

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Education

2000-2004

Ph.D. Linguistics, Universidad de Almería, Spain (*Summa cum laude*)

Dissertation title: "Medidas del desarrollo sintáctico en adolescentes almerienses: hitos descriptivos y aportes metodológicos" ("Syntactic Development Measures Applied to Adolescents in Almería: Descriptive Milestones and Methodological Contributions")

2001

LSA Summer School of Linguistics. University of California at Santa Barbara. Graduate courses taken for credit. GPA: 3.95

1997-2000

MA Linguistics, University of Granada. Master thesis: 4.

1998-1999

Graduate courses (EAP Program) University of California at Santa Barbara, CA, Department of Linguistics. GPA: 3.98

1997

C.A.P. (Certificado de Aptitud Pedagógica/ Teacher Credential for pedagogical aptitude)

1992-1997

BA, Hispanic Philology, University of Granada, Spain.

1995-1999

Emphasis in Philosophy, Universidad de Granada.

## **Awards/Scholarships/Honors/Grants**

- Blended Learning Grant to develop a blended learning or online class, Elbogen Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Wyoming. 2013. \$500.
- Basic Research Grant to purchase experimental software to carry research in Spain, University of Wyoming. 2012. \$2,000.
- Instruction Development Grant at UCSB, to develop a website with learning resources oriented to heritage speakers, 2009. \$500
- Postdoctoral Fellowship National and Fulbright Programs, Education National Department, for pursuing research in the Linguistics Departments of Universidad de León and University of California, Santa Barbara. 2005-2007.
- University of Almería Postdoctoral Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences, to continue postdoctoral research. 2004-2005.
- Pre-Doctoral Fellowships of the National Program, Science and Technology National Department (4 years fellowship to write a Doctoral Dissertation). 2000-2004.
- EAP (Education Abroad Program) full grant, fellowship to study at University of California at Santa Barbara, in graduate school for a year at the Department of Linguistics. Academic Year 1998-99.
- Assistantship award as undergraduate student in the Linguistics Department at Universidad de Granada. 1996-1997

## **Publications**

- To appear 2014 “Recolectando resultados: el portafolio académico en la clase de metodología”, RMMLA Review, 68 (1).
- 2014 “Asking for things without words: Embodiment of action onset as a toddlers communication tool”, in Christine M. Jacknick, Catherine Box, and Hansun Z. Waring (Eds.) *Talk in Institutions: A LANSI Volume*, Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Peer-reviewed collective volume.
- 2013 “Complejidad gramatical y niveles de dificultad en lecturas de ELE adaptadas y originales”, RLA Revista de Lingüística Teórica y Aplicada 51 (2): 49-72.
- 2008 “Basic Science and Applied Science: a binomial to debate”, in *Proceedings of the IV Workshop of Young Researchers*, Madrid, 1-3 March, 2006.

- 2007 “Desarrollo sintáctico en la ciudad de Almería en adolescentes: índices primarios e índices de error”, in Pablo Cano López (Coord.) *Actas del VI Congreso de Lingüística General*. Madrid: Arco Libros, 181-190. ISBN 84-7635-670-8.
- 2006 “Medidas de madurez sintáctica aplicadas a lecturas de ELE” [*Syntactic maturity measures applied to Spanish as L2 readings*], *Interlingüística* 16: ISSN 1134-8941
- 2005 *Medidas del desarrollo sintáctico en adolescentes almerienses (12 a 18 años): hitos descriptivos y aportaciones metodológicas*. [Syntactic Development Measures Applied to Adolescents in Almería: Descriptive Milestones and Methodological Contributions]. Servicio de Publicaciones de la Universidad de Almería: Almería. ISBN: 84-8240-775-9.
- 2004 “Métodos de elicitación de narraciones en el estudio del desarrollo sintáctico de adolescentes” [*Elicitation methods for narrations in the research on syntactic development of adolescents*], *Interlingüística* 15: 271-281. ISSN 1134-8941. Coauthored with Virgilio Gómez Rubio, Universidad de Valencia.
- 2003 “Madurez sintáctica y subordinación: los índices secundarios clausales” [*Syntactic maturity and subordination: the secondary clausal indexes*], *Interlingüística* 14 (I): 191-206. ISSN 1134-8941.
- 2002 “Los índices de madurez sintáctica de Hunt a la luz de las distintas corrientes generativistas” [*The syntactic maturity indexes by Hunt from several generative points of view*], *Interlingüística* 13 (I): 337-358. ISSN 1134-8941. Coauthored with Cristóbal Lozano, University of Essex.
- 2002 “Madurez y complejidad sintácticas: crítica terminológica” [*Syntactic maturity and syntactic complexity: a terminological clarification*], in Luque Durán, J.D., Pamies Bertrán, A. & Manjón Pozas, F.J. (eds.). *Nuevas tendencias en la investigación lingüística*. Actas del I Congreso Internacional sobre nuevas tendencias de la lingüística, Granada, Noviembre de 2001. ISBN: 84-7933-215-8. Pp. 333-345.
- 2002 “Usage-based vs. inherent cognitive complexity accounts of acquisition order: the case of Spanish connectives”, in Atelier des doctorants en linguistique (eds.) *Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Doctorate Meeting in Linguistics*, París.
- 2001 “Acerca de la posibilidad de un orden básico de palabras bipartito en español” [*Concerning the possibility of a basic word order in Spanish based on two variables*], *Interlingüística* 12: 101-106. ISSN 1134-8941
- 2001 “La teoría del flujo de información y el empirismo en lingüística” [*Information flow theory and Empiricism in linguistics*], *Interlingüística*, 11: 114-118. ISSN 1134-8941.

### **Book Reviews**

(To appear in 2014). Book review of KIDD, Evan (Ed.) *The Acquisition of Relative Clauses: Processing, typology and function*. John Benjamins Publishing Company: Amsterdam. *First Language*.

2013. Book notice of FUHLER, Janet. *Spanish Speakers in the USA*. The Linguist List.
- 2003 Book notice of HAIMAN, John. 1998. *Talk is cheap: Sarcasm, alienation and the evolution of language*. Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press. *Language* 79, (4): 839.
- 2003 Book notice of KÖVECSES, Zoltan. 2002. *Metaphor: a practical introduction*. Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press. *Language* 79 (4): 809-810.

## **Presentations and Workshops**

- "Collecting results: the portfolio in an L2 teaching methods class", 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the RMMLA (Rocky Mountains Modern Language Association), (University of Washington Vancouver, October 2013).
- "Asking for things without words: Embodiment of action onset as a toddlers communication tool", LISO (Language Interaction and Social Organization) Colloquium, (University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2013).
- "Resumptive Elements in Spanish Relative Clauses: possible causes", 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the RMMLA (Rocky Mountains Modern Language Association), (UC Boulder, October 2012).
- "Embodiment of Action as a Requesting Tool in Toddler's Communication", II Meeting of LANSI (Language Interaction and Social Organization Working Group), (Columbia University, October 2012).
- "Resumptive elements in Spanish relative clauses and processing difficulties", 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, (Portland, January 2012).
- "Grammatical Complexity in L2 Short Stories: Adapted vs. Original Readings", 4<sup>th</sup> UC Language Consortium Conference on Theoretical and Pedagogical Perspectives, Santa Barbara, May 2008.
- "Problemas de procesamiento en las oraciones de relativo en narraciones escritas de adolescentes" [Processing problems in relative clauses in the narrations written by adolescents], XXXV Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Lingüística. León (Spain), December 2005.
- "Los jóvenes investigadores en España ante la convergencia europea en Educación Superior e Investigación" [Young Spanish Research and the European convergence in Postsecondary Education and Research], III Congreso de Universidades de Gaceta Universitaria, Invited Speaker, Sevilla, 7-8 April, 2005.
- "Medidas de madurez sintáctica aplicadas a lecturas de ELE", XIX Encuentro de la AJL (Asociación de Jóvenes Lingüistas). Málaga (Spain) March 2005.
- "Métodos de elicitación de narraciones en el estudio del desarrollo sintáctico en adolescentes", XIX Encuentro de la AJL (Asociación de Jóvenes Lingüistas). Valencia (Spain), March 2004.

- “Madurez sintáctica y subordinación: los índices secundarios clausales”, XVIII Encuentro de la AJL (Asociación de Jóvenes Lingüistas). León (Spain) April 2003.
- “The acquisition order of some connectives in Spanish: input or complexity as determiner”, 35th Meeting of the SLE (Societas Linguisticae Europae), Rethinking Language and Mind. Postdam (Germany) July 2002.
- “Usage-based vs. inherent cognitive complexity accounts of acquisition order: the case of some Spanish connectives”, ADL 2002, 7th Doctorate meeting in linguistics. Paris (France). May 2002.
- “Los índices de madurez sintáctica de Hunt a la luz de las distintas corrientes generativas”, XVII Encuentro Internacional de la AJL (Asociación de Jóvenes Lingüistas). Copresented with Cristóbal Lozano. Alicante (Spain). April 2002.
- “La medición de la cohesión y la coherencia”, IV Congreso Nacional de Lingüística. León (Spain). March 2002.
- “La lingüística general en la Universidad de Almería”, IV Congreso Nacional de Lingüística (poster; copresented with Fuentes González). León (Spain). March 2002.
- “El mecanismo de reversibilidad de C.J. Bailey a la luz de la teoría de las implicaturas de Grice”, XXXI Simposio de la SEL (Sociedad Española de Lingüística). Almería (Spain). December 2001.
- “Madurez y complejidad sintácticas”, I Congreso Internacional de nuevas tendencias en investigación lingüística. Granada (Spain). November 2001.
- “Acerca de la posibilidad de un orden básico de palabras tripartido en español”, XVI Encuentro de la AJL, Huelva (Spain). March 2001.
- “La teoría del flujo de información y el empirismo en lingüística”, XV Encuentro de la AJL, Sevilla (Spain). March 2000.

### **Works in progress**

- Resumptive elements in Relative Clauses: experimental research on the processing factors deemed relevant in my previous research on the phenomenon from the point of view of production (with corpus linguistics methodology). To be conducted at University of Granada and University of Alicante in Summer/Fall 2014.
- Antecedent NP of NP reference ambiguity resolution in Spanish Relative Clauses: experimental research on comprehension. To be conducted in Granada, Fall 2013.

- Past tense and mood in Specific Language Impaired Bilingual (English-Spanish) Children. With prof. Mark Guiberson, UW. Testing to be conducted in Wyoming and Colorado in Fall 2014.
- Conversation analysis of interaction between very young bilingual (English/Spanish) infants in their kindergarten. Focus on possible weakening of embodiment and gesture to signal the same referent in consecutive interventions.
- Preterite perfect simple vs. compound geographical distribution in tweets in Spain. With Prof. Gómez Rubio, University of Castilla-La Mancha.

## **Teaching Experience**

2012-current

Assistant Professor of Spanish Linguistics, University of Wyoming: Spanish Phonetics and Phonology, Sociolinguistics, Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics, Spanish in the USA, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Spanish: Advanced Grammar and Conversation.

2010-2012

Adjunct Faculty at Santa Barbara City College, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Spanish.

Spanish Instructor for the Adult Education Program at Santa Barbara City College

2009-2010

Adjunct Faculty at Santa Barbara City College: Spanish 101, Intermediate Spanish Conversation 130, Advanced Spanish Conversation 140.

Lecturer at University of California, Santa Barbara: Spanish 3, 4 and 6, Spanish for Heritage Speakers 16B.

Spanish Instructor for the Adult Education Program at Santa Barbara City College (Basic levels)

2008-2009

Adjunct Faculty at Santa Barbara City College: Spanish 101 and 102 (1<sup>st</sup> year Spanish)

Lecturer at University of California, Santa Barbara: Spanish 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> year Spanish) and Spanish 3 (1<sup>st</sup> year Spanish).

Seminar Assistant for Statistics with R applied to Linguistics, Spanish and Portuguese Department, UCSB.

Instructor of Spanish for the Adult Education Program of Santa Barbara City College. Spanish 1-3 (1<sup>st</sup> year).

Spanish Conversation Club at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Spanish Instructor for the Adult Education Program at Santa Barbara City College (Basic levels)

2007-2008

Assistant Professor at Westmont College: Spanish 1 and Spanish 4 (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> years)

Lecturer at University of California at Santa Barbara: 2<sup>nd</sup> year classes, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Spanish Advanced Grammar and Composition

Spanish Conversation Club at University of California, Santa Barbara.

2006-2007

Lectureship in Spanish 2 at University of California at Santa Barbara

2005-2006

Teaching assistantship in Pragmatic Commentary of Texts at Universidad de León.

Teaching assistantship in Syntax II at Universidad de León.

Teaching assistantship in Syntax I at Universidad de León.

2004-2005, First Semester

Teaching assistantship in History of Linguistics I at Universidad de Almería.

2000-2001, First Semester

Teaching assistantship in Sociolinguistics at Universidad de Almería.

1996-1997, Summer Quarter

Tutorship of a literature course for Centro Mediterráneo (Universidad de Granada, Summer School).

### **Other Work and Academic Experience**

- Consultant for the research project on assessment and screening of SLI bilinguals Spanish-English with Prof. Guiberson at University of Wyoming and Prof. Rodríguez at University of New Mexico. 2013-2015.
- Assistant editor for the Chicano Folklore Encyclopedia. 2008-2009.
- Consulting for brand-name evaluation for Appella (<http://www.appella.co.uk/>). 2003-2006.
- Collaborator with a class of Spanish L2 for immigrants at the Red Cross of León (with graduate student Moisés Hidalgo). 2006.
- Organizer and moderator of the round table: “Basic Science and Applied Science: a binomial to debate”, IV Jornadas de Jóvenes Investigadores: For Dignity in Research, Madrid, 1-3 March, 2006.
- Translation work: (2000) “Revisando los idiomatismos somaticos” [from Frantisek Cermak (1996), “Somatic Idioms Revisited”, in Pamies Bertrán A. & J.D. Luque Durán (eds.) *Trabajos de fraseología y lexicografía contrastiva*, Granada, Método. ISBN: 84-7933-160-7.

- Member of the organizing committee for the following meetings:

*CXIV Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association (Spanish and Portuguese Linguistics Sessions)*, Vancouver (WA), October 2013.

*XXXV Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Lingüística*, León (Spain), December 2005.

*II Seminario de Lingüística Computacional*, Granada (Spain), Abril 2004.

*I Jornadas Internacionales sobre lenguas y culturas del mundo*, Granada (Spain), Marzo-Mayo de 2000.

*II Congreso Nacional de Lingüística General*, Granada (Spain), Marzo de 1996.

*III Jornadas Internacionales sobre el estudio y la enseñanza del Léxico*, Granada (Spain), Abril 1996.

*I Seminario Internacional de Tipología Lingüística*, Granada (Spain), Marzo de 1997.

*IV Jornadas sobre estudio y enseñanza del léxico*, Granada (Spain), Abril de 1997.

- Technical Edition of *Actas de las V Jornadas sobre estudio y enseñanza del léxico* (1999)

## **Languages**

- Spanish: native language
- English: near native
- German: ZdaF (Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache)
- Six years of Latin
- Basic structural knowledge of Arabic
- Reading knowledge of French

## **Other skills:**

- Proficient with Windows and Mac OS
- Basic programming skills with R language and Pascal
- Familiarity with SPSS and different spread sheet applications
- Basic Knowledge of freeware of use in CALL
- \*Use of clickers in classroom



## **Professional Affiliations**

LSA (Linguists Society of America) 2000-current

-Member

RMMLA (Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association) 2012-current

-Member

-Session chair/organizer

ACTFL (American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Languages) 2009-current

-Member

MLA (Modern Language Association) 2007-current

-Member

AALG (Asociación Andaluza de Lingüística General / Andalusian General Linguistics Society)

-Coordinator (clerical work) 1996-1998

-Member 1999-2003.

AJL (Asociación de Jóvenes Lingüistas / Young Linguists Society) 2000-2006

-Member

## **University Committee Service/Appointments**

- Participation on the CANVAS focus group, and faculty mentor for the CANVAS application. 2013.
- Creation of the course Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics at UW. 2013.
- Participation in the organization of World Languages Day at UW. 2013.
- Participation on the university committee for the selection of an LMS at UW. 2013.
- Re-design of the Spanish Linguistics Track Requirements at UW. 2012.
- Participant in the project “One Planet” to develop materials to incorporate concepts of sustainability into the teaching curricula at SBCC.
- Design of Student Learning Outcomes for several Spanish classes at Santa Barbara City College. 2008-2009
- Organization and teaching of a Spanish Conversation Club, with another instructor at University of California, Santa Barbara. 2008
- Collaboration with the Spanish and Portuguese Club at UCSB. 2008
- Research Assistant Representative at Department of Spanish Philology of Universidad de León. 2005-2006

- Research Assistant Representative at Department of French Philology, Linguistics and Expression Pedagogy of Universidad de Almería. 2000-2004
- Graduate Student representative at Department of Linguistics of Universidad de Granada. 1997-1999.
- Undergraduate Student representative at Department of Linguistics of Universidad de Granada. 1996-1997.

### **Community Service/Volunteer Work**

FJI (Federation of Young Researchers in Spain) Association dedicated to the improvement of employment and representation rights for young researchers and to the improvement of the science and research in general in Spain.

2002-2004 President and representative in the Federation of the Local Association in Almería

2004-2005 Member of the Directive Board

2005-2006 Coordinator of the Postdoc Work Group