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## EDUCATION

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**The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA ■ 2006

**Ph.D.** in Spanish (Linguistics)

*Specialization:* Variation and sociolinguistics; dialectology

*Dissertation:* "Linguistic and Social Variables in Yucatan Spanish"

*Director:* John Lipski

**Ohio University**, Athens, OH ■ 1998

**M.A.** in Spanish

*Areas of Study & Examination:* Literature, Linguistics, and Pedagogy

**Ohio University**, Athens, OH ■ 1996

**B.S.Ed.** in Spanish Education, Summa cum Laude

*Student Teaching:* Marietta Senior High School, Marietta OH

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**North Carolina State University**, Raleigh, NC:

**Assistant Professor of Spanish** – Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures ■ Fall 2006-present

- **Spanish Variation and Change (graduate and senior seminar)**
- **Spanish Dialectology (graduate)**
- **Spanish Phonology (graduate)**
- **History of the Spanish Language (graduate)**
- **Spanish Phonetics and pronunciation (undergraduate)**
- **Advanced Spanish Grammar (undergraduate)**

**The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA:

**Teaching Assistant** – Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese ■ Fall 2003-Fall 2004 (grants or research assistantships during academic years 2002-3, 2005-6)

- **Basic Spanish**
- **Foundations of Linguistics**

**The University of Virginia's College at Wise**, Wise, VA:

**Teaching Fellow of Spanish** – Department of Language and Literature ■  
Fall 1998-Spring 2002, course load of 5 classes per semester

- **Basic Spanish**
- **Honors Spanish**
- **Intermediate Spanish**
- **Spanish Culture (taught on Study Abroad in Spain)**
- **Spanish Teaching Methods**

**Ohio University**, Athens, OH:

**Teaching Associate** – Department of Modern Languages ■ Fall 1996 - spring 1998

- **Basic Spanish**
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#### PUBLICATIONS

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- “Intervocalic voiced stops in Yucatan Spanish: a case of contact induced language change?” in M. Lacorte & J. Leeman (Eds.). *Español en Estados Unidos y en otros contextos de contacto: Sociolingüística, ideología y pedagogía*. Madrid: Iberoamericana. ■ 2009. 67-84.
- “Final nasal choice in Yucatan Spanish”. *Spanish in Context* 5.2, 2008. 278–303.
- [“El habla de Yucatám: final –m in a dialect in contact”](#) in J. Holmquist et al. (Ed.). *Selected proceedings of The Third Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics (WSS3)*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. ■ 2007. 38-43.
- [“Final –m in Yucatan Spanish: A Rapid and Anonymous Survey”](#) in J.P. Montreuil (Ed.). *New Perspectives on Romance Linguistics. Vol. 2: Phonetics, phonology, and dialectology: selected papers from the 35<sup>th</sup> Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL)*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins ■ 2006. 155-166.
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#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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- Second person singular pronoun use in San Salvador. With Soraya Place. Submitted March 2009.
- Pronouns of address in Santiago, Chile. With Kelley Bishop.

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#### PRESENTATIONS

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- Where’d you get that accent? English interference in Spanish pronunciation: an overview of the problems and solutions. Presentation at the North Carolina

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP)  
spring meeting at North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC ■ March 2009

- “The use of *vos*, *tú* and *usted* in San Salvador.” With Soraya Place. Presentation at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference (MIFLC) at The University of North Carolina – Wilmington, Wilmington NC ■ October 2008
- “Which *you* for you? Voseo, tuteo and ustedeo in El Salvador.” With Soraya Place. Presentation at the NCSU Foreign Language Brownbag series, Raleigh NC ■ October 2008
- “Final nasal variation in Yucatan Spanish.” Presentation at the Fourth International Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics (WSS4) at the University of Albany, SUNY, Albany NY ■ April 2008
- “Second person singular pronouns in San Salvador: *vos*, *tú*, and *usted*.” Soraya Place & Jim Michnowicz. Poster presentation at the Fourth International Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics (WSS4) at the University of Albany, SUNY, Albany NY ■ April 2008
- “A fortition conspiracy in Yucatan Spanish: an Optimality Theoretic analysis.” Presentation made as part of the NCSU Linguistics Brownbag series, Raleigh NC ■ November, 2007
- “Language attitudes and dialect maintenance in Yucatan”. Presentation at the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference (MIFLC) at Virginia Tech University, Roanoke VA ■ October, 2007
- “Locative constructions and copula choice in Old Spanish: *ser* and *estar* in the works of Gonzalo de Berceo”. Presentation at the UVA-Wise Medieval Renaissance Conference XXI at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, Wise VA ■ September, 2007
- “Intervocalic voiced stops in Yucatan Spanish: a case of contact induced language change?” Presentation at the XXI Conference on Spanish in the US & VI Spanish in contact with other languages at George Mason University, Arlington VA ■ March, 2007
- “The role of Mayan on Yucatan Spanish: the case of [b d g]. Presentation made as part of the NCSU Linguistics Brownbag series, Raleigh NC ■ March 2007
- “Gender in language change: the case of Yucatan Spanish”. Presentation at the 56th Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference (MIFLC) at James Madison University, Harrisonburg VA ■ October, 2006
- “El habla de Yucatám: final nasal variants in a dialect in contact”. Presentation at the 3rd International Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics (WSS3) at Temple University, Philadelphia ■ April, 2006
- “Final –m in Yucatan Spanish: a change in progress? The sociolinguistic story”. Alternate at the 36<sup>th</sup> Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL) at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ ■ April, 2006
- “Word-final [m] in Yucatan Spanish: Acoustic data and a Gradual Learning Algorithm Account”. Presentation at the 35<sup>th</sup> Linguistic Symposium on

Romance Languages (LSRL) at the University of Texas, Austin ■ February, 2005

- “Computer-mediated Feedback and the Development of the Spanish Agreement System” Nuria Sagarra, Paola E. Dussias, Jim Michnowicz, & Ryan La Brozzi. Presentation at The Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) at the University of Arizona ■ October, 2003
- “Positive and Negative Evidence in a Computer-Assisted Environment” Nuria Sagarra, Paola E. Dussias, Jim Michnowicz, & Ryan La Brozzi. Presentation at The 7<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Linguistics Symposium and The 6<sup>th</sup> Conference on the Acquisition of Spanish and Portuguese as First and Second Languages at the University of New Mexico ■ October, 2003
- “Modern Language Teaching Methodology: Theory and Practice” Invited workshop at in-service for high school language teachers, Tazwell, Virginia ■ March, 2001
- “The Daganzo Election of 1615: Ciceronian Politics in a Cervantine World” Presentation at the UVA-Wise Medieval Renaissance Conference XIII at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, Wise VA ■ September, 1999
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#### BOOK REVIEWS

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- *Selected proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics*. Westmoreland, Maurice & Thomas, Juan Antonio (eds.). Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press. 2008. Review for Linguist List issue number 20.2376 ■ July, 2009.
- Cortez de Anderson, D.C. (in press). *Contornos del habla: fonología y fonética del español*. Yale University Press. Pre-publication textbook review ■ October, 2007.

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#### AWARDS

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**North Carolina State University**, Raleigh, NC:

**Research Awards**

- Nominee for CHASS Outstanding Junior Faculty Award ■ 2009
- Awarded College of Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarly Project Award for summer research ■ Summer 2008

**Teaching Awards**

- Nominee for University Teaching Excellence Award ■ 2009

**The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA:

**Research Awards**

- Awarded Sparks Fellowship for teaching release ■ Spring 2006

- Received a competitive dissertation grant from the College of Liberal Arts for dissertation release time ■ Fall 2005
- Received a \$1600 competitive dissertation grant from the College of Liberal Arts for travel and study in Yucatan, Mexico ■ Fall 2004
- Awarded Research Assistantship ■ 2003
  - Assisted professor Nuria Sagarra on a project studying the role of feedback in Second Language Acquisition

### Teaching Awards

- Nominated for College of Liberal Arts Teaching Excellence Award ■ 2005
- Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese Teaching Excellence Award ■ 2004

### The University of Virginia's College at Wise, Wise, VA:

- Buck Henson Student Life Award; Awarded to one faculty member per year for outstanding contributions to student life ■ 2000

### Ohio University, Athens, OH:

- Outstanding Graduate in Spanish Education ■ 1996
- Phi Beta Kappa ■ 1996
- Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honorary ■ 1994; President ■ 1995-1996

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### GRADUATE STUDENT DIRECTION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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- Avizia Long, M.A. project director; Online pronunciation instruction in basic language classes ■ In progress
- Susana García, M.A. committee member; Teaching and learning *ser* and *estar* ■ In progress
- Verónica González, M.A. project director; Liquid confusion in Puerto Rican Spanish ■ In progress
- Patricia Infantino, M.A. project director; Palatalization in Buenos Aires Spanish ■ In progress
- Jennifer Vojtko, M.A. project director; Spanish > English language shift in Raleigh, NC ■ In progress
- Katie Sinclair, M.A. project director; *Distinción* after study abroad in Spain ■ In progress
- Kelley Bishop, M.A. project director; Voseo in Chile ■ Completed April 2009
- Mariana Silva, M.A. committee member, Spanish-English Translation ■ Completed April 2009
- Paul Weidmer, M.A. committee member, Latin American Literature ■ Completed January 2008
- Andrea Harper, M.A. committee member, Spanish-English Translation ■ Completed December 2008

- Soraya Place, M.A. project director; Second person singular pronouns in San Salvador, El Salvador ■ Completed May 2008
- Jody Bowman, M.A. project director; L2 influence on Spanish immigrants in Raleigh, NC ■ Completed May 2008
- Karen Coachman, M.A. project director; The Acquisition of Spanish Phonology in Undergraduate Learners: A Semester Analysis of L2 Speech ■ Completed May 2008
- Carolina Pallín López, M.A. committee member; Spanish-English Translation ■ Completed May 2008

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SERVICE

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**North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC:**

**Committee Chair: 5<sup>th</sup> International Workshop in Spanish Sociolinguistics (WSS5), to be held at NC State April 2010**

- Form planning committee, oversee all aspects of conference plan, including invitation to plenary speakers, conference schedule, funding, abstract review and paper selection ■ Spring 2008 – present

**Manuscript reviewer (linguistics): “Hispania”**

**Faculty advisor: Sigma Delta Pi Spanish National Honor Society**

- Work with honor society members to plan yearly activities and initiation ceremony ■ Fall 2007 – present

**Undergraduate faculty mentor:**

- Meet with assigned students for informal advising ■ Fall 2006 – present

**Linguistics curriculum revision subcommittee**

- Worked with other linguistics faculty to redesign the undergraduate and graduate linguistics curriculum within the FLL department ■ 2006-2007

**Exit Interview Committee**

- Conducted satisfaction interviews with graduating majors ■ Fall 2006-present

**Panel member: Wolfpack Welcome Week – What to expect in the college classroom**

- Answered student questions about making the transition to college class work ■ Fall 2008, 2009

**The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA:**

**Graduate Student Organization**

- Elected Linguistics Representative to the Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese Graduate Committee ■ 2004-2005
- Elected President, Spanish Italian, and Portuguese Graduate Organization ■ 2003-2004

**The University of Virginia's College at Wise, Wise, VA:**

**Creator and Director of Faculty Sponsor Program**

- Began a program with Residence Life in which on-campus residents were paired with a faculty member to foster out-of-the-classroom learning and connections across the campus

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COORDINATION AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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**The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA:**

**Supervisor** – Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese ■ Fall 2003-Fall 2005

- Worked as one of three supervisors for three semester basic language program

**Online Activities Developer** – Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese ■ Fall 2002- Spring 2003

- Created online activities in ANGEL software used by approximately 5000 students per year.

**ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Training** ■ Fall 2002

- Trained in techniques for assessing students' oral proficiency in Spanish

**The University of Virginia's College at Wise, Wise, VA:**

**Co-Director and Co-Developer of UVA-Wise Study Abroad Program** ■ 2000-2002

- Co-developed new 5-week summer program in Seville, Spain
- Accompanied 10 students to Spain with another faculty member
- Designed and taught orientation class for participants
- Led student excursions within Spain and Portugal
- Supervised student assistant
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- The Linguistic Society of America

- The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese

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**REFERENCES**

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