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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2022 University of California, Davis, Ph.D. in Linguistics

2018 University of California, Davis, Master of Arts in Linguistics

2015 University of California, Los Angeles, Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Anthropology

Certificates/Institutes

2019 70th Linguistic Society of America Institute: Linguistics in the Digital Era

2014 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The 7th Annual Summer School on Black Europe: "Interrogating Citizenship, Race and Ethnic Relations"

Dissertation

2022 Torres PJ. (2022), **The Nation's Fix: The Language of the Opioid Crisis** [Ph.D., University of California, Davis]. ProQuest. ISBN: 9798841754428
https://www.proquest.com/docview/2708236876?accountid=14505

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Publications

2023 Torres, PJ. (2023) Face-saving strategies and the burden of opioid policy enactments: When physicians' compliance makes patients non-compliant. *Journal of Pragmatics.* 205, 122–136 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2023.01.001

2022 Torres, PJ. (2022) Modality and interpretative spaces in policies. In B.A. Diaz & R.W. Schrauf (Eds). *Applying linguistics in health research, education, and policy: Bench to bedside and back again*. 141-168. https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110744804-006

2021 Torres PJ. (2021) The role of modals in policies: The US opioid crisis as a case study. *Applied Corpus Linguistics*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acorp.2021.100008

2020 Torres PJ, Henry SG., and Ramanathan V. (2020), Let's talk about pain and opioids: Low pitch and creak in medical consultations. *Discourse Studies* 22(2). 174–204.
http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1461445619893796

2020 Henry SG, White AE, Magnan EM, Hood-Medland EA, Gosdin M, Kravitz RL, Torres PJ, & Gerwing J. (2020) Making the most of video recorded clinical encounters: Optimizing impact and productivity through interdisciplinary teamwork. *Patient Education and Counseling* 103(10). 2178-2184.
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pec.2020.06.005

2015 Torres PJ. "Iráhü táu ában funátu kápa" ("The Boy with a Red Cape"), *The International Journal of Garifuna Creative Writing* 3(1).

Note: Links to supplemental materials are embedded in this document for easy access when viewed on a computer.

Academic Positions

Arizona State University, Department of English	**Tempe, AZ**
Assistant Professor, Linguistics and Applied Linguistics	2023-present
Miami University, Department of English	**Oxford, OH**
Visiting Assistant Professor and Heanon Wilkins Fellow (Introduction to Linguistics, American Dialects)	2022-2023
Faculty Associate, The Doris Bergen Center for Human Development, Learning, and Technology (CHDLT)	2022-2023
UC Davis, Department of Linguistics	**Davis, CA**
Associate Instructor* and Graduate Teaching Assistant (Introduction to Linguistics*, Language and Body, Global English and Communication, Language and Society, Applied Linguistics, American Voices, and Multilingualism)	2016-2022
UC Davis, School of Education	**Davis, CA**
Associate Instructor of Education (Transfer Student Experience: Successful Transitions)	2021
UC Davis, Division of Continuing and Professional Education	**Davis, CA**
Instructor of English as a Second Language (U.S. Society and Culture)	2017
UCLA East Asian Languages Department	**Los Angeles, CA**
Teaching Assistant of Filipino (Advanced Filipino 4, 5, and 6)	2013-2015

Professional Memberships

Linguistic Society of America (LSA)	**2019-present**
First Gen Access and Equity Subcommittee, member	2022-present
Public Policy Committee, member	2019-2022
Publicity Director, 2019 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute	2018-2019
American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL)	**2021-present**

Service: University/Unit Committees

Interdisciplinary Committee on Linguistics, Arizona State University Member	**2023-present**

Service: University/Unit non-committees

Valley of the Sun United Way Initiative Department of English Unit Representative	**2023- present**

Service: Previous Universities

Discourse Lab, UC Davis	**2019-2022**
Lab Director/Advisor/PI	
Office of Educational Opportunity, and Enrichment Services, UC Davis	**2020-2022**
Student Success Coach	

First Gen Grads Initiative, UC Davis	**2020-2021**
Peer Mentor	
Cluster on Language Research, UC Davis	**2016-2021**
Co-chair	2019-2020
Planning Committee, UC Davis Symposium on Language Research	2018-2021
Linguistics Graduate Student Association, UC Davis	**2016-2020**
Chair	2016-2020
Academic Advancement Program Center for Community College Partnership, UCLA	**2013-2015**
Scholars Program Assistant	2014-2015
Peer Mentor	2013-2014

Fellowships and Grants

[A]External, [B]Internal (Institutional and Departmental)

Aug	2022	Miami University Heanon Wilkins Fellow
Jan	2022	Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Elizabeth Dayton Award in Sociolinguistics [A]
Sep	2021	UC Davis Teaching Assistant Consultant Fellow–Professional Dev't Facilitator '21-'22 [B]
Aug	2021	UC Davis Dissertation Year Fellowship 21-22 [B]
Dec	2020	LSA Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL) Award [A]
Nov	2020	Verilogue Racial Equity in Healthcare—Research for the Public Good Grant [A]
Sep	2020	UC Davis Teaching Assistant Consulting Fellow–Digital Initiatives Lead '20-'21 [B]
Aug	2020	UC Davis College of Letters and Sciences Dean's Summer Graduate Fellowship [B]
Apr	2020	UC Davis Professors for the Future Fellow '20-'21 [B]
Feb	2020	UC Davis Graduate Student Association—Travel Award [B]
Dec	2019	UC Davis Graduate Studies—Graduate Student Travel Award [B]
Sep	2019	UC Davis Teaching Assistant Consulting Fellow–Peer Facilitator '19-'20 [B]
July	2018	UC Davis Linguistics Steven Lapointe Award [B]

Peer-Reviewed Presentations at Meetings & Conferences

Apr 2024 **"Everyone Taking Opioids Must": Physicians' Use of Broadening in Enacting Policies"**
2024 International Health Humanities Consortium Conference
Creighton University, Phoenix AZ | Apr 10-13, 2024

Mar 2024 **"Disrupting Normalcy in Opioid Discourse: Exploring Markedness in Patients' Voice Quality"**
"Contesting normalcy ideologies: policies around disabilities, refugees, and opioids" colloquium
2024 American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL) Annual Meeting |
Houston TX |Mar 19, 2024

Jan 2022 **"Creak and low pitch as prosodic features for misery and pain"**
2022 LSA Annual Meeting | Washington DC |Jan 7, 2022

Mar 2021 **“Analyzing modality in policy text: How California policies respond to the opioid crisis”**
2021 AAAL Annual Meeting | Remote Conference |Mar 20-23, 2021

Mar 2021 **“The language of opioid policies”**
2020/2021 Advancing Pain Relief Symposium | UC Davis | Mar 3, 2021

Jan 2021 **“Under the influence: configuring the interpretive spaces in opioid policies”**
“The local in language and public policy” organized session
2021 LSA Annual Meeting | Virtual Conference | Jan 7, 2021

Dec 2020 **“One too many plural(s): Taglish code-switching”**
2020 Linguistweets - First International Twitter Conference on Linguistics |
Brazilian Association of Linguistics | Virtual Conference via Twitter | Dec 5, 2020

Feb 2020 **“We can, we should, we must, and we will fight the opioid crisis”** 📎 📎
2020 Final Round | 5th UC Davis Gradslam UC Davis | Feb 13, 2020 [April 7 Final Round cancelled due to Corona Virus]

July 2019 **"If I may, shall we address pain or should we focus on addiction: A talk about the language of opioid policies."** 📎 📎
2019 LSA Linguistic Institute Three-Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) | July 17, 2019

July 2019 **"Enacting opioid policies in text and speech: A multi-'modal' type of fix"** 📎
[Poster Presentation] 2019 LSA Linguistic Institute | July 14, 2019

Jun 2019 **“Modality in policy text: How California addressed the opioid crisis"** 📎
2019 LSA Linguistic Institute Workshop: Local in Language Policy | June 26, 2019

May 2019 **"When heroin was a hero and solutions created problems: The discourse of opioid policy enactments"**
6th Annual UC Davis Symposium on Language Research | May 24, 2019

Nov 2018 **"Immigrant speech in healthcare: Ideologies and intelligibility"**
2018 American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting | San Jose Convention Center San Jose, CA | Nov 18, 2018

May 2018 **"On a Scale of 1 to 10, How much pain are you in?' Conversations on chronic pain and controlled substances"** 📎
Most Innovative Panel: 5th Annual UC Davis Symposium on Language Research | May 25, 2018

Apr 2018 **"Register shift as a pragmatic resource: Manifesting pain in medical consultations"**
24th Annual Conference on Language, Interaction, and Culture (CLIC) | UCLA | Apr 6, 2018.

Mar 2018 **"Discussing opiates in medical consultations: Expressing pain, mitigated questions, implicit requests and formulating credibility"** 📎
[Poster Presentation] Georgetown University Roundtable on Languages and Linguistics: Approaches to Discourse (GURT) 2018| Georgetown University
Washington DC | Mar 10, 2018

Feb 2018 **"Low pitch and creaky voice as linguistic resources: Describing pain, narrating symptoms, and requesting for opiates in medical interactions"**
3rd UC Davis Gradslam | Feb 8, 2018

Apr 2016 **"Memory loss is not identity loss: The complex language participation frameworks of the elderly with dementia"**
22nd Annual Conference on Language, Interaction, and Culture (CLIC), UCLA | Apr 22-23, 2016.

Other Presentations

Oct 2023 **"Linguistic Representation of Pain and Racial Disparities in Chronic Pain Treatment"** 🔗
English Faculty Flash Talks | Arizona State University |Tempe, AZ | Oct 24, 2023

Organization: Panels and Colloquia

Jun 2021 **[Panelist/Presenter]** "Webinar: Publishing in the Language and Public Policy Section of Language"
Linguistic Society of America (LSA) | Virtual Webinar | 🔗, 🔗
Jun 4, 2021

Mar 2021 **[Organizer]** "Applying linguistics in health research, education, and policy: Bench to bedside and back again"
2021 American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL) Annual Meeting | Remote Conference | Mar 20-23, 2021

Nov 2018 **[Chair & Organizer]** "Intersections of Language Policies, Ideologies, and Identities Across Cultural Contexts"
2018 American Anthropological Association Annual (AAA) Meeting | San Jose Convention Center | Nov 14-18, 2018

Invited Talks

Jan 2023 **"Dealing with The Fix: The language of the Opioid Crisis"**
The Doris Bergen Center for Human Development, Learning and Technology,
Miami University | Oxford, OH | Jan 31, 2023

Jan 2023 **Fixing The Fix: Linguistic Strategies Policymakers, Patients, and Physicians Use in Addressing The Opioid Epidemic**
Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ | Jan 19, 2023

May 2022 **"Words and Opioids: Using Linguistics to Diagnose Issues of Policy and Practice"**
What the L? Linguistics Colloquium, Miami University | Oxford, OH |Nov 7, 2022

May 2022 **"The Nation's Fix: The Language of the Opioid Epidemic"**
Miami University | Oxford, OH |May 23, 2022

Jan 2022 **"The Opioid Epidemic in Policies and Medical Interactions"**
University of South Florida | Tampa, FL |Jan 25, 2022

Select Academic and Service Awards

Jan 2024 Top 3 Finalist, Best Dissertation award, American Association for Applied Linguistics 🔗

May 2020 Nominee, UC Davis Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award 2019-2020

Feb 2020 Top 10 Finalist, 2020 UC Davis Gradslam (Final round canceled due to COVID) 🔗

July 2019 Runner-up, LSA Linguistic Society of America Institute Three-Minute Thesis 🔗

May 2018 Runner-up, UC Davis Symposium on Language Research-Most Innovative Research 🔗

Jun	2015	Magna Cum Laude, UCLA Linguistics and Anthropology
Jun	2015	UCLA Senior of the Year Award
Jun	2015	UCLA College Honors
Oct	2014	Marcia Berger Scholarship, UCLA
Apr	2014	Kramer Scholarship for study abroad, UCLA
Nov	2013	Vice Provost Recognition Award, UCLA
Sep	2013	UCLA Academic Achievement Recognition Award
Aug	2013	MacDowell Scholarship for undergraduate research
Jun	2013	Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Committee - Sugimoto Scholarship for Leadership

Referee (Journal)

Dec	2022	Language, Linguistic Society of America
Dec	2022	Social Science and Medicine, Elsevier
Feb	2022	Applied Corpus Linguistics, Elsevier
Nov	2017	Journal of Communication and Medicine, Equinox Publishing

Referee (Funding)

Oct	2023	ASU Institute for Social Science Research Seed Grant

Referee (Conferences)

Jan	2024	2024 Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting
May	2021	7th Annual Symposium on Language Research
May	2019	6th Annual Symposium on Language Research
May	2018	5th Annual Symposium on Language Research

Facilitated and Designed Workshops

Apr	2022	Delving Deeper into Anti-Racist Teaching Practices (Apr 25, 2022) UC Davis Spring Workshop Series for faculty and graduate students
Feb	2022	Making Group Works Work for You: Ideas for Collaborative Classrooms (Feb 7, 2022) UC Davis Winter Workshop Series for faculty and graduate students
Feb	2022	Everything You Need to Know about Diversity and Teaching Statements in One Hour (Feb 2, 2022) UC Davis Cluster for Language Research [Presentation Link:]
Oct	2021	Anti-Racism: Applications to Teaching (Oct 25, 2021) UC Davis Fall Workshop Series for faculty and graduate students
Sep	2021	Working as a TA at UC Davis (Sep 20 & 21, 2021) UC Davis Teaching Assistant Orientation
May	2021	Moving Forward: Applying Lessons Learned from Remote Instruction (May 26, 2021) [Video:]
Mar	2021	Anti-Racism: Applications to Higher Ed Pedagogy (Mar 5, 2021) UC Davis New Year, Same Pandemic: Engaging and Supporting Students through Remote Instruction Workshop Series [Video Links:]

Feb 2021 Engaging and Supporting International Students in Remote Learning (Feb 8, 2021)
UC Davis New Year, Same Pandemic: Engaging and Supporting Students through Remote Instruction Workshop Series [Video Links: 🔗 🔗]

Nov 2020 Building an Anti-Racist Classroom Environment (Nov 16, 2020)
UC Davis Remote Instruction Workshop Series [Video Links: 🔗 🔗]

Sep 2020 Starting Out: Working as a TA at UC Davis (Sep 28 & 29, 2020)
UC Davis Teaching Assistant Orientation

Sep 2020 Planning for Student Success: From Lesson Plans to Active Learning Activities (Sep 28 & 29, 2020)
UC Davis Teaching Assistant Orientation

Sep 2020 Grading and Assessing Effectively, Efficiently, and Equitably (Sep 28 & 29, 2020)
UC Davis Teaching Assistant Orientation

Jun 2020 Integrated Design for Remote Learning (June 2, 2020)
UC Davis Spring Workshop Series [Video Links: 🔗 🔗]

May 2020 Supporting First Generation Graduate Students (May 28, 2020 via Zoom)
UC Davis First Gen Grads Initiative

May 2020 Supporting First Generation Students (May 26, 2020)
UC Davis Spring Workshop Series [Video Links: 🔗 🔗]

May 2020 Going Remote for Graduate Students: Preparing for Online Summer Instruction (May 1, 2020)
UC Davis Spring Workshop Series [Video Links: 🔗]

Apr 2020 Engaging with Students (Apr 3, 2020 via Zoom)
UC Davis Engineering Teaching Assistant Orientation

Jan 2020 Hybrid and Online Course Design for Diversity and Inclusivity (Jan 27, 2020)
UC Davis Hybrid and Online Courses Workshop Series

Oct 2019 Beyond Grades: Assessment and Feedback for Student Learning (Oct 28, 2019)
UC Davis Foundations in Teaching Workshop Series

Sep 2019 Starting Out: Teaching Strategies for New Instructors (Sep 23 & 24, 2019)
UC Davis Teaching Assistant Orientation

Sep 2019 Creating Presentations for Student Learning (Sep 23 & 24, 2019)
UC Davis Teaching Assistant Orientation

Designed courses (Remote)

Feb 2021 Unlocking the Inspiring Aspects of Teaching: Grad student course on Mentorship, Inclusivity, and Engagement | See course here 🔗 | See post-course report here 🔗

Invited Panels

Nov 2023 Teaching-focused Career Panel (Nov 29, 2023, via Zoom)
UC Davis Graduate Studies

Oct 2022 Applying to graduate school? Panel on ENG-related grad programs (Oct 12, 2022)
Miami University English Department

Sep 2021 Adapting Strategies From Remote to Face-to-face Instruction: Leveraging Technology and Building Community (Sep 9-10, 2021) 🔗

	2021 Summer Institute on Teaching and Technology | UC Davis
Aug 2021	Holistic U panel for First Gen and Under-represented Students (Aug 26, 2021) UC Davis Graduate Studies
Jun 2021	Publishing in the Language and Public Policy section of Language (Jun 4, 2021) Linguistic Society of America
May 2021	UCD Mental Health Initiative: Transfer, Re-entry, and First Gen students and faculty Panel (May 10, 2021)
Nov 2020	Faculty Mentor Workshop on Supporting First-generation Graduate Students (Nov 12, 2020) UC Davis Graduate Studies
Sep 2020	Holistic U panel for First Gen and Diverse Students (Sep 17, 2020) UC Davis Graduate Studies
Jun 2020	First Gen Faculty Forum (June 1, 2020)
Feb 2020	Grad school 101 (Feb 27, 2020) UC Davis Linguistics Department
Nov 2019	Undergraduate Linguistic Research Panel (Nov 19, 2019) UC Davis Orange Cluster
Nov 2018	Apply-a-thon for Undergraduates (Nov 3, 2018) UC Davis Office of Educational Opportunity and Enrichment Services,
May 2018	Career and Graduate School Round Table for Undergraduates (May 24, 2018) UC Davis Orange Cluster

Funded working groups

2021 -2022	Getting Data: Linguistic Data Collection in The Age of Pandemic Universitas 21 : U21 Researcher Resilience Fund