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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

Political discourse

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

Rodríguez, Lydia. “Los lenguajes del pensamiento.” ( <i>The languages of the mind</i> ) Manuscript submitted to <i>Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana</i> ( <i>Journal of Iberoamerican Anthropology</i> )	Under review
Rodríguez, Lydia. “Time is not a line. Temporal co-speech gestures in Chol Mayan”. In <i>Journal of Pragmatics</i> . 151 (2019): 1-17	2019
Rodríguez, Lydia and Sergio López “Performing Healing: Repetition, Frequency, and Meaning Response in a Chol Maya Healing Ritual.” (Lead author) In <i>Anthropology of Consciousness</i> , Vol. 30, Issue 1, pp. 42–63	2019
Rodríguez, Lydia and Sergio López “The crossroads of time” (Lead author) In <i>The Culture of Invention in the Americas</i> . P. Pitarch. and J.A. Kelly, eds. 158-184. Sean Kingston.	2018
Rodríguez, Lydia. Chol (Mayan) Folktales. A Collection of Stories from the Modern Maya of Southern Mexico. Book Review in <i>Journal of Anthropological Research</i> Summer 2017: 330-331.	2017
"From Discourse to Thought: An Ethnopoetic Analysis of a Chol Mayan Folktale" <i>Signs and Society</i> 4 (2): 278-231. University of Chicago Press.	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	2013
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	2009

## PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Ethnography and IRBs: The Impact of the Revised Common Rule." Roundtable presenter. 119th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada.	Nov 2019
"Estudiar Antropología en Estados Unidos" (Studying Anthropology in the US). Roundtable coordinator. V AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. Madrid, Spain	July 2019
"Organic time and the ever-present 'now': Wagnerian temporality in indigenous Mesoamerica." Paper, V AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. Madrid, Spain	July 2019
Beyond Ethnography: Roy Wagner and the Invention of Anthropological Worlds Panel coordinator. V AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. Madrid, Spain	July 2019
"Paralinguistic elements and spontaneous gesture in Mayan healing rituals" "Los gestos y el tiempo en los rituales Mesoamericanos" (Time and gestures in Mesoamerican Rituals) Oaxaca, Mexico	March 2018
"Selective attention and selective neglect in Chol thinking for speaking." Paper given at the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC. Panel: New Approaches to Language, Culture, and Cognition	December 2017
"El uso del video como herramienta de investigación en la etnografía y el análisis de la gestualidad" (The use of video as a tool in ethnography and gesture analysis) Research talk given at the Webinar series "Talking about our realities: virtual encounters and qualitative methodology"	June 2017
"'All my possessions for a moment of time': A second look to cross-cultural variation in notions of time." Research talk given at the Lambda Alpha Induction Ceremony, SUNY Potsdam	April 2016
"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" The State University of New York at Potsdam. Potsdam, NY	March 2015
"Time doesn't exist for us" Language, thought, and temporal representations in Chol Mayan Franklin and Marshall College. Lancaster, PA	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	December

Talking Crosses of Yucatan." Paper given at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC.	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 antropólogos y antropólogas?" ( <i>Anthropological conversations. What do anthropologists do?</i> ) Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain.	December 2010
"The fear of silence among the Chol Maya" 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans. "Gesture and temporal perception in Chol Maya" ( <i>Gestualidad y percepción temporal en el Maya Chol</i> ) Invited presentation, Universidad Veracruzana, Instituto de Investigaciones en Educación, Veracruz, Mexico.	November 2010 June 2010
"The dialectics of language, gesture, and thought in Chol Maya" Invited presentation, Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones Superiores en Antropología Social. CIESAS-Sureste, San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Mexico.	April 2010

## TEACHING

### **Linguistic Diversity in the US and Beyond**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology, Department of English and Communication

### **Language, Magic, and the Supernatural**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology

### **Cultures of Mexico and Central America**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology

### **Language and Culture Lab**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology

### **Worlds of English**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology

### **Language and Structure**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology

### **The Maya Today: Fiction and Reality**

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

### **Cultures, Regions, Civilizations: The Maya World**

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

### **Language and Culture**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

### **Fellowships, Grants, and funded field research (\$82,400-\$10,000)**

*"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)

<i>"Tuition scholarship, MA in Amerindian Studies"</i> Universidad Complutense and Casa de América, Madrid, Spain	2004-2005
<i>"Scholarship for graduate studies in USA through international exchange agreements"</i> Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and Boston College University-wide competition, only 2 scholarships awarded each year to students of all disciplines.	2003-2004
<i>"Scholarship for Ph.D. studies"</i> Vicerrectorado de Investigación, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.	2002-2004
<b><u>Small grants for pilot studies, supplementary academic training, and dissemination of research findings (\$10,000-\$150)</u></b>	
<i>"Research and Creative Endeavors faculty grant" SUNY Potsdam Research and Sponsored Programs Office</i>	November 2017
<i>"Travel Award from the Department of Anthropology "(SUNY Potsdam School of Arts and Sciences)</i>	September 2017
<i>"Travel Award from the Provost's Office" (SUNY Potsdam)</i>	September 2017
<i>"Travel Award from the Dean's Office" (SUNY Potsdam School of Arts and Sciences)</i>	September 2017
<i>"Travel Award from the Dean's Office" SUNY Potsdam School of Arts and Sciences</i>	November 2015
<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

## **SERVICE**

### **College and Department Service**

Chair, Institutional Review Board SUNY Potsdam	2017-2019
Member of the Institutional Review Board SUNY Potsdam	2016- present
Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee SUNY Potsdam	2016- present
Faculty Advisor <i>Collegiate Anthropologist</i> Department of Anthropology, SUNY Potsdam	2016- present
General Education Task Force	2017-2018

### **External Professional Service**

Reviewer, Journal of Linguistic Anthropology	2019
Reviewer, Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology.	2018- present
Reviewer, Entre Diversidades.	2018- present
IV International Conference of Iberoamerican Anthropology. Granada, Spain Member of the Scientific Committee and Grant Writing Coordinator	2017-2018
III International Conference of Iberoamerican Anthropology. Puerto Vallarta, Mexico Member of the Scientific Committee	2016-2017
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
Board Member, Antropólogos Iberoamericanos en Red (Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists)	2003-2009
Editorial Board Member <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  
Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honors Society  
Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists  
WAYEB-European Association of Mayanists  
Interest Group for the Anthropology of Public Policy  
Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honors Society  
Golden Key International

## **REFERENCES**

### **1. Hadley Kruczek-Aaron**

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