-2004

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles and book chapters

“The crossroads of time” In <i>The Culture of Invention in the Americas</i> . P. Pitarch. and J.A. Kelly, eds. Sean Kingston. Co-authored with Sergio López	Forthcoming 2016
“Repetición y paralelismo en una ceremonia de pedida matrimonial Chol” (Repetition and parallelism in a Chol bride petition ceremony). In <i>Entre Diversidades</i> , 1: 121-147. Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas	December 2013
"Breakthrough into the performance of a Chol folktale" In preparation for submission to <i>Signs and Society</i> , University of Chicago Press.	In preparation

Book reviews and selected interviews

Review of <i>Metaphor and Gesture</i> edited by Alan Cienki and Cornelia Müller. In <i>Journal of Linguistic Anthropology</i> , Volume 19, Issue 2: 337-339	December 2009
‘An Interview with Sherry Ortner’ Co-authored with Sergio Daniel López In <i>AIBR: Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana</i> , ISSN 1578-9705, Vol. 1, N° 1 (New Series) 2006: 6-11	February 2006
‘Helen Safa: many aspects of public policy are unconsciously patriarchal’ Co-authored with Herminia González In <i>AIBR: Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana</i> , ISSN 1578-9705, N°. 42, 2005	August 2005
‘Jacques Galinier: most anthropologists refuse to read in depth the key texts of psychoanalysis’ In <i>AIBR: Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana</i> , ISSN 1578-9705, N°. 37, 2004	October 2004

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Can 'fashions of speaking' affect thought? An ethnopoetic analysis of a Chol Maya story. Paper given at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO. Panel: Linguistic Relativities in the Twenty-First Century.	November 2015
"Exploring the role of repetition in Mayan healing rituals" Paper given at the 1st AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. Madrid, Spain	June 2015
"Unwrapping the sacred timeline" State University of New York at Potsdam	March 2015
"Time doesn't exist for us" Language, thought, and temporal representations in Chol Mayan	February 2015
Linguistic anthropology as a tool in User Experience research. Chegg. San Jose, CA	February 2015
"Producing speakers, producing selves." Co-organizer. Panel at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC.	December 2014
"Who was Juan de la Cruz? Participant roles and mediated speech in the cult of the Talking Crosses of Yucatan." Paper given at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC.	December 2014
"The view from the man on the street." Panel: The elephant in the room: bottom-up innovation and organizational responses to livelihood challenges in America. Humanitarian Innovation Conference, Oxford University, UK.	July 2014
"The linguistic relativity of time. Evidence from Chol, an indigenous language of Mexico." University of Nevada, Reno.	Jan. 2014
"Bilingualism and literacy-driven change in co-speech gesture" Panel: Multilingualism and multimodality in interaction 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago	November 2013
"The time has come: ethnography, gesture research, and digital technology" Scholars' Lab at Alderman Library, University of Virginia	May 2013
"The invention of time in Maya culture" Seminar in Anthropology: The culture of invention in the Americas. Trujillo, Spain Funded by the Spanish National Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sport (joint paper with Sergio López)	May 2013
"Temporal co-speech gestures in Chol Mayan" 5 th International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Lund, Sweden.	July 2012
"The spatialization of temporal relationships in a tenseless language; Deictic temporal adverbs, sequential predicates, and spontaneous gesture in Chol Mayan" Invited Presentation, Linguistic Anthropology Seminar, University of Virginia.	April 2012
"Linearity and cultural representations of time" (<i>Linealidad y representaciones culturales del tiempo</i>) Invited presentation at the symposium "Sobremesa antropológica. ¿Qué hacemos los	December 2010

antropólogos y antropólogas?" (*Anthropological conversations. What do anthropologists do?*) Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain.

"The fear of silence among the Chol Maya" November
109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans. 2010

"*Gesture and temporal perception in Chol Maya*" June 2010
(*Gestualidad y percepción temporal en el Maya Chol*)
Invited presentation, Universidad Veracruzana, Instituto de Investigaciones en Educación, Veracruz, Mexico.

"The dialectics of language, gesture, and thought in Chol Maya" April 2010
Invited presentation, Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones Superiores en Antropología Social. CIESAS-Sureste, San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Mexico.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fellowships, Grants, and funded field research

"*Virginia and Dell Hymes Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship in Linguistic Anthropology*" 2012-2013
Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia

"*Graduate Fellowship in Digital Humanities*" 2012-2013
Scholars' Lab, Alderman Library, University of Virginia

"*Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant*" 2009-2010
The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Gr. # 7911

"*Dissertation Research Away Scholarship*" 2009-2010
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia

"*DuPont Scholarship for pre-field study in Chiapas, Mexico*" 2007
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia

"*La Caixa Fellowship Program*" 2005-2007
La Caixa Foundation, Spain
National competition, only 50 Fellowships awarded to Spanish graduate students of all disciplines (only one fellowship awarded to an anthropologist that year)

"*Tuition scholarship, MA in Amerindian Studies*" 2004-2005
Universidad Complutense and Casa de América, Madrid, Spain

"*Scholarship for graduate studies in USA through international exchange agreements*" 2003-2004
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and Boston College
University-wide competition, only 2 scholarships awarded each year to students of all disciplines.

"*Scholarship for Ph.D. studies*" 2002-2004
Vicerrectorado de Investigación, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

Small grants for supplementary academic training and dissemination of research findings

<i>"Robert J. Huskey Travel Award"</i> Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	September 2013
<i>"Small Grant for Graduate Student Research Support"</i> Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia	October 2012
<i>"Research-travel funds, Mellon Graduate Teaching Seminar" Andrew W. Mellon Foundation</i>	Fall 2012
<i>"Gerszten Travel Funds"</i> Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia	Summer 2012
<i>"Robert J. Huskey Travel Award"</i> Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	November 2010
<i>"Scholarship to attend the course Empirical Methods in Cognitive Linguistics"</i> Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia	Summer 2008
<i>"Scholarship to attend the Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute"</i> Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	Summer 2007
<i>"Scholarship for Summer Foreign Language Institutes"</i> Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	Summer 2006

Special awards and honors

<i>"Anthropology Department Award for Best Dissertation Chapter"</i> Graduate Awards for Best Teaching and Writing in Anthropology, University of Virginia	2011- 2012
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

"Language and Culture Lab" SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology	Spring 2016
"Worlds of English" SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology	Spring 2016 Fall 2015
"Language and Structure" SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology	Fall 2015
"The Maya Today: Fiction and Reality" Co-taught with Sergio López. University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology	Summer 2012
"Cultures, Regions, Civilizations: The Maya World" University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology	Spring 2011
"Language and Culture" University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology	Fall 2010

Teaching and Grader Assistant

"Human Origins" , supervised by Jeff Hantman University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology	Fall 2011
"Language and Prehistory" , supervised by Eve Danziger University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology	Fall 2008
"Castaneda and Don Juan" , supervised by Roy Wagner University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology	Spring 2008-2012
"Fantasy and Social Values" , supervised by Roy Wagner University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology	Fall 2007

RESEARCH ASSISTANSHIPS

"A Worldview in Words: Mopan Maya Digital Archive Project" Supervised by Eve Danziger University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology and Arts and Sciences Center for Instructional Technology	Summer 2011
"Transnational Migrant Communities, Globalization and Citizenship: New Challenges" Supervised by Liliana Suárez. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and Spanish National Foundation of Science and Technology.	2002-2003

SERVICE

Scientific Committee and Program Coordinator, Linguistic Anthropology Sessions. II International Conference of Iberoamerican Anthropology. Barcelona, Spain	2015-2016
Program Coordinator, Linguistic Anthropology Sessions. International Conference of Iberoamerican Anthropology. Madrid, Spain	2014-2015
Manuscript Reviewer Mouton de Gruyter	2012
Graduate Student Representative Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia	2010-2011
Board Member, Antropólogos Iberoamericanos en Red (Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists)	2003-present
Editorial Board Member and 'Interviews' Editor <i>AIBR, Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana</i> (AIBR, Journal of Iberoamerican Anthropology)	2003-present

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

Spanish: native speaker

English: near-native fluency

Chol Mayan: advanced speaking, reading and writing skills

Classical Latin: advanced reading skills

Classical Greek: advanced reading skills

French: basic reading, writing and speaking skills

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association, Society for Linguistic Anthropology, Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists, WAYEB-European Association of Mayanists, Interest Group for the Anthropology of Public Policy, Golden Key International.