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Education

- 2016 — PhD in Linguistics
University of Maryland, College Park
Advisors: Maria Polinsky & Omer Preminger
Flagship Fellow
- 2015 MPhil, *with distinction*, Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
University of Cambridge
Pomona – Downing Scholar
- 2014 BA, *magna cum laude*, Linguistics and Cognitive Science
Pomona College
- 2016, 2017 University of Maryland Summer Field School
1-month intensive Kaqchikel immersion program in Guatemala

Research Interests

BROAD syntax, morphology, language documentation, language revitalization
NARROW identity condition on ellipsis, (optional) agreement, syntactic ergativity,
linearization, successive cyclicity, Mayan, Bantu, Spanish

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- In prep **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Voice Mismatches in Kaqchikel Sluicing: Consequences for Syntactic Parallelism”.
- Under review Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Optional Agreement in Santiago Tz’utujil”.
- Resubmitted **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “The eventive core is not special in ellipsis: A reply to Rudin (2019)”.
- Resubmitted Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Chain Reduction via Substitution: Evidence from Mayan”.

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

(*peer-reviewed)

- Under review Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Optional agreement in Santiago Tz’utujil (Mayan) is syntactic”. In *Proceedings of DGfS Workshop: Who cares? Contrast and Opposition in ‘Free’ Phenomena*.
- To appear **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Voice mismatches in Kaqchikel (Mayan) sluicing. In *Proceedings of WSCLA 24*, edited by Daniel Reisinger. Vancouver, BC: UBCWPL. Pre-print available at: <https://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/004865>
- 2019 * **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Deriving an Object Dislocation Asymmetry in Luganda”. In *Theory and Description in African Linguistics: Selected Proceedings of the 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, edited by Emily Clem, Peter Jenks, and Hannah Sande, 595-622. Berlin: Lang. Sci. Press. [DOI:10.5281/zenodo.3367189](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3367189)
- 2018 * Landman, Meredith & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Focus Marking in Kuria”. In *African linguistics on the prairie: Selected papers from the 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, edited by Jason Kandybowicz, Travis Major, Harold Torrence, and Phillip T. Duncan, 393-412. Berlin: Language Science Press. [DOI:10.5281/zenodo.1251754](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1251754).
- 2017 Douglas, Jamie, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Michelle Sheehan. “Two Types of Syntactic Ergativity in Mayan”. In *Proceedings of GLOW in Asia XI: Volume 2*, edited by Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine, 41-56. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. [[link](#)]
- 2015 * Diercks, Michael, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Mary Paster. “Evidence for a Clitic Analysis of Object Markers in Kuria”. In *Selected Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, edited by Ruth Kramer, Elizabeth Zsiga, and One Boyer, 52-70. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. [[link](#)]

COMMUNITY ORIENTED MATERIALS

- 2014 “Talking Dictionaries of Guatemala” (co-author of 22 dictionaries) [[link](#)]
- 2013 **Ranero, Rodrigo** & COPXIG. “Alyamalh Xinka - Wirimalh Xinka—Módulo II: Morfología”. Guatemala City, Guatemala: Editorial Cholsamaj. 124 pp.
- 2012 **Ranero, Rodrigo** & COPXIG. “Alyamalh Xinka - Wirimalh Xinka—Módulo I: Guía de Ortografía y Pronunciación”. Guatemala City, Guatemala: Editorial Cholsamaj. 52pp.

OTHER

- 2018 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Review of Eguren, Luis, Olga Fernández-Soriano, and Amaya Mendikoetxea eds. (2016) Rethinking Parameters”. *Linguistic Variation* 18:1, 197-204.
- 2015 Paster, Mary & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “CASL Introductory Sketches for African Languages: Maay”. Technical Report 2.9B, DO050: University of Maryland-CASL.
- 2013 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Review of Haider, Hubert (2012) Symmetry Breaking in Syntax”. *California Linguistic Notes*. Volume XXXVIII, No.1 Spring 2013

Awards and Honors

EXTERNAL

- 2020 [Cosmos Club Foundation Scholarship](#)

- 2019 [Jacobs Research Funds](#) [with O. Preminger, P. Lyskawa & C. Baron]
- 2018 [Jacobs Research Funds](#) [with T. Levin & P. Lyskawa]
- 2018 [Cosmos Club Foundation Scholarship](#)
- 2017 [Firebird Foundation Fellowship](#) [with Y. Estrada]
- 2013 [Donald A. Strauss Public Service Scholarship](#)
- 2013 [Davis Projects for Peace Grant](#)

INTERNAL

- 2016 — [UMD Flagship Fellowship](#)
- 2019 [Arts and Humanities \(ARHU\) Graduate Student Travel Award](#)
- 2019 [Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award](#)
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- 2016 [Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award](#)
- 2016 [Pomona College Sherwood Heiser Fellowship](#)
- 2014 — 2015 [Downing Scholarship](#)
- 2014 [Glass Linguistics Prize](#)
- 2014 [Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of California](#)
- 2013 [Pomona College Summer Undergraduate Research Project \(SURP\) Grant](#)
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Presentations

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “La Lingüística Generativa y la Evolución del Lenguaje”. Universidad San Carlos; Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2016 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “Fundamentos de la Lingüística: Adquisición, Variación y Evolución del Lenguaje”. Universidad del Valle de Guatemala; Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2013 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “Retos del Análisis Estructural del Idioma Xinka”. X Congreso de Estudios Mayas. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2013 Paster, Mary & **Rodrigo Ranero.** “The Reclamation of Rumsen”. Indigenous Languages Symposium, Pomona College.
- 2013 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “The Reclamation of Xinka”. Indigenous Languages Symposium, Pomona College.

REFEREED TALKS

- 2020 Baron, Christopher, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero.** “Narcissistic allomorphy in Santiago Tz’utujil”. Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “Truncamiento en kaqchikel: consecuencias para la identidad en la elipsis”. IX Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA). UT Austin.
- 2019 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “Voice Mismatches in Kaqchikel (Mayan) Sluicing”. Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA) 24. University of Maryland.

- 2019 Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Optional agreement in Santiago Tz’utujil (Mayan) is syntactic”. Contrasts and Oppositions in ‘Free’ Linguistic Phenomena—Workshop at DGfS 2019, Bremen, Germany.
- 2018 Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Derivando la Concordancia Opcional en los Idiomas Mayas de Oriente”. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 5, Antigua Guatemala.
- 2018 Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Microvariation in Eastern Mayan number agreement”. Cambridge Comparative Syntax (CamCoS) 7, University of Cambridge.
- 2017 Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Restrictions on Adjunct Extraction: Microvariation in Mayan”. Cambridge Comparative Syntax (CamCoS) 6, University of Cambridge.
- 2017 Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Adjunct Extraction: A View from Mayan”. Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 43, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2017 Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Adjunct Extraction in Kaqchikel and Tz’utujil”. Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Austin, TX.
- 2016 Douglas, Jamie, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Michelle Sheehan. “Derivando la Ergatividad Sintáctica en los Idiomas Mayas”. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 4, Universidad de Oriente, México.
- 2016 Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “La Extracción de Adjuntos en Kaqchikel y Tz’utujil”. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 4, Universidad de Oriente, México.
- 2016 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “The syntax of object dislocation in Luganda”. 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of California, Berkeley.
- 2014 Landman, Meredith & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “On focus marking in Kuria”. 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of Kansas.
- 2013 Diercks, Michael, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Rebekah Cramerus. “On object marking in Kikuria”. 44th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), Georgetown University.

REFEREED POSTERS

- Upcoming Fried, Marisa, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Agreement in K’iche’ (Mayan): Reflections on Microvariation”. Penn Linguistics Colloquium (PLC) 44.
- 2019 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “A Mayan Diagnostic for the Unergative vs. Unaccusative Distinction”. Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 42, University of Oslo.
- 2018 Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Optional agreement in Santiago Tz’utujil (Mayan): The effects of animacy and grammatical function”. LSA 2018, Salt Lake City.
- 2017 Douglas, Jamie, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Michelle Sheehan. “Two Kinds of Syntactic Ergativity in Mayan”. Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) Asia XI, National University of Singapore.

OTHER

- 2020 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “No movement out of negation? A Kaqchikel (Mayan) puzzle. S-Lab, University of Maryland.

- 2019 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Optional agreement in Santiago Tz’utujil (Mayan) is syntactic”. S-Lab, University of Maryland.
- 2019 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “The eventive core is *not* special in ellipsis”. ECO-5, University of Maryland.
- 2018 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Voice mismatches in sluicing — a Mayan perspective”. S-Lab, University of Maryland.
- 2018 Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Opcionalidad en la Conjugación Verbal del Tz’utujil de Santiago”. Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, Altiplano.
- 2018 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “No Optionality in Syntax — A View from Mayan Number Agreement”. S-Lab, University of Maryland.
- 2018 Douglas, Jamie, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Michelle Sheehan. “How A-movement can lead to extraction restrictions”. Asymmetries 2018, DGfS workshop at Stuttgart University. Michelle Sheehan (invited speaker) presenting joint work.
- 2017 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Thinking like a fieldworker: number agreement in Tz’utujil Mayan”. Language Science Lunch Talks (LSLT), University of Maryland.
- 2016 Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Adjunct extraction: a view from Mayan”. Language Science Lunch Talks (LSLT), University of Maryland.
- 2014 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “The Reclamation of Xinka”. 26th Annual SURP Conference, Pomona College.
- 2013 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Returning from the Edge: The Revitalization of Xinka”. 25th Annual SURP Conference, Pomona College.

Teaching

INSTRUCTOR ON RECORD

- Fall 2019 LING 419B: The Syntax of Silence
Duties: independently design and teach discussion-based seminar on the syntax of ellipsis.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Spring 2020 LING 330: Historical Linguistics
Instructor: Margaret Antonisse
Duties: occasional lecturing, grading, weekly office hours.
- Fall 2019 SPAN 425: Hispanic Linguistics II
Instructor: Juan Uriagereka
Duties: grading, meeting with students by appointment.
- Fall 2018 LING 321: Phonology I, UMD
Instructor: Margaret Antonisse
Duties: occasional lecturing, grading, weekly office hours.
- Spring 2018 LING 311: Syntax I, UMD
Instructor: Tonia Bleam
Duties: grading, weekly office hours.
- Fall 2017 LING 200: Introductory Linguistics, UMD
Instructor: Margaret Antonisse
Duties: leading discussion session, grading, weekly office hours.

- Spring 2014 LGCS 105: Syntax, Pomona College
Instructor: Meredith Landman
Duties: grading, weekly office hours.
- Fall 2013 LGCS 010: Introduction to Linguistics, Pomona College
Instructor: Meredith Landman
Duties: grading, weekly office hours.
- Spring 2013 LGCS 010: Introduction to Linguistics, Pomona College
Instructor: Meredith Landman
Duties: grading, weekly office hours
- Fall 2012 LGCS 010: Introduction to Linguistics, Pomona College
Instructor: Meredith Landman
Duties: grading, weekly office hours.

MENTORING

- 2019 — Mentor Daniel Coyne, an undergraduate, NSF-funded RA. Duties include meeting weekly with student and supervising his work on a project related to the identity condition on ellipsis.
- 2019 Mentored seven scholars during three-week summer research program on K'iche' in El Novillero, through UMD's Guatemala Field Station. Duties included teaching elicitation methodology, supervising fieldwork, advising projects, and logistics.
- 2018 — Co-mentor (with Paulina Lyskawa) Marisa Fried, an undergraduate, NSF-funded RA. Duties include meeting weekly with student, preparing her for research trips in Guatemala, and advising her during research trips.

OTHER

- Spring 2011—Spanish Language Fellow, Pomona College [FLRC](#). Duties included tutoring
Fall 2014 Spanish students (all levels).

Research

FIELDWORK

- 2016 — Work with Tz'utujil, Kaqchikel, and K'iche' language consultants in Santiago Atitlán, Patzún, Tecpán, Sumpango, and El Novillero (Guatemala), through UMD's [Guatemala Field Station](#).
- 2014 — 2015 Work with Luganda language consultant in Cambridge, UK.
- 2013 — 2014 Work with Maay language consultants in San Diego, CA.
- 2012 — 2014 Work with Kuria language consultant in Claremont, CA.

PROJECT COORDINATOR

- 2017 — 2018 Language documentation project with Kaqchikel spiritual guides in Sumpango, Guatemala. Duties included supervising the recording of religious ceremonies, supervising editing and transcription of recordings, and leading workshops. In collaboration with *Waqxaqi' B'atz'* and Professor Yolanda Estrada (USAC).
- 2012 — 2015 Language reclamation project with the Xinka community in Chiquimulilla, Guatemala. Duties included analyzing material on Xinka, writing textbooks, leading teacher trainings, and establishing a partnership with the government. In collaboration with the *Consejo del Pueblo Xinka de Guatemala* (COPXIG).

ASSISTANTSHIP

- 2019 For Howard Lasnik. Duties included revising handouts for colloquium talks and compiling the bibliography and index for an upcoming book.
- 2012 — 2013 For Mary Paster. Assist members of the [Rumsen tribe](#) in establishing a language reclamation project. Duties included compiling and analyzing material on the Rumsen language and teaching weekly language classes at the tribal office.

Service

- 2019 Journal reviewing: *Diachronica* (1 manuscript), *Linguistic Inquiry* (1 manuscript)
- 2018 — 2019 Member, [WSCLA 24](#) committee. UMD Linguistics Department.
- 2017 — 2018 Co-chair, [colloquium](#) committee. UMD Linguistics Department.
- 2017 — 2018 Chair, [Mayfest Workshop \(Nayfest\)](#) committee. UMD Linguistics Department.
- 2017 Member, [Language Science Day](#) committee. UMD [Language Science Center](#).
- 2016 — 2018 Member, Research Committee. UMD [Language Science Center](#).
- 2014 Workshop facilitator. [Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages](#) and [Academy of Mayan Languages of Guatemala \(ALMG\)](#).

Language Proficiency

- Spanish (*native*)
- English (*fluent*)
- Italian (*advanced*)
- French, Kaqchikel (*intermediate*)
- German, Mandarin (*beginner*)
- Tz'utujil, Kaqchikel, K'iche', Luganda, Maay, Kuria (*elicitation*)
- Xinka, Rumsen (*research knowledge*)

References

Professor Maria Polinsky

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