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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






^A UC Davis, Department of Linguistics, ^B UC Davis Medical Center, Department of Internal Medicine

- 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> 

Co-advisors: Vaidehi Ramanathan, ^A Robert Bayley^A




Dissertation & Qualifying Committees: Georgia Zellou, ^A Stephen Henry, M.D., ^B and Jack Hawkins^A

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	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	2016-2022
UC Davis, School of Education	Davis, CA
Associate Instructor of Education	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, Filipino	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
Conference Connections Faculty Mentor, Annual Meeting (Houston, TX)	Mar 2024





Service: University/Unit Committees

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

Service: University/Unit non-committees













Graduate Scholars of English Association (GSEA)	2024- present
Faculty Advisor	
Valley of the Sun United Way Initiative 	2023- present
Department of English Unit Representative	

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)

Feb 2023	ASU AI Innovation Challenge “Potential of using AI/ChatGPT in Policy Drafting” ^B 
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 11, 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 | [Recording Available Online](#) 

- 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.

Media



^A Interview, ^B Research Mentioned

- Mar 2024 **Radio Interview "How We Talk About Opioids Can Affect a Patient's Treatment"**^A 
NPR KJZZ Radio 91.5 | Mar 6, 2024 | [KJZZ Website](#)  | [Apple Podcasts](#)  | [Spotify](#) 
- June 2023 **Central Bank Communication about Climate Change**^B
Washington: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System | Jun 27, 2023 | federalreserve.gov 
- June 2023 **Editorial News "Leah Messer on the Impact of Teen Mom, 14 Years Later"**^B 
Teen Vogue | Wellness | June 22, 2023 | [Teen Vogue](#) 
- Nov 2021 **News Interview "The language of the opioid crisis and its impact on policies and patients"**^A 
UC Davis Health News | General Health News | [UC Davis Health](#) 


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

- Feb 2024 **"Linguistics meets Narcotics: Policymaking, Patients' Pain, and Physicians' Politeness"**
Arizona State University Linguistics and Applied Linguistics Faculty Talk
Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ | Feb 7, 2024 [Recording](#) 
- 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

Teaching

APL-Applied Linguistics; ANT-Anthropology; EDU-Education; ENG-English; GER-German; LIN-Linguistics;

Arizona State University, Department of English Tempe, AZ

Undergraduate Level

ENG 213 Intro to the Study of Language

ENG 312 English in its Social Setting

Graduate Level

LIN 501 Approaches to Research

LIN 510 Linguistics (Online)

APL 601 Intro to Applied Linguistics

Miami University, Department of English Oxford, OH

ENG/GER/ANT 219 Intro to Linguistics

ENG 202 Varieties of English: Dialect Diversity and Language Change

University of California Davis, Department of Linguistics & School of Education Davis, CA

LIN 1 Intro to Linguistics

EDU 198 First-year/Transfer Seminar (TransferEdge Program)

UC Davis, Division of Continuing and Professional Education Davis, CA

Communication and Culture Program | U.S. Society and Culture

Teaching Assistantship

University of California Davis, Department of Linguistics Davis, CA

LIN 1 Intro to Linguistics

LIN 3/105 Language and Body

LIN 5 Global English and Communication

LIN 160 American Voices

LIN 165 Applied Linguistics

LIN 182 Multilingualism

University of California, Los Angeles, East Asian Languages Department Los Angeles, CA



FIL 4, 5, and 6 (Advanced Level)

2013-2015






Guest Lectures at ASU

- Mar 13, 2024 **“Panel/Discussion on Discourse Analysis in Linguistic Research”**
LIN 516: Pragmatics and Discourse Analysis | 10:30am-12:00pm | ASU Discovery Hall 123

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 

Select Academic and Service Awards

Jan	2024	Runner up, 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	2023	Language, Linguistic Society of America
Dec	2023	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
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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

Invited Panels

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

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- 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 

PhD Committees - Linguistics and Applied Linguistics

In progress Shannon McKeown

MA Committees - Linguistics and Applied Linguistics

^A Thesis ^B Applied Project

In progress Faris Abdulrahman N Aldubayyan^A