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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in-progress, Linguistics, University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY), expected 2028
Graduate Certificate, Geospatial Science, University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH), 2023
B.A. Romance Languages, Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH), 2018

CERTIFICATIONS

Massachusetts State Provisional Teaching License, English 5-12, Spanish 5-12
FEMA ICS 100, ICS 200, IS 700
Codecademy Data Scientist: Machine Learning Specialist

TEACHING

Spring 2026: Instructor of record for two sections of LIN 200, including one Honors Conversion, University of Kentucky
Fall 2025: Instructor of record for two sections of LIN 200, including one Honors Conversion, University of Kentucky
Summer 2025: Instructor of record for one online section of LIN 200 (How to Create your Own Language), University of Kentucky
Spring 2025: Instructor of record for one online section of LIN 211. TA for two recitation sections of LIN 211, University of Kentucky. LIN 211 Spotlight Lecture: Methods and Ethics of Linguistic Inquiry
Fall 2024: TA for three recitation sections of LIN 211 (Introduction to the Study of Language), University of Kentucky
Spring 2024: Primary instructor for two sections of SPA 101, piloting participation self-assessment and formative unit projects, University of Kentucky
Fall 2023: Primary instructor for two sections of SPA 101 (Introductory Elementary Spanish), University of Kentucky
2019: Long-Term substitute teacher in Spanish, Lynnfield Middle School

2018-19: Substitute teacher per diem, Nashua Public Schools, Westford Public Schools

TEACHING ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Spring 2026: Participated in UK Core Assessment Pilot Project

Fall 2025: LIN 695 (Teaching Linguistics; 1 credit hour); Participated in UK Core Assessment Pilot Project

Fall 2024: LIN 695 (Teaching Linguistics; 1 credit hour); Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT) Workshop: Designing Slides to Reduce Cognitive Load and Support Memory

Spring 2024: Hispanic Studies Departmental TA orientation

Fall 2023: University-wide TA orientation with Microteaching; Hispanic Studies Departmental TA orientation; SPA 553 (The Teaching of Spanish; 3 credit hours); Kentucky World Language Association Annual Conference; Workshop on Oral Interviews for Student Evaluation; Workshop on developing Composition Assessments for Student Writing

2019: School-wide professional development days, including focuses on classroom management, mental health, and student success

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Reanalysis of a Verb Corpus of Gurmanchema” Presented at the 12th annual Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference. Lexington, Kentucky. March 2024.

“Substratum and Superstratum Influences of Historical Hawaiian Englishes” Presented at the 52nd New Ways of Analyzing Variation. Miami, Florida. November 2024.

“Indications of Variation and Change in Gurmanchema” Presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. January 2025.

“Contact Influences on Historical Hawaiian Englishes” Presented at the 13th annual Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference. Lexington, Kentucky. March 2025

“The Death of a Word: A Survival Analysis of American English Lexemes” Presented at the 14th annual Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference. Lexington, Kentucky. February 2026

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2026: Linguistic Atlas Project Student Assistant, Lexington KY

2023-2024: GIS Engineering Intern, Centerline Communications, Nashua NH

2022-23, 2019-21: Store Guide, Eastern Mountain Sports, Portsmouth, NH

2019-21: Talent Acquisition Coordinator, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

2015-18: Assistant Teacher of Spanish; Spanish 1, 2, 3; Dartmouth College

2015-18: House Manager, Hopkins Center for the Arts, Dartmouth College

HONORS AND AWARDS

College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award (TA). University of Kentucky. 2026.

Alternate, Fulbright Independent Study and Research, Panama. 2026.

American Dialect Society Presidential Honorary Membership Award. 2025

Center for Graduate and Professional Services Travel Award. University of Kentucky. 2024.

Graduate Student Council Travel Award. University of Kentucky. 2024

Pillars of Excellence Award. COVID-19 Human Resources Labor Pool. Massachusetts General Hospital. 2021.

Summa Cum Laude. Dartmouth College. 2018.

Phi Beta Kappa. Dartmouth College. 2018.

Citation for Meritorious Academic Performance. Dartmouth College. 2018.

Gamma Sigma Alpha Honor Society. Dartmouth College. 2017.

SERVICE

2025-2026: Treasurer of the Linguistics Graduate Student Association, University of Kentucky;

Secured a UKy Student Government Association grant for LGSA to help fund student attendance at the Linguistic Society of America annual conference; Volunteer for Kentucky Book Festival, Lexington, KY; Tech Specialist for the Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference

2024-2025: Vice President of the Linguistics Graduate Student Association, University of Kentucky; Chair of Communications for the Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference

2024: Volunteer at Cassidy Elementary School Culture Night, Lexington KY; Volunteer for Kentucky Book Festival, Lexington, KY

2023: Programming Committee Member for Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference; Volunteer for Kentucky World Language Association Annual Conference

2018: Co-Chair, Dartmouth College PRIDE

2016: Finance Committee Member, Dartmouth College PRIDE

2015: Chair for Safety and Accessibility, Dartmouth College PRIDE

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Distinguished (ACTFL Standards)

Portuguese (Brazilian) – Superior (ACTFL Standards)

French – Intermediate Mid (ACTFL Standards)

Russian – Novice Low (ACTFL Standards)

Hawaiian – Structural Knowledge

UNSUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

2025-2026: Smithsonian Predoctoral Fellowship; ACLS Mellon Dissertation Innovation
Fellowship