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## Employment

2023 (July) - Assistant Professor  
Department of Spanish and Portuguese  
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

2021 - 2023 Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow  
American Indian Studies Center  
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)  
**Faculty mentor:** Harold Torrence

## Education

2016 - 2021 PhD in Linguistics  
University of Maryland, College Park  
*Flagship Fellow*

**Dissertation:** Identity Conditions on Ellipsis  
**Advisers:** Maria Polinsky & Omer Preminger

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

## Research Interests

BROAD syntax, language revitalization, phonology

NARROW ellipsis, agreement, linearization, reclamation, documentation, harmony

LANGUAGES Kaqchikel, Tz'utujil, K'iche', Chuj, Xinka, Spanish, Kuria, Luganda, Maay

## Publications

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

In prep Estrada, Yolanda, & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Empowering the practitioners of the verbal arts: Lessons from a collaboration with Kaqchikel Ajq'ija'".

- In prep a **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Voice mismatches in Kaqchikel Sluicing: Consequences for the Identity Condition on Ellipsis”.
- In prep b **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “The eventive core is not special in ellipsis”.
- In prep **Ranero, Rodrigo** & Justin Royer. “Null Complement Anaphora (NCA) does not involve a transitivity alternation: Evidence from Chuj (Mayan)”.

#### REFEREED ARTICLES

- To be revised **Ranero, Rodrigo** & Paulina Lyskawa. “True progressive harmony exists”. *Natural & resubmitted Language & Linguistic Theory*. [[link](#)]
- 2022 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Optional agreement as successful/failed AGREE: Evidence from Santiago Tz’utujil (Mayan)”. *Linguistic Variation*. 22:2. 209-267. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1075/lv.20013.lys>
- 2021 Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Chain Reduction via Substitution: Evidence from Mayan”. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 6(1): 10. 1–31. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.1087>
- 2020 Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Optional agreement in Santiago Tz’utujil (Mayan) is syntactic”. *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft*. Volume 39, Issue 3. 329-355. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/zfs-2020-2018>.
- 2019 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Deriving an Object Dislocation Asymmetry in Luganda”. In *Theory and Description in African Linguistics: Selected Proceedings of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, edited by E. Clem, P. Jenks, and H. 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 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, edited by J. Kandybowicz, T. Major, H. Torrence, and P. Duncan, 393-412. Berlin: Language Science Press. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.1251754](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1251754).
- 2015 Diercks, Michael, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Mary Paster. “Evidence for a Clitic Analysis of Object Markers in Kuria”. In *Selected Proceedings of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, edited by R. Kramer, E. Zsiga, and O. Boyer, 52-70. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. [[link](#)]

#### PROCEEDINGS PAPERS (REFEREED ABSTRACT); \*WITH UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT (UNDERLINED)

- To appear **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Voice mismatches in Kaqchikel (Mayan) sluicing. In *Proceedings of WSCLA 24*, edited by D. Reisinger. Vancouver, BC: UBCWPL. [[link](#)]
- 2021 \* Fried, Marisa, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Agreement in K’iche’ Mayan: Reflections on Microvariation and Acquisition”. In *Proceedings of Penn Linguistics Colloquium 44*. [[link](#)]
- 2021 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Sibilant Harmony in Santiago Tz’utujil (Mayan)”. In *Proceedings of the Linguistics Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v6i1.4968>
- 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 M. Y. Erlewine, 41-56. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. [[link](#)]

#### TEXTBOOKS AND DOCUMENTATION

- To appear **Ranero, Rodrigo**, COPXIG & Cooperativa el Recuerdo. “ ’Alyamalh Xinka -

- Wirimalh Xinka—Módulo III: Sintaxis Básica” (“Let’s teach and speak Xinka—Module III: Basic Syntax”).
- 2018 Estrada, Yolanda, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Filiberto Patal Majzul. “Kaqchikel ritual language: Four ceremonies by the Waqxaqi’ B’atz’ collective”. Video/audio recordings and transcriptions (~10 hours; archived by the Firebird Foundation).
- 2014 “Talking Dictionaries of Guatemala” (contributor to 22 online dictionaries) [[link](#)]
- 2013 **Ranero, Rodrigo** & COPXIG. “’Alyamalh Xinka - Wirimalh Xinka—Módulo II: Morfología” (“Let’s teach and speak Xinka—Module II: Morphology”). Guatemala: Editorial Cholsamaj. 124 pp.
- 2012 **Ranero, Rodrigo** & COPXIG. “’Alyamalh Xinka - Wirimalh Xinka—Módulo I: Guía de Ortografía y Pronunciación” (“Let’s teach and speak Xinka—Module I: Orthography and Pronunciation”). Guatemala: Editorial Cholsamaj. 52pp.

#### REVIEWS AND GRAMMATICAL SKETCHES

- 2018 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Review of Eguren, Luis, Olga Fernández-Soriano, and Amaya Mendikoetxea eds. (2016) Rethinking Parameters”. *Linguistic Variation* 18:1, 197-204. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1075/lv.17009.ran>
- 2015 Paster, Mary & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “CASL Introductory Sketches for African Languages: Maay”. Technical Report 2.9B, DO050: UMD-CASL.
- 2013 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Review of Haider, Hubert (2012) Symmetry Breaking in Syntax”. *California Linguistic Notes*. Volume XXXVIII, No.1 Spring 2013

## Grants & Awards

EXTERNAL; \*WITH UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT (UNDERLINED)

- 2020 [Cosmos Club Foundation Scholarship](#)
- 2020 \* [Jacobs Research Funds](#) group grant [with P. Lyskawa & M. Fried]
- 2019 [Jacobs Research Funds](#) group grant [with O. Preminger, P. Lyskawa & C. Baron]
- 2018 [Jacobs Research Funds](#) group grant [with T. Levin & P. Lyskawa]
- 2018 [Cosmos Club Foundation Scholarship](#)
- 2017 [Firebird Foundation Research Grant](#) [with Y. Estrada]
- 2013 [Donald A. Strauss Public Service Scholarship](#)
- 2013 [Davis Projects for Peace Grant](#)

INTERNAL

- 2021 - [Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship at UCLA](#)
- 2021 Howard Lasnik Award for Distinguished Teaching in Linguistics
- 2016 - 2021 [UMD Flagship Fellowship](#) (recruitment award)
- 2019 Arts and Humanities (ARHU) Graduate Student Travel Award
- 2019 Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award
- 2016 Arts and Humanities (ARHU) Graduate Student Travel Award
- 2016 Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award
- 2016 [Pomona College Sherwood Heiser Fellowship](#)
- 2014 - 2015 [Pomona College Downing Scholarship](#)
- 2014 Glass Linguistics Prize
- 2014 Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of California
- 2013, 2012 [Pomona College Summer Undergraduate Research Project \(SURP\) Grant](#)

## Presentations

### INVITED TALKS

- Upcoming **Ranero, Rodrigo**. TBA. Culture, Power, and Social Change seminar series. Department of Anthropology, UCLA.
- Upcoming **Ranero, Rodrigo**. TBA. Workshop *Current Issues in Comparative Syntax 2: Boundaries on Ellipsis Mismatch*. Tsuda University, Japan.
- Upcoming **Ranero, Rodrigo**. TBA. Panel focusing on heritage speakers of indigenous languages of the Americas. Heritage Language Research Institute, UCLA.
- Upcoming **Ranero, Rodrigo** (joint work with Justin Royer). “Varieties of Silence: Insight from Chuj”. Syntax & Semantics Circle. Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley.
- 2023 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Reflexiones sobre idiomas en proceso de recuperación”. Conference *Intercambio de experiencias sobre investigaciones para la recuperación de los idiomas en peligro de extinción*. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Gobierno de Guatemala.
- 2023 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Connecting the dots: Linguistic theory, documentation, and reclamation”. Language, Literacy and Learning (LLL) Collaborative brown bag lecture. UCLA.
- 2023 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “The syntax of what’s left unsaid: A view of ellipsis from Mayan and Spanish”. Colloquium. Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UCLA.
- 2023 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Connecting the dots: Linguistic theory, documentation, and reclamation”. LatCrit Sociocultural Linguistics Lab. Latino & Latin American Studies Center, UC Riverside.
- 2023 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Connecting the dots: Linguistic theory, documentation, and reclamation”. Colloquium. Department of Linguistics, Stanford University.
- 2023 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “A new perspective on the syntax of silence: The view from Mayan”. Seminar. Department of Linguistics, Stanford University.
- 2023 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “A new perspective on the syntax of silence: The view from Mayan”. Colloquium. Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University.
- 2022 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Social Justice and Language Reclamation: The Case of Xinka in Guatemala”. Central America series. Latin American Institute, UCLA.
- 2022 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “On the Virtues of Individual-Speaker Fieldwork: Lessons from Agreement in Tz’utujil”. Linguistic Fieldwork Working Group. Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego.
- 2022 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Obstáculos en la recopilación de información sobre el idioma Xinka” (“Obstacles in the collection of information on the Xinka language”). Online conference *Retos y Desafíos del Idioma Xinka (Challenges for the Xinka Language)*. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Gobierno de Guatemala.
- 2022 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Optional Agreement in Tz’utujil: An Argument for Individual-Speaker Fieldwork”. Department of Linguistics, UCLA.
- 2021 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “An I-language approach to optional agreement in Tz’utujil”. Fieldwork Forum. Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley.
- 2021 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “Identity in ellipsis reconsidered: The view from Kaqchikel and beyond”. Department of Language Science Colloquium Series, UC Irvine.
- 2021 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Sibilant Harmony in Santiago Tz’utujil: Synchrony, Diachrony, and Typology”. Workshop on the Languages of Meso-America (WLMA) meeting. Department of Linguistics, UC Santa Cruz.

- 2020 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “Linguistic Links of Xinka: Importance for the Strengthening of Identity”. Online conference “*Characterizing the Xinka People*”, organized by the Guatemalan government’s CODISRA.
- 2016 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “La Lingüística Generativa y la Evolución del Lenguaje”. Universidad San Carlos de Guatemala.
- 2016 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “Fundamentos de la Lingüística: Adquisición, Variación y Evolución del Lenguaje”. Universidad del Valle de 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

- 2022 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero.** “True progressive harmony exists”. Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. *Paper withdrawn due to COVID-19 pandemic.*
- 2021 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero.** “La armonía progresiva sí existe”. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) VI.
- 2021 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero.** “True progressive harmony exists”. North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 52. Rutgers University, Department of Linguistics.
- 2021 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero.** “Vowel Harmony in Santiago Tz’utujil (Mayan)”. Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting.
- 2021 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero.** “Sibilant Harmony in Santiago Tz’utujil”. Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting.
- 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”. 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of California, Berkeley.
- 2014 Landman, Meredith & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “On focus marking in Kuria”. 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of Kansas.
- 2013 Diercks, Michael, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Rebekah Cramerus. “On object marking in Kikuria”. 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), Georgetown University.

REFEREED POSTERS; \*WITH UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT (UNDERLINED)

- 2023 Estrada, Yolanda & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “Empowering the practitioners of the verbal arts: Lessons from a collaboration with Kaqchikel Ajq’ija’ ”. Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.
- 2021 Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. “True progressive harmony exists”. Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP) 2021, University of Toronto and York University.
- 2020 \* 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”. Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, 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

- 2022 **Ranero, Rodrigo**, & Paulina Lyskawa. “Sibilant Harmony in Santiago Tz’utujil: Synchrony and Diachrony”. American Indian Seminar (AIS). UCLA, Department of Linguistics.
- 2022 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. “The Reclamation of Xinka in Guatemala”. American Indian Studies Center (AISC), UCLA. [[video link](#)]

- 2022 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “Identity in ellipsis reconsidered: The view from Kaqchikel and beyond”. SynSem Seminar. UCLA, Department of Linguistics.
- 2021 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “Identity in ellipsis reconsidered: The view from Kaqchikel and beyond”. ‘You’re on mute’ ellipsis seminar series. NYU, Department of Linguistics.
- 2020 **Ranero, Rodrigo.** “Revisiting Gender Mismatches in Ellipsis”. S-Lab. University of Maryland.
- 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.

## Teaching

### AWARD

- 2021 HOWARD LASNIK AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING (UMD)  
Awarded by faculty consensus in the Linguistics Department

### STUDENT MENTORSHIP

- 2018 - 2020 Mentor for Marisa Fried, an undergraduate, NSF-funded RA. Duties included meeting weekly with student, preparing her for research trips in Guatemala, advising her during research trips, and co-writing a publication.
- 2019 - 2020 Mentor for Daniel Coyne, an undergraduate, NSF-funded RA. Duties included meeting weekly with student and supervising his work on a project related to the identity condition on ellipsis.
- 2019 Mentored seven students (3 graduate / 4 undergraduate) during four-week summer research program on K’iche’ in El Novillero, through UMD’s Guatemala Field Station. Duties included teaching elicitation methodology and advising projects.

#### INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

- Summer 2022 *Introducción a la Lingüística* (Introduction to Linguistics); Virtual/Free  
Coordinate 20-week introductory course to linguistics, geared towards speakers /  
heritage learners of indigenous languages of Guatemala; teach syntax component.  
In collaboration with [Museo Xinka](#) and [Editorial Maya' Wuj](#).
- Fall 2019 *LING 419B: The Syntax of Silence* (UMD)  
Independently designed and taught discussion-based seminar on ellipsis.

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Spring 2020 *LING 330: Historical Linguistics* (UMD)  
Instructor: Margaret Antonisse  
Duties: occasional lecturing, grading, weekly office hours
- Fall 2019 *SPAN 425: Hispanic Linguistics II* (UMD)  
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

#### INVITED LECTURES

- Spring 2023 Title: "Silence in Mayan: Some results and prospects"  
Course: LING 651: Seminar in Syntax, The Syntax of Ellipsis (Stony Brook U.)  
Instructor: Francisco Ordóñez
- Spring 2022 Title: "Syntactic Identity in Ellipsis: Some Results and Questions"  
Course: *Ling 819 Ellipsis Seminar* (UMD)  
Instructor: Howard Lasnik
- Fall 2021 Title: "Mayan literature in translation: The view from Humberto Ak'abal's poetry"  
Course: *LIT 156 Translation* (Harvey Mudd College)  
Instructor: Isabel Balseiro



Fall 2020 Title: “¿Qué es el lenguaje y cómo evolucionó?”  
Course: *Teoría Antropológica I* (Universidad del Valle de Guatemala)  
Instructor: Alejandra Colom

## Research

### FIELDWORK

- 2021 - Language reclamation project with the Xinka community in Guatemala. Weekly meetings with community members to advise on and co-write advanced pedagogical material focusing on syntax, teach classes on Xinka grammar. In collaboration with *Consejo Coordinador del Pueblo Xinka de Guatemala (COPXIG)*, *Cooperativa El Recuerdo*, *Museo Xinka*, and *Editorial Maya' Wuj*.
- 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 [[link](#)].
- 2015 - 2020 Advise members of the Xinka community on language reclamation efforts.
- 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 *COPXIG*.
- 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).
- 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.

### ASSISTANTSHIP

- 2019 For Howard Lasnik. Duties included revising handouts for colloquium talks and compiling the bibliography and index for two upcoming books.
- 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

- 2023 - MEMBER OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE  
Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) VII; (UNAM, Mexico City)
- 2022 REVIEW FOR GRANT PROPOSALS  
NSF Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL) program (x1)
- 2021 - PEER REVIEW; CONFERENCES  
Workshop on Verbal Domains (2023; University of Newcastle)  
WCCFL 40  
Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) VI
- 2019 - PEER REVIEW; JOURNALS AND BOOKS  
Diachronica (x1)  
Journal of Linguistics (x1)

Linguistic Inquiry (x2)  
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory (x2)  
The Handbook of Comparative Syntax, CUP (x1)

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, German, Mandarin (*intermediate*)

Tz'utujil, Kaqchikel, K'iche', Luganda, Maay, Kuria (*elicitation, corpus collection*)

Xinka, Rumsen, Chuj (*research knowledge*)

## References

*Available upon request.*

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