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Ph.D. Spanish Applied Linguistics, Georgetown University, 2012

Differential gains in oral proficiency during study abroad: The role of language learning aptitudes

Directed by: Dr. Jeff Connor-Linton, Associate Professor, Georgetown University

Committee members: Dr. Cristina Sanz; Dr. Rusan Chen

M.S. Spanish Applied Linguistics, Georgetown University, 2006

M.A. Modern Languages, Texas A&M University, 2003

B.A. Spanish Education, Whitworth University, 2000

English native speaker; Spanish near-native speaker; French & Portuguese novice level LANGUAGES

CERTIFICATIONS Computerized Oral Proficiency Instrument (COPI), Center of Applied Linguistics 2010

Previously held K-12 Spanish Teaching Licenses in Washington State & Illinois

RESEARCH SLA of adult learners of Spanish; Context of L2 Study & Study Abroad; L2 Oral proficiency **INTERESTS**

Language learning aptitudes; L2 Cultural acquisition; L2 Program development;

Dual Language Immersion/bilingual education

PUBLICATIONS Anderson, S.L. (2014). Individual differences & study abroad: Four profiles of oral proficiency

gain. Journal of Language Teaching and Research, 5(3), p. 477-486

Anderson, S.L. & Cannon, T. (2014). Long-term gains through short-term

study abroad: Cultural acquisition & a new world view. The Language Educator, 19(1).

p. 53-55.

Courses DEVELOPED. Language courses: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced Spanish (all levels)

Spanish Linguistics courses: Spanish Phonetics. Spanish in the U.S., Language in Society

Online/Hybrid courses: Spanishes of the World: Dialectology, Bilingualism

For the Professions courses: Business Spanish, Medical Spanish, Religious Spanish Other courses: Spanish Service Learning experience, Spanish for community volunteers

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Assistant Professor (non-TT), Saint Louis University

Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultures, Saint Louis, MO August 2014 – present

Coordination: Intermediate Spanish, Advanced Oral Communication

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Utah

Department of Languages & Literature, Salt Lake City, UT August 2011 – June 2014 Associated Faculty with: The Second Language Teaching & Research Center (L2TReC),

The Latin American Studies Center (LAS) and The Center for Learning Abroad

University Instructor, Colorado State University

Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Fort Collins, CO August 2008 – May 2011

University Instructor, Front Range Community College

Department of English, Languages & Philosophy, Fort Collins, CO August 2007 – May 2008

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University Instructor, Georgetown University

Department of Spanish & Portuguese, Washington, DC, September 2005 – May 2007

University Instructor, Texas A&M University

Department of Modern Languages, College Station, TX, September 2002 – December 2003

High School Teacher, Thomas A. Edison High School

Alexandria, VA, February – June 2004

High School Teacher, Loyola Academy Wilmette, IL, August 2001 – May 2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE ABROAD

Study Abroad Director & Instructor, University of Utah

La Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, August 2011 – 2013 Courses Supervised: Beginning & Intermediate Intensive Spanish; Service Learning Abroad Responsible for recruitment, program direction, on-site supervision and coordination for all academic & extracurricular activities, host family placement, student safety & health

Study Abroad Director, Colorado State University

Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, Spain, October 2009 – May 2010

Responsible for all academic and personal experience of study abroad students; Coordinated housing placement, health and wellness issues, language learning, travel etc.

Study Abroad Researcher & Assistant Director, Georgetown University

Guanajuato, Mexico, May - July 2007

Conducted research and onsite evaluation in collaboration with CIEE

Study Abroad Assistant Director, Texas A&M University

Cuernavaca, Mexico, February - July 2003

Supported the director in all aspects of travel, student placement and evaluation

GRANTS & AWARDS

Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning Grant, St. Louis University Summer 2015

Technology (TACC) Grant Participant, University of Utah 2012-2013 USET Undergraduate Research Grant, University of Utah 2013 & 2014

Georgetown Consortium Project (GUCP) Grant Recipient 2006

Georgetown University Graduate Research Day Grant Recipient 2006

Georgetown Graduate Student Assistantship Recipient 2004 – 2009

P.E.O. Scholarship Recipient, Texas A&M, 2003

Pew Younger Scholar Recipient, Whitworth University, 2000

Whitworth Dean's Honor Roll Laureate Society 1996 – 2000

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Dual Immersion School Service Learning Program, Saint Louis University in collaboration with the Saint Louis Language Immersion Special School

with the Saint Louis Language Immersion Spanish School

Through this program we are matching up intermediate level university Spanish students with elementary students enrolled in the Spanish SLLIS Dual Immersion Program to work on literacy skills and practice in Spanish. We are looking at the language benefits for both the adult and children second language learners who have access to different cognitive and social training of language learning.

(August 2015 - present)

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International Programs Assessment Initiative, Saint Louis University in collaboration with the Office of International Programs and the College of Arts & Sciences

Designing and implementing an assessment program for all international programs sponsored through Saint Louis University. Specifically, collecting data on and evaluating program and student success in terms of university articulated outcomes related to: intercultural competence, academic growth and the Jesuit ideals of faith and service (September – December 2014)

Cultural Acquisition in Short Term Study Abroad, University of Utah in collaboration with L2TReC and the Center for Learning Abroad Collecting data on cultural acquisition by beginning and intermediate Spanish students studying abroad in Spain and the Dominican Republic (January 2012 – May 2014)

Spanishes of the World Dialects Database Project, University of Utah USET Grant Program Collecting audio/video files of Spanish dialects from around the world to be made available for research and pedagogical purposes; videos are being phonetically transcribed and categorized by sociolinguistic features of age, gender and education (August 2012 – May 2014)

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE POSITIONS

Dual Language Immersion Assessment Committee Member St. Louis Language Immersion Schools (SLLIS), Academic year 2014-15

Member Department Events Committee Saint Louis University, Academic year 2014-15

Chair of the Utah Dual Language Immersion Research Advisory Board Utah State Office of Education, Academic year 2013-14

University Representative to the Utah Foreign Language Association (UFLA) University of Utah, Academic year 2012-13

MA Spanish thesis committee member University of Utah, for Carmen Fernandez-Florez, Spring 2013

BA Honors Thesis committee member Colorado State University, for Lindsay Dana, Spring 2011

Colorado State University High School Language Day Director Colorado State University, 2008 – 2011

INVITED TALKS

Zoning in on Cultural Literacy: Defining Culturally Rich and Authentic Texts Saint Louis Language Immersion School Co-Lab 2015 Saint Louis, MO, April 2015

*Utah's Dual Language Immersion Programs: Setting a New Standard*American University Bilingual Education & Virginia International University School of Ed Washington, DC, February 2014

Conducting Research with Utah's Dual Language Immersion Programs: Where to Begin? Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) 2013 Provo, UT, October 2013

La evaluación de la competencia oral: El marco estándar de ACTFL Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo, Facultad de Humanidades Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, May 2013

The Myth of Study Abroad: L2 Oral Proficiency & Individual Differences Reviewed Second Language Teaching & Research Center (L2TReC), University of Utah Salt Lake City, UT, November 2012

What do students really study on study abroad?: Oral proficiency gains & aptitudes Department of Foreign Languages Lecture Series, Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO, October 2010

REFEREED
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Cultural acquisition during short term study abroad: How much 'culture' do students experience in five weeks?

American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL) 2014

Portland, OR, March 2014

Study abroad directors as community connectors: cultural acquisition abroad South West Conference on Language Teaching (SWCOLT) 2013 Henderson, NV, April 2013

Computer mediated oral proficiency testing: Theories, methods & implementations South West Association for Language Learning Technology (SWALLT) 2013 Provo, UT, March 2013

Is study abroad the ultimate translingual and transcultural experience for I2 learners? Modern Language Association Annual Conference (MLA) 2013 Boston, MA, January 2013

Individual differences & study abroad: A case study on oral proficiency profiles XII Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noroeste Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, November 2013

Is study abroad for heritage language learners: More than just a trip 'home'? American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) 2012 San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 2012

Oral proficiency gains and aptitude research: Who should study abroad and when? University of Kentucky, Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (KFLC) 2012 Lexington, KY, April 2012

More than just a trip to the beach: Linguistic, personal & cultural gains in study abroad Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS) 2012 Park City, UT, March 2012

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Teaching Business Spanish: Pros/cons of online offerings versus traditional face-to-face Utah Valley University, Utah Foreign Language Association (UFLA) Salt Lake City, UT, November 2011

Do we measure what we think we do?: A Spanish achievement test for university students Education Consortium on Language Testing (ECOLT) 2007, Poster session Washington, DC, November 2007

Oral proficiency gains through study abroad: An aptitude treatment interaction approach Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) 2007 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, October 2007

Witnessing Change through Study Abroad: Spanish dialect feature acquisition 27th Levy-Wasteney's Graduate Symposium University of Toronto, Canada, March 2007

Pragmatic Competence through Study Abroad: Dialect acquisition of Spanish L2 learners American Council of Foreign Language Teachers (ACTFL) Poster Session Nashville, TN, November 2006

Status & Solidarity through Codeswitching: A Theatrical Illustration Georgetown Graduate Portuguese & Hispanic Symposium (GRAPHSY) Washington, DC, October 2005

Monstruos y Prodigios: Language, Registers and Culture Linguistic Association of the Southwest (LASSO) Conference Edinburg, TX, October 2003

ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL) Member 2013-present
American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese (AATSP) Member 2012-present
Modern Language Association (MLA) Member 2005-2007, 2012-present
Utah Foreign Language Association (UFLA) Member 2011-2014
Linguistics Society of America (LSA) Member 2005-2007
Sigma Delta Pi National Spanish Honors Society Member 2005-2007
Phi Kapa Phi Academic Honors Society Member 2003-2007

References

Annie Smart, Ph.D., Professor Saint Louis University, smart@slu.edu Department Chair Languages, Literatures & Cultures

Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Member 2000-2002

Fernando Rubio, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Utah, fernando.rubio@utah.edu Co-director, Second Language Teaching & Research Center (L2TReC)

Johanna Watzinger-Tharp, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Utah, <u>j.tharp@utah.edu</u> Associate Dean International & Interdisciplinary Programs

Cristina Sanz, Ph.D., Professor Georgetown University, sanzc@georgetown.edu Dissertation advisor and professional mentor