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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2023–date **Assistant Professor, Spanish and Linguistics** (tenure-track)
Department of Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures | Saint Louis University

2022–2023 **Assistant Professor, Linguistics** (tenure-track)
Department of English | Mississippi State University

AFFILIATE APPOINTMENTS

2025–date **Academic Coordinator**
Prison Education Program | Saint Louis University

2025–date **Affiliate Faculty**
Center for Iberian Historical Studies | Saint Louis University

EDUCATION

2022 **Ph.D. Hispanic Linguistics**
Concentration in Romance Linguistics
Concentration in Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Dissertation Title: “The acquisition of acoustic and aerodynamic patterns of coarticulation in second and heritage languages”
Advisors: José Ignacio Hualde and Ryan Shosted

2018 **M.A. Hispanic Linguistics (with Distinction)**
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2016 **B.A. Linguistics and English (*summa cum laude*)**
University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU)
Ranked the best-performing student in program

2014–2015 Fort Lewis College (Durango, CO, USA)
Exchange Program: Coursework in Linguistics, English, and French

PUBLICATIONS

** indicates graduate student collaborator, * indicates undergraduate student collaborator

Books

- 2022 MacDonald, J. E., Fagyal, Zs., **Beristain, A.**, & Turner, R. (Co-Editors). *Selected Proceedings from the 51st Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages. Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics*, 18. (378 pp.).

Refereed Journal Articles

- under review **Beristain, A.**, & **Guendica, M. Acoustic and aerodynamic correlates of Spanish and English voiceless stops by heritage speakers of Spanish. *Heritage Language Journal*.
- under review **Beristain, A.** Nasal coarticulation patterns remain L1-dominated in intermediate L2 Spanish: An airflow study. *Second Language Research*.
- under review **Beristain, A.** Pathways to nasalization of the glottal approximant /h/ in Extremaduran Spanish: Aerodynamic evidence. *Phonetica*.
- 2025 [2023] **Beristain, A.** A classroom study on the perception and production of Basque sibilant fricatives by native speakers of English. *ASJU-International Journal of Basque Linguistics and Philology*, 57(1-2), 121–140.
- 2024 **Beristain, A.** The role of (re)syllabification on coarticulatory nasalization: Aerodynamic evidence from Spanish. *Languages*, 9(6), 219.
- 2023 **Beristain, A.** Gestural timing patterns of nasality in highly proficient Spanish learners of English: Aerodynamic evidence. *Language and Speech*, 0(0).
- 2023 **Beristain, A.** An airflow analysis of Spanish and English anticipatory vowel nasalization among heritage bilinguals. *Languages*, 8(3), 205.
- 2022 **Beristain, A.** Spectral properties of anterior sibilant fricatives in Northern Peninsular Spanish and sibilant-merging and non-merging varieties of Basque. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*, 52(3), 421–452.
- 2021 Hualde, J. I., **Beristain, A.**, Icardo Isasa, A., & Zhang, J. Hitz-bukaerako herskariak: Kontsonante talkak [Word-final plosives: Consonant clashes]. *ASJU-International Journal of Basque Linguistics and Philology*, 53(1-2), 83–106.
- 2020 **Beristain, A.** Type of early bilingualism effect on the delateralization of /ʎ/ in Basque and Spanish. *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism*, 1–39.
- 2019 **Beristain, A.** Azpeitiko euskararen hiztegi dialektal bat – II [A dialectal dictionary of Azpeitia Basque – II]. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum*, 127, 7–58.
- 2018 **Beristain, A.** Azpeitiko euskararen hiztegi dialektal bat – I [A dialectal dictionary of Azpeitia Basque – I]. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum*, 125, 7–54.
- 2017 Hualde, J. I., & **Beristain, A.** Azpeitiko azentuaren gauzatze fonetikoaz [On the acoustic realization of stress in Azpeitia Basque]. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum*, 123, 65–85.

Refereed Chapters in Scholarly Books

- 2025 Hualde, J. I., **Beristain, A.**, & Icardo Isasa, A. Word-prosodic constraints and bidialectalism in Basque. In B. Köhnlein, & P. Iosad (Eds.), *Synchronic and diachronic approaches to tonal accent* (pp. 15–59). Oxford University Press.
- 2021 Hualde, J. I., & **Beristain, A.** Euskal hizkera berriak: Azentua eta singulararren eta pluralaren arteko bereizkuntza tokian tokiko hizkeretan eta bertako euskara batuan [Basque translation of ‘New Basque varieties: Accentuation and grammatical number in Standard Basque and local dialects’.] *Linguistic Minorities in Europe Online* (pp. n.d.). De Gruyter.
- 2020 Hualde, J. I., & **Beristain, A.** New Basque varieties: Accentuation and grammatical number in Standard Basque and local dialects. In L. Grenoble, P. Lane, & U. Røyneland (Eds.), *Linguistic Minorities in Europe Online* (pp. n.d.). De Gruyter.
- 2019 Hualde, J. I., & **Beristain, A.** Bi alofonia-gertakari Azpeitiko euskaran [Two allophony phenomena in Azpeitia Basque]. In A. Etxebarria, A. Iglesias, H. Lejarreta, & A. Romero (Eds.), *Traineru bete lagun: Iñaki Gaminde omenduz* (pp. 209–228). University of the Basque Country Press.
- 2018 **Beristain, A.** The acoustic realization of /s̺/ and /t̺s̺/ by L1 and L2 Basque speakers. In L. Unamuno, A. Romero, A. Etxebarria, & A. Iglesias (Eds.), *Linguistic Variation in the Basque Language and Education* (vol. 3) (pp. 70–82). University of the Basque Country Press.

Refereed Conference Proceedings

- 2025 **Beristain, A.**, Bryant, S., **Dees, J., **Gaytán-Soto, L., Ghanim, I., Johnson, A., McCarvel, M., Perdomo, M., Silvano, E., and Truong, T. (2025). “Advocating & navigating in the (non-)academic landscape.” *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 10(1), 5921.
- 2019 Hualde, J. I., **Beristain, A.**, Icardo Isasa, A., & Zhang, J. Lenition of word-final plosives in Basque. In S. Calhoun, P. Escudero, & M. Tabain (Eds.), *Proceedings from the 19th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*, 642–646.
- 2018 Hualde, J. I., & **Beristain, A.** Acoustic correlates of word-accent in Basque. In H. Mixdorff (Ed.), *Proceedings from TAL2018, Sixth International Symposium on Tonal Aspects of Languages*, 98–102.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- due 2026 **Beristain, A.**, & Hualde, J. I. Fricatives in Basque. J. Rahilly & M. J. Ball (Eds.), *The Phonetics and Phonology of Fricatives* (pp: Ch. 20). University of Toronto Press.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

** indicates graduate student collaborator, *indicates undergraduate student collaborator

Plenary/Keynote Talks

- 2025 “Diversifying articulatory phonetics through a bilingual and migrant lens: A look towards the future”. *15th International Symposium on Bilingualism*. Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language (BCBL). June 9-13.

- 2024 “Speech aerodynamics and language acquisition in multilingual populations.” *Young Language Science Scholar 2024 Conference*. The Pennsylvania State University. February 8-9.

Invited Talks

- 2026 “From migrants to multigenerational locals: Tracing fricative nasalization in Spanish across generations in the Basque Country.” Basque Center on the Cognition, Brain, and Language. January 7 (forthcoming).
- 2025 “The benefits of community-based research, teaching, and service in the Basque Country and the United States.” Basque Center on the Cognition, Brain, and Language. June 11.
- 2025 “Physiological speech adjustments in second and heritage languages.” Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Georgetown University. March 13.
- 2023 “Basque dialectology in the contemporary world: New speech communities and phonetic patterns.” *International Basque Language Day Series*. Etxepare Basque Institute & University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. November 30.
- 2023 “The application of integral calculus, nonlinear regression, and Bayesian inference in understudied speech communities and phenomena.” *Department of Mathematics and Statistics Colloquia Series*. Saint Louis University. November 3.
- 2023 “Through the aeroacoustic-glass: Elucidating new phonetic implementation patterns in bilingual speech.” *Phonetics Lecture Series*. Lancaster University. February 9.
- 2022 “‘New’ Basque varieties in the Basque Country: A look into their phonetics and phonologies.” *International Basque Language Day Series*. Georgetown University. November 29.
- 2022 “Aerodynamic methods for the study of coarticulation in second and heritage languages.” *Phonetics/Phonology Lecture Series*. University of Toronto. September 30.
- 2022 “Beyond segments in phonology: Studying coarticulation in second languages.” *Theoretical Linguistics Lecture Series*. University of the Basque Country. April 11.
- 2021 “Combining aerodynamic time-series and cross-sectional data to uncover coarticulatory nasalization patterns in heritage Spanish speakers in the US.” *Institute of Phonetics and Speech Processing Colloquium*. Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich. November 11.
- 2021 “Bilingual and bidialectal phonological acquisition in the Basque Country.” *Romance Linguistics Lecture Series*. Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich. November 10.

Workshops

- 2021 “A practical introduction to Bayesian probability for linguistic data analysis.” *Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2021*. Wake Forest University. October 7–9.
- 2020 “Practical approaches to implement dialectal diversity in the Basque as a foreign language classroom.” *Excellence in Basque Studies 10: Diversity in Basque Culture*. University of the Basque Country & Etxepare Basque Institute. Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain. July 8–9.

Refereed Conference Presentations

- 2025 “Aerodynamic evidence for nasalized fricatives in Extremaduran Spanish”. Co-presented with: K. Kapetanovic*, R. Donovan*, S. Jeong*, M. M. Valdepeñas*. *55th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages*, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic). September 10–12.
- 2025 “The aerodynamics of Spanish and English empty onset repair strategies of heritage bilinguals”. *11th International Symposium on the Acquisition of Second Language Speech (New Sounds 2025)*, University of Toronto. April 23–25.
- 2025 “Advocating & Navigating in the (non)-Academic Landscape”. Co-presented with: M. McCarvel, I. Ghanim, S. Bryant, E. Silvano, J. Cox, J. Dees**, L- Gaytán-Soto**, A. Johnston, M. Perdomo, T. Truong. *The 2025 Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA, USA. January 9–12.
- 2024 “In between words: Aerodynamic correlates of glottal phonation in English and resyllabification in Spanish”. *The 29th Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference*. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. October 4–5.
- 2024 “Speech aerodynamics at word junctures: Resyllabification in US heritage Spanish.” *Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2024*. University of Nebraska Omaha. October 17–19.
- 2024 “Azpeitiko gazte elebidunen hortzobietako txistukarien baitan: Neutraltzea galbidean ote da?” [Apical sibilants in young bilinguals in Azpeitia: Is the neutralization disappearing?] *Hizkuntzalari Euskaldunen VII. Topaketa: Hizkuntzaren Ikerketa Gaur Egun*. June 27.
- 2023 “Asymmetrical control of aerodynamic and temporal features of stops in heritage speech.” *The 28th Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference*. Purdue University. October 20–21.
- 2023 “Aero-acoustic evidence for new phonetic implementation patterns in bilingual speech.” *Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2023*. Brigham Young University. October 12–14.
- 2023 “The aerodynamics of stop bursts in Spanish as a first, second, and heritage language.” *The 97th Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO, USA. January 5–8.
- 2022 “Aerodynamic evidence for cross-linguistic adjustment of coarticulatory vowel nasalization in heritage bilinguals.” *Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2022*. Arizona State University (online). November 3–5.
- 2022 “The bidirectional acquisition of the aerodynamic properties of stops by heritage bilinguals.” *Bilingualism Forum 2022*. University of Illinois Chicago. October 27–28.
- 2022 “Aerodynamic evidence for the role of linguistic proficiency on L2 coarticulatory nasalization.” *10th International Symposium on the Acquisition of Second Language Speech (New Sounds 2022)*, Universitat de Barcelona. April 20–22.
- 2022 “C-to-V coarticulation induced formant dynamics variability in L1/L2/HL Spanish vowels.” *8th Current Approaches to Spanish and Portuguese Second Language Phonology*, University of Wisconsin-Madison (online). February 17–19.

- 2022 “Voicing effect on vowel duration in Spanish as a first, second, and heritage language.” *The 96th Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*. Washington, D.C., USA (online). January 6–9.
- 2021 “Assessing phonological perception and production in Basque courses around the world: A collaborative approach.” *Diaspora Day Basque Studies Conversation*. Boise State University (online). September 8.
- 2021 “L1-L2 coarticulatory adjustment of vocalic nasalization in Spanish-English bilinguals.” *4th Phonetics and Phonology in Europe Conference*. Universitat Pompeu Fabra & Universitat de Barcelona (online). June 21–23.
- 2021 “Nasal airflow evidence for complete resyllabification in Spanish.” *51st Meeting of the Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages*. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (online). April 29–May 1.
- 2021 “L1-L2 differences in the production of temporal cues before consonants in Spanish.” *13th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society*. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (online). Co-authored: A. Beristain, N. Anleitner*, A. Christoforou*, M. Guendica*, D. Namik*, & N. Palmer*. February 26–27.
- 2021 “Coda voicing-induced changes in formant dynamics of L1-L2 Spanish vowels.” *The 25th Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference*. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Co-authored: A. Beristain, N. Anleitner*, A. Christoforou*, M. Guendica*, D. Namik*, & N. Palmer*. January 30.
- 2021 “The aerodynamics of vowel nasalization in Spanish as a first, second, and heritage language.” *The 95th Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA, USA (online). Co-authored: A. Beristain, & L. Graham. January 7–10.
- 2020 “The development of perception and production of Basque sibilant fricatives by L1 American English learners in the classroom.” *Second Language Research Forum 2020*. Vanderbilt University (online). October 23–25.
- 2020 “On the relationship between production and perception in phoneme merger in progress: Palatal delateralization in Basque.” *The 17th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon)*. University of British Columbia (online). Co-authored: A. Beristain, & J. I. Hualde. July 6–8.
- 2019 “Linguistic contact and bilingual profile effects on the acoustic production of /s/ in Northern Peninsular Spanish.” *Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2019*. University of Texas at El Paso. October 24–26.
- 2019 “American learners’ production and perception of Basque lamino-alveolar, apico-alveolar, and pre-palatal voiceless sibilant fricatives: A developmental study.” *The 24th Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference*. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. October 4–5.
- 2019 “Lenition of word-final plosives in Basque.” *International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS) 2019*. Melbourne, VIC, Australia. Co-authored: J. I. Hualde, A. Beristain, A. Icardo Isasa, & J. Zhang. August 5–9.
- 2019 “The acquisition of Basque fricative sibilants by L1 English speakers.” *L2 Pronunciation Research Workshop: Bridging the Gap between Research and Practice*. Universitat de Barcelona. June 6–7.

- 2019 “The acquisition of vocalic (de)nasalization in resyllabification in L2 Romance.” *The 11th Annual Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (SLATE) Graduate Research Symposium*. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. May 2.
- 2018 “On the correlation between bilingualism type and the extension of *yeísmo* in Azpeitia Basque and Spanish.” *Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2018*. University of Texas at Austin. October 25–27.
- 2018 “Palatal neutralization based on language-dominance in Basque and Spanish.” *The 23rd Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference*. Northwestern University. October 5–6.
- 2018 “Acoustic correlates of word-accent in Basque.” *6th International Symposium of Tonal Aspects of Languages*. Beuth University Berlin. Co-authored: J. I. Hualde, & A. Beristain. June 18–20.
- 2018 “Basque dialectal substrate in the realization of /s/ in L2 Spanish.” *10th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society*. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. April. 6–8.
- 2017 “Small L1-L2 phonetic contrasts in bilingual societies: Alveolar sibilants in Azpeitia Basque and Spanish.” *The 22nd Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference*. The Ohio State University. September 29–October 1.
- 2017 “Word prosody and dialectal substrate in Standard Basque.” *The 22nd Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference*. The Ohio State University. Co-authored: J. I. Hualde, & A. Beristain. September 29–October 1.
- 2017 “The acoustic realization of /s̺/ and /ts/ by L1 and L2 Basque speakers.” *The 3rd Annual International Conference on Linguistic Variation in the Basque Language and Education*. University of the Basque Country (Bilbao). June 9.
- 2017 “On the Production of two Basque sibilants by L1 Spanish adult speakers.” *The 9th Annual Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (SLATE) Graduate Research Symposium*. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. May 4.

GUEST LECTURES IN COURSES

- 2025 “Linguistic milestones in Spanish-speaking children: Avoiding ‘disorder’ mislabeling” (in English). *Cultural Linguistic Diversity* (SLHL 3000, course taught by Dr. Elizabeth Roepke). Saint Louis University.
- 2025 “Bilingual phonological acquisition and merging processes in the Basque Country” (in Spanish). *Spanish Sociolinguistics* (SPAN 4090, course taught by Dr. Christina García). Saint Louis University.
- 2024 “The phonetics and phonology of minoritized bilingual communities in Spain and the United States” (in Spanish). *Lingüística General I* [Intro to General Linguistics I] (LLI 402, course taught by Dr. Christian Fallas-Escobar). Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica.
- 2024 “Data usage and analyses in Linguistics” (in English). *Data Science Practicum II* (DATA 2800, course taught by Dr. Darrin Speegle). Saint Louis University.

2021	“Early bilingualism and the acquisition of language-specific phonological phenomena” (in Spanish). <i>The Acquisition of Spanish</i> (SPAN 437, course taught by Dr. Silvina Montrul). University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
2019	“Acoustics as an indirect way to determine articulation? Examining spectral and intensity correlates in consonants” (in English). <i>Introduction to General Phonetics</i> (LING 401, course taught by Dr. Ryan Shosted). University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
2019	“Resources to work and study abroad at the graduate level” (in Basque). <i>Training Sessions</i> . City Hall of Azpeitia, Basque Country, Spain.
2018	“The multilingual educational models in the Basque Country” (in Spanish). <i>Bilingualism</i> (SPAN 307, course taught by Sara Fernández-Cuenca). University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
2018	“Allophonic variation and phonological rules in Spanish” (in Spanish). <i>Intro to Hispanic Linguistics</i> (SPAN 252, course taught by Irati Hurtado). University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
2017	“Sibilant mergers across Basque varieties” (in English). <i>Intermediate Basque</i> (BASQ 402, course taught by Eider Etxebarria-Zuluaga). University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

Fellowships & Grants

2025	<i>Stolle Fund Award</i> College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University. <u>Project</u> : “The aerodynamics of empty onset repair strategies of heritage bilinguals”.	\$1,000
2025	<i>SLU Scholarly Undergraduate Research Grants and Experiences</i> Saint Louis University <u>Project</u> : “Codification of a rural Spanish variety”.	\$4,000
2024	<i>SLU Scholarly Undergraduate Research Grants and Experiences</i> Saint Louis University <u>Project</u> : “Language maintenance and evolution in rural Spain: A generational study”.	\$4,000
2024	<i>Inclusive Practice Grant</i> Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning, Saint Louis University. <u>Project</u> : “Applying inclusive language teaching practices in the upper-level Spanish curriculum” (with Dr. Sheri Anderson-Gutiérrez, and Dr. Christina García).	\$2,489.45
2023	<i>Scholarship Opportunity Fund Award</i> Office of the Vice President for Research, Saint Louis University. <u>Project</u> : “Language maintenance and evolution in rural Spain: A generational study”.	\$4,270.55
2024	<i>Mellon Award</i> College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University. <u>Project</u> : “Language maintenance and evolution in rural Spain: A generational study”.	\$2,500

2024	<i>Stolle Fund Award</i> College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University. <u>Project</u> : “Language maintenance and evolution in rural Spain: A generational study”.	\$1,000
2021	<i>SLCL Dissertation Completion Fellowship</i> School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. <u>Project</u> : The acquisition of acoustic and aerodynamic patterns of coarticulation in second and heritage languages.	\$20,893
2021	<i>Darlene F. Wolf Fellowship in SLA research</i> Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. (*deferred due to fellowship conflict)	\$12,000
2020	<i>Timothy J. Rogers Memorial Fellowship in Research and Leadership Achievement</i> Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	\$3,500
	<i>Summer Research Fellowship</i> Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. <u>Project</u> : “Vowel length patterns in pre-voiced obstruent consonants in Spanish as a second and heritage language.”	\$666
2019	<u>Project</u> : “The perception of the palatal fricative and lateral consonants.”	\$2,000
2018	<u>Project</u> : “The production and perception of neutralized phoneme pairs by Basque-Spanish bilingual speakers.”	\$1,000
2017	<u>Project</u> : “Basque substrate in the realization of /s/ in L2 Spanish.”	\$1,560

Awards

2025	<i>Helen I. Mandeville Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities</i> College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University.	
2025	<i>Morris Halle Memorial Award for Faculty Excellence in Phonology</i> Linguistic Society of America.	
2021	<i>Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching</i> Office of the Provost, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
2021	<i>Liberal Arts & Sciences Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching</i> College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
2021	<i>Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Student Teaching Award</i> Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
2021	<i>Douglas A. Kibbee Prize for SLCL Dissertation Completion Fellowship Recipient judged as ‘most outstanding’</i> School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
2021	<i>Liberal Arts & Sciences Impact Award</i> College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
2019	<i>Teaching Excellence Award 2019</i> Illinois Student Government, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
2016	<i>Premio Extraordinario Fin de Carrera: Promoción 2016</i> [Valedictorian Award] University of the Basque Country.	

2015 *Tutor of the Year, AY 2014-2015*, TRIO Student Success Center | Fort Lewis College.

Honors

2017–2021 *List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students*: 12 out of 12 semesters of instruction, “*Outstanding*” mention in 11 out of 12 semesters | Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023–date **Saint Louis University** | St. Louis, MO, USA

Graduate courses:

EDI 5820: *Field Experience I: World Languages*

Graduate/Undergraduate courses:

SPAN 5042/4930: *Assessment and Language Learner Contexts*

SPAN 5041/4930: *Best Teaching Practices and Cultural Diversity in the Classroom*

SPAN 5030/4030: *Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics*

Undergraduate courses:

LING 4980: *Linguistics Research Experience*

LING 2000: *Research Methods in Linguistics*

SPAN 4930: *Language Contact and Bilingualism in the Hispanic World*

SPAN 3100: *Spanish Pronunciation*

2022–2023 **Mississippi State University** | Starkville, MS, USA

Graduate/Undergraduate courses:

LIN 6/4403: *Introduction to Linguistics*

LIN 6/4473: *Phonetics*

2016–2022 **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** | Urbana, IL, USA

Graduate/Undergraduate courses:

BASQ 402: *Introduction to Basque Grammar*

BASQ 401: *Introduction to Basque Language and Culture*

Undergraduate courses:

LING 391: *Laboratory Phonology*

SPAN 308: *Spanish in the United States*

SPAN 303: *The Sounds of Spanish*

SPAN 252: *Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics*

SPAN 228A: *Spanish Composition for Heritage Speakers*

SPAN 228: *Spanish Composition*

SPAN 204: *Advanced Spanish Grammar*

SPAN 141: *Introduction to Spanish Grammar*

SPAN 130: *Intermediate Spanish*

SPAN 122: *Intensive Elementary Spanish*

2014–2015 **Fort Lewis College** | Durango, CO, USA

Undergraduate courses:

ML 350: *Spanish for the Professions: Medical Spanish*

ML 216: *Intermediate Spanish II*

ML 215: *Intermediate Spanish I*

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2024 Accreditation for *Profesor Contratado Doctor* position [equivalent to Associate Professor] in Spain by ANECA (*National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation*).
- 2024 Accreditation for *Profesor de Universidad Privada* position [Private University Professor] in Spain by ANECA (*National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation*).
- 2024 *Mental Health First Aid*. National Council for Mental Wellbeing.
- 2022 Accreditation for *Profesor Ayudante Doctor* position [equivalent to Assistant Professor] in Spain by ANECA (*National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation*).
- 2021 *Certificate in ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview Testing for Spanish* (Full License). American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).
- 2020 *Certificate in Teaching Basque Language and Culture in Higher Education*. Etxepare Basque Institute & University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU).
- 2019 *Graduate Teacher Certificate*. Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 2015 *Certificate in “College Reading & Learning Association – Level I”*. Fort Lewis College.

STUDENT MENTORING

Undergraduate Research Assistants

- 2025–2026 Elizabeth Monzu, Bella Ott, Ittimum Zahir | Saint Louis University.
Project: *Codification of a rural Spanish variety*.
- 2024–2025 Rowan Donovan, Seyun Jeong, Kalina Kapetanovic, Monique Valdepeñas | Saint Louis University.
Project: *Language maintenance and evolution in rural Spain: A generational study*.
- 2021 Milton Guendica | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
Project: *Aeroacoustics of stops in Spanish and English*.
- 2019–2020 Andrea Christoforou, Milton Guendica, Elizabeth Han, Deniz Namik, Natalie Palmer | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
Project: *Acoustics and aerodynamics of coarticulated speech in Spanish and English*.

Campus Community

- 2023–date Faculty Mentor, SLU Spanish Club | Department of Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures, Saint Louis University.
- 2022–2023 Faculty Liaison, First-Gen Students’ Initiatives | Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, Mississippi State University.
- 2020–2021 Mentor in the “Advising, Connecting, Empowering (ACE)” Mentorship Program for First-Gen Latinx Freshmen | La Casa Cultural Latina, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

SERVICE

Service to the Profession and Discipline

Memberships

- 2024– OSCEC: Órgano de las lenguas de Extremadura
- 2020– International Phonetic Association
- 2020– Association for Laboratory Phonology
- 2020– Linguistic Society of America

Manuscript Reviewer

Journals

- 2022– ASJU-International Journal of Basque Linguistics and Philology | Bilingualism: Language and Cognition | Fontes Linguae Vasconum | Heritage Language Journal | Languages | Lingua | Journal of Experimental Phonetics | Journal of Phonetics | Journal of Portuguese Linguistics | Journal of the Acoustical Society of America | Journal of the International Phonetic Association | Letras | Second Language Research.

Book Chapters

- 2025 Amengual, M., Kim, J. Y., & Davidson, J. (Eds.). *Spanish-English Bilingual Practices in California: Investigating Language Acquisition, Cross-linguistic Interactions, and Patterns of Variation*. To be published by Routledge.
- 2024 Cardozo-Gaibisso, L., Vazquez Dominguez, M., Harman, R. & Buxton, C. (Eds.). (2024). [Pedagogies for Equitable Access: Reimagining Multilingual Education for an Uncertain World](#). Information Age Publishing.
- 2024 Olson, D., Sturm, J., Dmitrieva, O. & Levis, J. (Eds.). [Proceedings of the 14th Pronunciation in Second Language Learning and Teaching Conference](#). Iowa State University Digital Press.

Conference Organizing Committee Member

- 2020–2021 51st meeting of the Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 2017–2020 10/11/12th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Abstract Reviewer

- 2024– International Symposium on the Acquisition of Second Language Speech
- 2024– Hispanic Linguistics Symposium
- 2022– International Symposium on Bilingualism
- 2022– Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America
- 2017–2020 Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society

Panel Organizer

- 2024 “[Applying to Graduate School: A First-Gen Student Perspective](#)” | Linguistic Society of America. Speakers: Dr. Ander Beristain, Luis Gaytán-Soto, Dr. Jennifer Nycz. October 3.
- 2024 “[NSF Funding through a First-Generation Lens](#).” (Co-organized by the First-Gen Access and Equity Committee and the National Science Foundation). Speakers: Dr. Rachel M. Theodore and Dr. Jorge Valdés Kroff. June 6.

2023 “How to design an effective research poster” | Linguistic Society of America.
Speakers: Dr. Ander Beristain, Dr. Shannon Bryant, Dr. Miranda McCarvel.
December 6.

Committees and Organizations

2021– Chair (2025), Associate Chair (2024), Member (2021-present), [*First Gen Access and Equity Committee*](#), Linguistic Society of America.

University/Campus Service

Saint Louis University

Master's Exams Committees

2023– Chair: Roberta Montella (Spanish Education, 2025)
Member: Melisa Noles (Spanish, 2023)

Committees and Organizations

2025–2027 Humanities Representative, Equity and Global Identities Sub-Committee, University Undergraduate Core Committee.

2024–2026 Humanities Representative, Nominations Committee, College of Arts and Sciences.

2024– Partners in Corrections Credentials, Prison Education Program.

Panel Organizer

2024 “From perception to action: Bilingual and minoritized communities in the world to create more inclusive educational settings.” Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center. January 29.

Volunteerism

2024 *Charla Amiga* Spanish program organizer and moderator | Prison Education Program, College of Arts & Sciences.

2023 *Guest Speaker* in Study Abroad Fair | “Spain 101: Things You Must Know”. Office of International Services. Fall 2023.

Mississippi State University

Committees and Organizations

2022–2023 Scholarship Committee, College of Arts & Sciences.

2022–2023 Director, Phonetics Research Laboratory, Department of English.

2022–2023 Linguistics Program Committee, Department of English.

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Committees and Organizations

2021–2022 *Lectures & Arrangements Committee*. Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

2021–2022 [*The Kingfisher Taskforce*](#). Illinois Student Government.

2020–2022 *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Campus Senate*. Graduate College Senator. Academic Years 20-21, 21-22.

2020–2022 *Illinois Student Government*. Graduate College Senator. Academic Years 20-21, 21-22.

2018–2021 *Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Organization*. President, Academic Years 18-19, 20-21.

Panel Organizer

- 2021 “Alt-Ac Careers in Linguistics.” Invited speaker: Dr. Cindy Blanco. April 15.
- 2021 “Teaching-Oriented Job Searches in K-12 and Higher-Level Education.” Invited speakers: Dr. E. DiFilippo, Dr. T. Greppi, Dr. A. Icardo Isasa. March 25.
- 2021 “Publishing and Networking Outside the Box.” Invited speaker: Dr. F. Henshaw. February 25.
- 2021 “Publishing in Linguistics/ Literature & Culture Academic Journals while Being in Graduate School.” Invited speakers: Dr. M. Bowles, Dr. C. Fornoff, A. Beristain. February 11.
- 2021 “Summer Jobs and Funding Opportunities for Graduate Students.” Invited speakers: U.-Y. Park, L. Sánchez. January 28.
- 2020 “Navigating Academic Conferences in Linguistics and Literatures/Cultures.” Invited speakers: Dr. S. Callesano, Dr. A. Torres-Cacoullos, J. Vicente, K. Yarrington. December 4.
- 2020 “The Use of Inclusive Language in the Foreign Language Classroom.” Invited speakers: A. Casar, E. Grogan, C. Prieu. November 18.
- 2020 “Transitioning from an M.A. to a Ph.D. as an Internal/External Candidate.” Invited speakers: Dr. J. Irigoyen, L. Cummings-Ruiz, C. González. October 15.
- 2020 “Acclimating to U.S. Academy.” Invited speakers: Dr. C. Fornoff, J. Vicente, C. Albernaz Siqueira. September 18.
- 2019 “Writing an Effective Abstract and Research Paper in Upper-Level Spanish Courses.” Speaker: A. Beristain. October 17.
- 2019 “On the Job Market in Academia: An Internal View by ABDs.” Invited speakers: S. Fernández-Cuenca, J. A. Suárez, A. Rector. April 23.

Site Administrator

- 2020–2021 *Designer and Administrator*, “[Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages 51](#)” site.
- 2018–2021 *Co-Administrator*, “[Basque at UIUC](#)” site.
- 2020 *Designer*, “[Graduate concentration in Romance Linguistics at UIUC](#)” website.

Volunteerism

- 2019 *Guest Speaker and Session Moderator at the “1st & 2nd Study Abroad Launch: Destination Spain” events.* College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Spring 2019, Fall 2019.

MASS MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Expert Consulting

- 2023 St. Louis on the Air | “[Preserving heritage languages across generations](#)”, aired 12/12.

Media Coverage

- 2025 Euskadi Irratia | “[With the Basque beret on your head, travel the world](#)”, with Itxaso Rodríguez-Ordóñez (in Basque), aired 6/16.

2025	Diario Vasco “ A scientific look towards Basque and Bilingualism ”, with Itxaso Rodríguez-Ordóñez (in Spanish), released 6/10.
2025	Cadena SER “ The Basque Country welcomes the biggest international conference on bilingualism in San Sebastian with Basque as a protagonist ” (in Spanish), released 6/8.
2024	GUKA Azpeitia “ Extremaduran migrants and their descendants’ language use ” (in Basque) [English Spanish translations]
2024	Euskadi Irratia, Baipasa “ Dialect contact and language development ” (in Basque, from 2:21:30 on), aired 6/25.
2021	Linguistic Society of America Student Research Spotlight 2021 for publication.
2019	The Gradlings Podcast “ Bothered About Basque ” (Episode 4.1.)
2017	Uztarria “ A dialectal dictionary of Azpeitia Basque ” (in Basque)

SKILLS

Languages	<i>Basque</i> (native), <i>Spanish</i> (native), <i>English</i> (near native), <i>French</i> (advanced), <i>Catalan</i> (intermediate), <i>Guarani</i> (elementary), <i>Italian</i> (reading), <i>Portuguese</i> (reading).
Technical	<i>R</i> , <i>RStudio</i> (data analysis); <i>Praat</i> (acoustic analysis); <i>PsychoPy</i> (perceptual experiment builder); <i>DualView</i> , <i>AcqKnowledge</i> (aerodynamic analysis); <i>Moodle</i> , <i>Canva</i> , <i>Blackboard</i> (LMS).