

Lisette Alexandra Castañeda

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Education

Spanish Linguistics, Arizona State University, Doctor of Philosophy, expected 2030

Applied Linguistics & Spanish, Portland State University, Bachelor of Arts, 2025

Professional Experience

Relevant Employment

Teaching Associate, School of International Letters and Cultures, Arizona State University,
August 2025 – Present

CLASworks Student Employee Manager, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's Office,
Portland State University, November 2023 - June 2025

Research Involvement

Activist Applied Linguistics Research Assistant, Professor Janet Cowal, Department of Applied
Linguistics, Spring 2022 - June 2025

- Collaborate with key community partners, including Street Roots and the Willamette Valley Spanish Speakers, to investigate the intersection of language and social justice.
- Conduct a critical analysis of the language surrounding Oregon's unhoused community, exploring how discourse contributes to the reinforcement of stereotypes and stigmatization.
- Utilize Q-Methodology to analyze survey data, transforming responses into Q-sorts to generate quantitative insights on public perceptions.
- Assist in the development of five key factors representing the priorities of diverse groups focusing on: Health, Livability/Environment, Economy, and Safety to assess community values and concerns.
- Contribute to the refinement of the research methodology and data analysis, aiding in the preparation of findings for academic dissemination.

Bilingual Research Lab Research Assistant, Dr. Maria Kapantzoglou, Speech and Hearing
Sciences Department, January 2024 - June 2024

- Assisted in researching the impact of language proficiency on narrative structure in bilingual children (ages 5-7).

- Administered Frog Stories and story retell tasks to elicit oral narratives from participants.
- Conducted language proficiency assessments using the Spanish-English Language Proficiency Scale.
- Transcribed and analyzed children's narratives for story elements using SALT software.
- Helped classify participants based on typical language development through language sample analysis and standardized grammatical tests (BESA/CELF).
- Supported data analysis, including correlational and regression analyses to examine narrative structure and sentence complexity.

Professional Presentations

Oral Presentations

Castañeda L, Gautam G, Kolesnikov K, Quinn C. *Professional Development for Student Employees is a Must!* Oral presentation at the Gender Advocacy and Inclusion Network (GAIN) in Higher Education conference, Seaside, OR, April 2024.

Poster Presentations

Kapantzoglou M, Alanis A, Castañeda L. *Exploring the Interplay of Language Proficiency Microstructure and Narrative Macrostructure in Bilingual Children.* Poster presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association conference (ASHA), Seattle, WA, December 2024.

Cowal J, Arendt M, Aviles L, Castañeda L, Robinson S, Serna D. *Drought and judgement: Socio-hydrology and the framing of homelessness.* Poster presentation at the Water and Society Conference at Portland State University, Portland, OR, May 2025.

Honors and Awards

Dean's List, 2022

President's List, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Summa Cum Laude - 2025

Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber - Latino Scholarship Program Recipient, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025

TA of the Month - November, 2025

Professional Credentials

Human Subjects Research, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program,
February 2024 - February 2027