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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

*Committee:* Drs. Robert M. Hammond (co-chair), Elena Benedicto (co-chair), Karlos Arregi (University of Chicago), Alejandro Cuza, Elaine Francis, and Jon Ortiz de Urbina (Universidad de Deusto - Deustuko Unibertsitatea)

**M.A.** in Spanish Applied Linguistics, December 2008

Purdue University, West Lafayette

*Thesis title:* The Determiner Phrase in Basque

*Committee:* Drs. Robert M. Hammond (co-chair), Elena Benedicto (co-chair), Elaine Francis, and Jon Ortiz de Urbina (Universidad de Deusto – Deustuko Unibertsitatea)

**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

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### SUNY-PURCHASE COLLEGE

Assistant Professor of Spanish and Linguistics, Fall 2013-Present

Coordinator of Language and Culture Board of Study, Fall 2017-Present

Coordinator of Spanish Language Program, Fall 2013-Present

Coordinator of Linguistics Minor, Fall 2014-Present

Coordinator of Spain Study Abroad Program, 2015-Present

### 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 Acquisition, Language Variation, Language Contact, Bilingualism, L2 Teaching Methodologies, Syntax, Intercultural Knowledge Development.*

### **Publications**

Gondra, A. 2017. 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. 2016. 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.

Gondra, A. 2016. Universal Grammar: Multiples 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.

Gondra, A. (Under Review). Preverbal Double Negation in Basque Spanish? Acceptability judgment task and semi-structured interview. *Hispania*.

Gondra, A.<sup>1</sup> and Lori Czerwionka<sup>2</sup>. (Under Review). 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*

Gondra, A. (In Progress). To be, or to be it-- that is the question: Null direct object clitics in Basque Spanish.

### **Invited Talks:**

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

Bilingualism in the Basque Country: socio-political aspects. LIN 4640: Languages and Cultures of the World, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, January 25, 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**

Preverbal Double Negation 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. (Will be 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. 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Second Language Writing (SSLW). Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. September 6-8, 2012.

Different Types of Nouns, Different Types of Projections. 79<sup>th</sup> SouthEastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL). Lexington, Kentucky. April 12-14, 2012.

The Internal Structure of Urdaibai-Basque Relative Clauses. 79<sup>th</sup> SouthEastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL). Lexington, Kentucky. April 12-14, 2012.

The Syntactic Structure of the Basque DP. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **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**

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

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

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

### **Committees**

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

Chair, French Caribbean Literature 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.

Member, 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.

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

### **Symposia**

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

Collaborator, Language Theory and Description, Language Theory, MLA, 2016

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

Collaborator, Purdue Linguistics Association Symposium, 2012.

Co-Chair, Purdue Linguistics Association Symposium, 2011.

Collaborator, Foreign Languages and Literatures Symposium, 2011.

Collaborator, FLLinguistics Workshop, 2011.

Collaborator, Purdue Linguistics Association Symposium, 2010.

### **Reviewer / Reader**

Heritage Language Journal, 2017-Present.

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

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

### **Certificates**

Graduate Teacher Certificate, Purdue University, 2010.

Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI), 2007.

### **Professional Affiliation**

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

Modern Language Association (MLA), 2015-Present.

## **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

*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