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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Spanish Linguistics, August 2013

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Dissertation title: Basque Relative Clauses: Head Raising, Case and Micro-variation within Bizkaiera

M.A. in Spanish Applied Linguistics, December 2008

Purdue University, West Lafayette

Thesis title: The Determiner Phrase in Basque

M.A.T. in Secondary Education (English), August 2006

Universidad de Deusto - Deustuko Unibertsitatea, The Basque Country, Spain

Thesis title: Instructional Design and Assessment in English as a Foreign Language for High School Education

B.A. in English Philology, June 2006

Universidad de Deusto - Deustuko Unibertsitatea, The Basque Country, Spain

Certificate of Foundations in College Teaching, Purdue University, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Assistant Professor of Spanish Linguistics, Fall 2018 - Present

Director of the Spanish Basic Language Program, Fall 2018 – Present

SUNY-PURCHASE COLLEGE

Assistant Professor of Spanish and Linguistics, Fall 2013-Spring 2018

Coordinator of Language and Culture Board of Study, Fall 2017- Spring 2018

Coordinator of Spanish Language Program, Fall 2013- Spring 2018

Coordinator of Linguistics Minor, Fall 2014- Spring 2018

Coordinator of Spain Study Abroad Program, 2015-2018

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Teaching Assistant of Spanish and Linguistics, Fall 2006-Spring 2012

URACCAN, ROSITA, NICARAGUA

Instructor of Language Teaching Methodologies, Summer 2011

UNIVERSIDAD DE DEUSTO-DEUSTUKO UNIBERTSITATEA, BILBAO, SPAIN

Instructor of Spanish, Summer 2010

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fields of specialization

Language Contact, Language Variation, Bilingualism, Syntax, Language Acquisition, L2 Teaching Methodologies.

Publications

- Gondra, A. (In press). Null Direct Object Clitics in Basque Spanish: a study across four generations. *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*.
- Gondra, A. 2020. Testing the Interface Hypothesis: Heritage speakers' perception and production of Spanish subject position with unergative and unaccusative verbs. *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism*.
- Gondra, A. 2018. Preverbal Double Negation in Basque Spanish? Acceptability judgment task and semi-structured interview. *Hispania*, 101.4, pp. 587–604
- Gondra, A.¹ and Lori Czerwionka². 2018. Intercultural knowledge development during a short-term study abroad in the Basque Country: A cultural and linguistic minority context. *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad*, Vol. XXX-3, pp. 119-146.
- Gondra, A. 2018. Cross-Generational Syntactic Change in Mundaka Basque: the influence of the language of instruction. *Anuario del Seminario de Filología Vasca "Julio de Urquijo"*, XLVIII-2, 235-256.
- Gondra, A. 2017. Variation in the Status of P and its Effects on Relative Clause Construction. *Journal of Language and Linguistic Study*, 13(2), 615-631.
- Gretter, Sarah and Ager Gondra. 2017. Teaching Spanish in the Twenty-First Century: Bridging Technological, Pedagogical, and Content Knowledge in Hybrid Education. *Preparing Foreign Language Teachers for Next Generation Education*, ed. by Chin-Hsi Lin, Dongbo Zhang and Binbin Zheng. IGI Global, 92-113. Reprinted in *Teaching Foreign Languages in the Twenty-First Century: Lessons from Spanish Hybrid Education*, IGI Global's research anthologies, 2020, pp. 287-308.
- Gondra, A. 2016. Universal Grammar: Multiple Strategies to Construct Relative Clauses. *Estudios Interlingüísticos*, 4, 59-75.

Gondra, A. 2016. Head External Analysis, Head Raising Analysis or Matching Analysis? Let's Ask Experimental Syntax. *Lingua*, 179, 57-75.

Gondra, A. 2015. Head Raising Analysis and Case Revaluation. *Borealis – An International Journal of Hispanic Linguistics*, 4:2, 193-225.

Gondra, A. 2014. Different Types of Nouns, Different Types of Projections. *Iberia: An International Journal of Theoretical Linguistics*, 6, 1-26.

Invited Talks:

Crossgenerational variability in Bizkaia Basque: *simplification* in relative clauses. The Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics talk series, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway, March 10, 2020.

El Español en Contacto con el Euskera en el País Vasco: Actitudes y Percepciones. SPAN 3300: Bilingual Identities in the Spanish-Speaking World, Columbia University, New York, New York, February 17, 2020.

Crossgenerational Variability of Relative Clause Constructions: Bizkaia Basque. FIU Linguistics Colloquium Series, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, November 14, 2019.

Lingüística y Cultura Vasca. LIN 4640: Languages and Cultures of the World, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, October 7, 2019.

Bilingualism in the Basque Country: socio-political aspects. LIN 4640: Languages and Cultures of the World, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, October 3, 2018.

The Diversity of Relative Clause Constructions. LING 490: Introduction to Generative Syntax, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, April 7, 2017.

Análisis sociopolítico del "Guernica" de Picasso. Scarsdale High School, Scarsdale, NY, October 28, 2016.

El Bilingüismo en el Sistema Educativo del País Vasco. SPAN 420: Early Bilingualism, Bellarmine University, Louisville, Kentucky, November 3, 2015.

Identidad Cultural y Lingüística del País Vasco. SPAN 630: Seminar in Hispanic Studies: Spanish Dialectology, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, February 21, 2015.

Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in the Iberian Peninsula: Special focus on the Basque Country. SUNY-Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, September 26, 2014.

Sociopolitical and Historical Perspectives in Bilingual Education in the Basque Country.
DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, February 19, 2013.

Developing Writing Skills in Spanish: A Comparison between Paper-Based and
Web-Based Formats. Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, February 14, 2013.

The Development of Writing skills in Spanish through blogging in an immersive setting.
SUNY-Purchase, Purchase, New York, February 11, 2013.

Basque and Mayangna: two indigenous languages in contact with Spanish. Centre College,
Danville, Kentucky, February 6, 2013.

The Impact of Short-Term Study Abroad vs. At-Home Study in the Development of Spanish
Relative Clauses. College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, February 1, 2013.

Conference Presentations

Null direct object clitics in Basque Spanish: a study across four generations. Multilingual
Awareness and Multilingual Practices Conference, Antwerp, Belgium, October 28-29,
2019.

The grammatical outcomes of bilingual policy: Language standardization in the Basque
Country. 5th Annual Psycholinguistics Meeting. University of Miami, Miami, FL, October
5, 2019.

Gazteleraizko Objektu Klitiko Nuluak Mundakan: Hiru Belaunalditan Egindako Ikerteka.
Deusto 2019 Workshop on Basque Linguistics, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain, July
10, 2019.

Preverbal double negation construction in Basque Spanish: Evidence of cross-linguistic
influence? Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS) 2018. University of Texas at Austin,
Austin, TX, October 25-27, 2018.

A socio-syntactic analysis of preverbal double negation constructions in Basque Spanish. 9th
International Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics. Queens College - CUNY, New York
City, NY, April 4-7, 2018

Intercultural knowledge during short-term study abroad in a minority context. International
Conference on the Development and Assessment of Intercultural Competence (ICC).
Tucson, AZ, January 25-28, 2018. (presented with Dr. Czerwionka).

The effects of Standard Basque on Bizkaiera Basque. Southeastern Conference on Linguistics
(SECOL). College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, March 8-11, 2017.

The effects of Standard Basque on Mundaka Basque. 45th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic
Association of the Southwest (LASSO). The University of Texas at Austin, TX, September
15-17, 2016.

- Cross-generational syntactic change in Bizkaiera Basque: The influence of education and language contact. 8th International Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics (WSS8). San Juan, PR, April 13-16, 2016.
- A Net Generation: Using Social Media in the Language Classroom. American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). San Diego, CA, November 20-22, 2015.
- PP Headed relative clauses in a Basque variety influenced by Spanish. The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference. University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, April 23-25, 2015.
- Bizkaiera Basque relativization: The Promotion Analysis. Penn Linguistics Conference 39 (PLC39). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 20-22, 2015.
- Basque Relative Clauses and the Precariousness Condition. Linguistic Society of the Southwest (LASSO). San Diego, California, September 18-20, 2014
- A Curriculum for the Teaching of Indigenous Language. SUNY Language PACT: The world and the classroom. SUNY Global Center, New York, June 4-5, 2014
- Micro-variation within Bizkaiera Basque: Evidence from RCs. Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS). Berkeley, California, February 7-9, 2014
- Metodología Comunicativa en la Enseñanza de Lengua Indígena como L2. II Congreso Internacional de la Asociación Centroamericana de Lingüística. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras, Honduras, August 28-30, 2013.
- Learning context and its effects on the development of prepositional relative constructions in Spanish. Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS) 2012. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, October 25-28, 2012.
- Spanish and Basque nominal domain: A matter of arguments, possessor, and their movement. Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS) 2012. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, October 25-28, 2012.
- The Development of Writing Skills and Intercultural Competence through Web 2.0 Technologies in an Immersive Setting. 11th Symposium on Second Language Writing (SSLW). Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. September 6-8, 2012.
- Different Types of Nouns, Different Types of Projections. 79th SouthEastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL). Lexington, Kentucky. April 12-14, 2012.
- The Internal Structure of Urdaibai-Basque Relative Clauses. 79th SouthEastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL). Lexington, Kentucky. April 12-14, 2012.

The Syntactic Structure of the Basque DP. 22nd Colloquium on Generative Grammar, Poster Presentation. Centre de Lingüística Teòrica, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain. March 21-23, 2012.

The Internal Syntax of Basque DP: Suggesting a FP with Multiple Specifiers. 21st Annual Symposium on Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literature, Language and Culture. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. February 17-19, 2011.

The Behavior of Thematic Arguments inside the DP in Euskera. 11th Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noroeste. Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. November 17-20, 2010.

Deverbal nouns in Basque. Purdue Linguistics Association Symposium. Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. April 17, 2010.

Honors, Grants, and Awards

Dee and Robert Topol Faculty Development Award, Summer 2017

Sponsor: Dee and Robert Topol, SUNY-Purchase

Junior Faculty Development Leave Award, Spring 2017.

Sponsor: SUNY-Purchase College

Individual Development Award, Spring 2015, Spring 2017

Sponsor: United University Professions

Faculty Support Award, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016

Sponsor: SUNY-Purchase College

Residence Hall Grant, 2014- 2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Sponsor: Student Affairs, SUNY-Purchase College

Jim Greenwood and Irwin Labadorf Faculty Support, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018

Sponsor: Jim Greenwood and Irwin Labadorf, SUNY-Purchase College

Student Engagement Grant, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

Sponsor: The Academic Resource Center

PRF Research Grant, June 2012 - May 2013

Sponsor: Purdue Research Foundation, Purdue University

SLC Travel Grant, Spring 2012, Fall 2010

Sponsor: School of Languages and Cultures, Purdue University

PGSG Travel Grant, Spring 2012

Sponsor: Purdue Graduate Student Government

Summer PRF Research Grant, Summer 2010.

Sponsor: Purdue Research Foundation, Purdue University

PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Teaching Specialization

SPA201: Intermediate Spanish I

MLL 710: Intro to Second-Language Teaching: Theory and Practice

SPA 401: Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics

Dissertation Advising

Committee Member. Towards a Sociolinguistics of Globalization: confronting rural and urban identities in South Florida. Lydda Lopez.

SUNY-PURCHASE COLLEGE

LAC 3430: An Introduction to Linguistics

LAC 3400: Spanish Linguistics

LAC 3350: Methods of Second Language Teaching

LAC 3000: Syntax and Semantics

SPA 3450: The Structure of Spanish: Grammar, Morphology and Syntax

SPA 3365: Languages and Cultures of Spanish Speaking Countries

SPA 3280: Iberian Culture

SPA 2020: Intermediate Spanish II

SPA 2010: Intermediate Spanish I

SPA 1020: Beginning Spanish II

SPA 1010: Beginning Spanish I

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LING 521: Syntax I: Syntactic Analysis

LING 398: Special Topics in Linguistics I: Resources in Nicaraguan Spanish

LING 689 / FLL 679: Seminar in Linguistics: The Structure of Basque

FLL 261: Introduction to the Linguistic Study of Foreign Languages

SPAN 361: The Structure of Spanish I: Phonetics and Phonology

SPAN 362: The Structure of Spanish II: Morphology, Lexicology, and Syntax

SPAN 102: Beginning Spanish II

SPAN 202: Intermediate Spanish II

SPAN 301: Advanced Spanish I

URACCAN, ROSITA, NICARAGUA

La Enseñanza de L2 desde una Perspectiva Comunicativa

UNIVERSIDAD DE DEUSTO-DEUSTUKO UNIBERTSITATEA, BILBAO, SPAIN

SPAN 101: Beginning Spanish I

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Coordinator

Second Language Acquisition & Teaching Certificate, 2019 – Present

Professionalization Workshop for MLL Language Instructors, 2019 – Present

Spanish Movie Sessions, University of Miami. 2020-Present

Mesa de Español, University of Miami. 2018-Present.

Weekly Spanish Coffee Hour, SUNY - Purchase. 2014-2018.

Spanish Learning Assistants, Language and Culture, SUNY-Purchase. 2016-2018.

Learning Assistants for Conversation in English Language (ESL) Instruction Internship, Casa Purchase, SUNY-Purchase. 2014-2016.

Committees

Member, Course Scheduling Committee, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, University of Miami, Fall 2020.-Present.

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, University of Miami, Fall 2018-Spring 2020.

Member, Scientific Committee, International Congress on Social and Educational Inclusion (CIISE), University of the Basque Country, Spain, 2019-Present.

Spanish Lecturer Search Committee (hired Dr. Fuentes Korban), University of Miami, Spring 2019.

Spanish Lecturer Search Committee (hired Dr. Dueñas), University of Miami, Spring 2019.

President, Language Theory, Division Executive Committee of Modern Language Association (MLA), 2018.

Chair, French Caribbean Literature Search Committee, SUNY - Purchase, 2017-2018.

Dean of Global Strategy and International Programs Search Committee, SUNY - Purchase, 2017-2018.

Secretary, Language Theory, Division Executive Committee of Modern Language Association (MLA), 2017.

Instructional Technology Advisory Committee, SUNY-Purchase, 2015-2017.

Language Theory, Division Executive Committee of Modern Language Association (MLA), 2015-2016.

Journalism Search Committee, SUNY - Purchase, 2015-2016.

Jim Greenwood Committee, Best Senior Project in Humanities, SUNY-Purchase, 2014 and 2015.

Sustainability Committee, SUNY-Purchase, 2014-2015.

Fulbright scholarship to Portugal, SUNY-Purchase, 2013.

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) program in Turkey and in Spain, SUNY-Purchase, 2013.

Researcher, Indigenous and Endangered Languages Laboratory, Purdue University, 2009-2013.

Graduate student representative, Department Head Search Committee, School of Languages and Cultures, 2012-2013.

Graduate student representative, Purdue Teaching Awards Committee, School of Languages and Cultures, 2011-2012.

Vice President, Purdue Linguistics Association, 2011-2012.

Treasurer, Purdue Linguistics Association, 2010-2011.

Study Abroad Programs

SUNY-Purchase College Study Abroad in Bilbao, Spain. Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018.

Purdue University Study Abroad in Rosita, Nicaragua. Summer 2011.

Conference Organization

1st International Congress on Social and Educational Inclusion: Challenging communication difficulties, CIISE, 2019.

5th Annual Psycholinguistics Meeting, 2019.

Constructed Languages in Literary Worlds, Language Theory, MLA, 2017.

Language Theory and Description, Language Theory, MLA, 2016

Co-Chair, School of Languages and Cultures Symposium, 2012.

Purdue Linguistics Association Symposium, 2012.

Co-Chair, Purdue Linguistics Association Symposium, 2011.

Foreign Languages and Literatures Symposium, 2011.

FLLinguistics Workshop, 2011.

Purdue Linguistics Association Symposium, 2010.

Reviewer / Reader

Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics, 2020 – Present.

Heritage Language Journal, 2017-Present.

Lingua: An International Review of General Linguistics. 2016-Present.

AP Spanish Language Exam, College Board AP® Reading. 2016-Present.

Field Work

Rosita, RAAN, Nicaragua, July 2010

Duty: Collaborate in developing bilingual (Panamahka Mayangna-Spanish) dictionary.

Rosita, RAAN, Nicaragua, July 2010

Duty: Collaborate in developing bilingual (Tuahka Mayangna-Spanish) dictionary.

Professional Affiliation

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), 2016-Present.

Modern Language Association (MLA), 2015-Present.