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## EDUCATION

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- In Progress    **Ph.D. Hispanic Linguistics**  
2021 -            University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- 2022 -            **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)

## RESEARCH VISITS

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- 2023            **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)**, Mexico City  
                    Escuela Nacional de Lenguas, Lingüística y Traducción (ENALLT)  
                    Duration: May 22 – June 19

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

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- 2023            **Tinker Field Collaborative Research Fellowship**  
                    Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, UIUC
- 2023            **Summer Research Fellowship**  
                    Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC
- 2023            **Conference Participation Travel Grant**  
                    Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC
- 2022            **Summer Research Fellowship**  
                    Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC

## CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

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### ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Castro Cantú, S.E. (2023, April 7). *Ideologías del español “estándar” en hablantes de herencia de español en Chicago*. 28th Conference of Spanish in the U.S., April 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX.
- 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*. Illinois Summer Research Symposium, UIUC.
- 2017 Castro, S. E. (2017, November 13). *Effects of exposure and attitude in language maintenance and shift* [proposal]. CSULB Graduate Research Conference.

### 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*. 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*. CSULB Graduate Research Conference.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2022 - **Teaching Assistant**, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, UIUC
- Global Perspectives in Cross-Cultural Contexts | Spring 2023
  - Global Perspectives for Intercultural Learning | Fall 2022
- 2021 - **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC
- Spanish for Business | Summer 2023
  - Advanced Spanish Grammar in Context | Spring 2023
  - Introduction to Spanish Grammar | Spring 2022, Summer 2022
  - Intensive Elementary Spanish | Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

## TEACHING AWARDS

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

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### 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/lseviewofbooks/2022/08/04/book-review-manufacturing-celebrity-latino-paparazzi-and-women-reporters-in-hollywood-by-vanessa-diaz/>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2021 - **Doctoral Researcher**, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UIUC  
P.I.: Salvatore Callesano, PhD  
Language shift, Spanish in the US, discourse analysis, language ideologies
- 2018 - 2019 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Linguistics Department, CSULB  
P.I.: Malcolm Finney, PhD  
Heritage language shift and vitality in Southern California
- 2017 - 2018 **Research Coordinator**, Writing Across the Curriculum, CSULB  
P.I.: John Scenters-Zapico, PhD
- 2016 - 2017 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Department of Psychology, CSULB  
P.I.: Yada Treesukosol, PhD

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 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

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### MENTORSHIP

- 2022 - 2023 **Graduate Mentor**, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, UIUC  
Completion of GC 500: Graduate Mentoring Practicum

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2022 - 2023 **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**

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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**

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Graduate College Mentoring Certificate, UIUC, April 26th, 2023  
Undocumented Student Ally Training, UIUC, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
UndocuAlly Training, Dream Success Center, CSULB  
Elementary French courses, Long Beach City College

## **LANGUAGES**

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