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### **EDUCATION**

- 2012                      Ph.D. Hispanic Linguistics, Indiana University  
Minor: General Linguistics  
  
Dissertation: *An Acoustic Analysis of Heritage Spanish Vowels*.  
Chair: Dr. Erik W. Willis  
Committee: Dr. Kimberly Geeslin, Dr. Manuel Díaz-Campos,  
Dr. Kenneth de Jong
- 2004                      M.A. Hispanic Linguistics, Indiana University  
M.A. Linguistics, Indiana University
- 2002                      B.A. Spanish, The College of William & Mary  
Summa Cum Laude

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Acoustic Phonetics, Sociophonetics, Laboratory Phonology, Heritage/bilingual sound systems, Language contact and bilingualism, Sociolinguistics

### **CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Acoustic analysis of heritage/bilingual sound systems  
Language/dialect contact and bilingualism in North Carolina  
Spanish in the Southeast

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

- 2019-Present            Associate Professor of Spanish, North Carolina State University
- 2013-2019                Assistant Professor of Spanish, North Carolina State University
- 2012-2013                Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar, North Carolina State University
- 2002-2011                Associate Instructor of Spanish, Indiana University
- 2005-2006                Research Assistant. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Pre-doctoral Fellow,  
Summer 2007            Indiana University Speech Research Lab, Dr. David Pisoni, Director.  
Summer 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

- Under review      Chetty, S., Ronquest, R., & Michnowicz, J. To /b/ or not to /b/: The acoustic realizations of the graphemes <b> and <v> among Spanish-English bilinguals. *Estudios de Fonética Experimental*.
- In press            Ronquest, R., Michnowicz, J., Wilbanks, E., & Cortés, C. (in press). Examining the (mini-) variable swarm in the Spanish of the Southeast. In A. Morales-Front, M. Ferreira, R. Leow & C. Sanz (Eds.), *Issues in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics* (pp. xx-xx). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2019                Boomershine, A., & Ronquest, R. (2019). Teaching pronunciation to Spanish Heritage Speakers. In R. Rao (Ed.), *Key Issues in the Teaching of Spanish Pronunciation: From Description to Pedagogy* (pp. 288-303). London/New York: Routledge.
- 2018                Ronquest, R. (2018). Vowels. In K. Geeslin (Ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Spanish Linguistics* (pp. 145-164). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2018                Ronquest, R., & Rao, R. (2018). Heritage Spanish Phonetics and Phonology. In K. Potowski (Ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Spanish as a Heritage Language* (pp. 164-177). London/New York: Routledge.
- 2016                Ronquest, R. (2016). Stylistic variation in heritage Spanish vowel production. *The Heritage Language Journal*, 13(2), 275-297.
- 2015                Rao, R., & Ronquest, R. (2015). The heritage Spanish phonetic/phonological system: Looking back and moving forward. *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*, 8(2), 403-414.
- 2013                Ronquest, R. (2013). An acoustic examination of unstressed vowel reduction in Heritage Spanish. In C. Howe, S. Blackwell & M. Lubbers Quesada (Eds.), *Selected Proceedings of the 15th Hispanic Linguistics Symposium* (pp. 157-171). Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- 2010                Ronquest, R., Levi, S., & Pisoni, D. (2010). Language identification from visual-only speech signals. *Attention, Perception, and Psychophysics*, 72(6), 1601-1613.
- 2009                Ronquest, R., & Díaz-Campos, M. (2009). Discriminating pitch-accent alignment in Spanish. In P. Masullo, E. O'Rourke & C. Huang (Eds.), *Romance Linguistics 2007: Selected papers from the 37th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL)* (pp. 243-260). Philadelphia: Benjamins.
- 2007                Díaz-Campos, M., & Ronquest, R. (2007). La percepción de acentos tonales en enunciados afirmativos. *Estudios de fonética experimental*, 16, 81-98.

**Manuscripts in preparation**

- Revising Ronquest, R., Chetty, S., Gibson, H., Lait, E., Krieger, C., & Cathell, E. (Submitted). An acoustic study of Voice Onset Time and Spanish vowel production in bilingual speech. *The Hispanic Studies Review*.
- In preparation Ronquest, R., & Chandler, L. Examining vowel duration in bilingual speech: The influence of contextual and sociolinguistic factors. To be submitted to *The Journal of Second Language Pronunciation*.
- In preparation Ronquest, R., Price, N., & Miller, F. On the frequency and acoustic properties of intrusive vowels in bilingual speech.

**Non-refereed Laboratory Reports**

- 2007 Ronquest, R., Levi, S., & Pisoni, B. (2007). Language identification from visual-only speech. In *Research on Spoken Language Processing Progress Report No. 28*, 95-118.
- 2006 Ronquest, R., & Hernandez, L. (2006). Lip-reading skills in bilinguals. In *Research on Spoken Language Processing Progress Report No. 27*, 219-226.

**PRESENTATIONS****Conference Presentations, refereed**

- 2019 Michnowicz, J., Ronquest, R., Chetty, S., Oliver, S., & Rodríguez, M. (2019, February). *Extending the variable swarm in the Spanish of the Southeast*. Paper presented at Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina (SLINKI), Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2018 Chetty, S., & Ronquest, R. (2018, October). *On the Acoustic and Articulatory Realizations of <b> and <v> in Heritage and Immigrant Spanish in the Southeastern United States*. Paper presented at The 2018 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, Austin, TX.
- 2018 Ronquest, R., Miller, F., & Price, N. (2018, February). *Intrusive vowel frequency and duration in bilingual speech*. Paper presented at Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina (SLINKI), Wake Forest, NC.
- 2018 Ronquest, R., Michnowicz, J., Wilbanks, E., & Cortes, C. (2018, February). *A multi-variable analysis of Spanish in the Southeast*. Poster presented at Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina (SLINKI), Wake Forest, NC.

- 2018 Ronquest, R., Price, N., & Miller, F. (2018, February). *Intrusive vowels in bilingual speech*. Paper presented at Current Approaches to Spanish and Portuguese Second Language Phonology (CASPSLaP), Bloomington, IN.
- 2018 Willis, E., & Ronquest, R. (2018, April). *An acoustic profile of coda liquids and vocalization in Cibao Dominican Spanish*. Paper presented at The 9<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics (WSS 9), Queens, NY.
- 2017 Michnowicz, J., Ronquest, R., Wilbanks, E., & Cortes, C. (2017, October) *Characterizing Spanish in the Southeastern United States: A multi-variable analysis of first and second generation immigrants*. Paper presented at the Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference (MIFLC), Wilmington, NC.
- 2017 Boomershine, A., & Ronquest, R. (2017, February). *Teaching pronunciation to Spanish heritage speakers: Research-based suggestions for the classroom*. Paper presented at SLINKI: Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina, Raleigh, NC.
- 2016 Ronquest, R., Michnowicz, J., & Wilbanks, E. (2016, October). *Examining the (mini-) variable swarm in the Spanish of the Southeast*. Paper Presented at The Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2016, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 Ronquest, R., Chetty, S., Cathell, E., Hunter, H., Krieger, C., & Lait, E. (2016, April). *On the production of voiceless stops and vowels by three groups of Spanish-English bilinguals*. Paper presented at Current Approaches to Spanish and Portuguese Second Language Phonology, Columbus, OH.
- 2016 Willis, E., & Ronquest, R. (2016, April). *An acoustic examination of coda liquids and vocalization in Dominican Spanish*. Paper presented at The 8<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics, San Juan, PR.
- 2016 Ronquest, R., Cathell, E., & Krieger, C. (2016, February). *An initial examination of Voice Onset Time in heritage Spanish across two communities*. Paper presented at SLINKI: Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina, Charleston, SC.
- 2016 Ronquest, R., Chetty, S., Hunter, H., & Lait, E. (2016, February). *The production of Spanish vowels by three groups of bilinguals from the Southeastern U.S.* Paper presented at SLINKI: Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina, Charleston, SC.
- 2015 Boomershine, A., & Ronquest, R. (2015, October). *Heritage Spanish speakers in the phonetics classroom: Observations and strategies for instruction*. Roundtable presented at FLANC, Durham, NC.
- 2015 Michnowicz, J., Ronquest, R., & Sferruzzo, C. (2015, March). *Intervocalic /bdg/ in heritage and immigrant Spanish in North Carolina*. Paper Presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> Conference on Spanish in the United States and 10<sup>th</sup> Spanish in Contact with Other Languages, New York, NY.

- 2015 Ronquest, R., Michnowicz, J., & Cooper, M. (2015, February). *An analysis of “b” and “v” in heritage and immigrant speech in central North Carolina*. Paper presented at SLINKI: Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina, Greenville, NC.
- 2014 Ronquest, R. (2014, March). *Lenition of intervocalic /bdg/ in heritage Spanish: An acoustic analysis of an emerging bilingual variety in the Southeastern United States*. Poster presented at Current Approaches to Spanish & Portuguese Second Language Phonology 2014, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Michnowicz, J., Ronquest, R., Cooper, M., Harris, G., Ramos-Arbolí, I., & Sferruzzo, C. (2014, February). *The realization of intervocalic /bdg/ in NC Spanish: heritage and immigrant speech*. Paper presented at SLINKI: Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina, Boone, NC.
- 2013 Ronquest, R., & Raudez, M. (2013, October). *Assessing Spanish vowel reduction in two U.S. bilingual communities*. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Linguistic Variation 42, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2013 Ronquest, R., & Raudez, M. (2013, January). *An initial examination of Spanish vowels in Raleigh, NC*. Paper presented at SLINKI: Spanish Linguistics in North Carolina, Greensboro, NC.
- 2012 Ronquest, R. (2012, October). *Examining the impact of style on heritage Spanish vowel production*. Paper presented at The 2012 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, Gainesville, FL.
- 2012 Ronquest, R. (2012, October). *Staying connected: The impact of travel and Spanish use on heritage Spanish vowel production*. Paper presented at The 2012 UIC Bilingualism Forum, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 Ronquest, R. (2012, March). *An acoustic analysis of the effects of syllable type on heritage Spanish vowel production in semi-spontaneous speech*. Paper presented at The Ninth Annual Graduate Student Conference on Luso-Brazilian and Hispanic Linguistics, Literature and Culture, Bloomington, IN.
- 2012 Ronquest, R. (2012, February). *The effect of speech style on the acoustic distribution of Heritage Spanish vowels*. Poster presented at Current Approaches to Spanish and Portuguese Second Language Phonology 2012, Colombia, SC.
- 2011 Ronquest, R. (2011, October). *An analysis of mid-vowel variation in Heritage Spanish*. Poster presented at The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonetics and Phonology, Urbana, IL.
- 2011 Ronquest, R. (2011, October). *An acoustic characterization of the Heritage Spanish vowel system*. Paper presented at The 2011 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, Athens, GA.

- 2008 Ronquest, R., Levi, S., & Pisoni, D. (2008, July). *Visual cues to language identification*. Paper presented at The Linguistic Society of America Summer Meeting, Columbus, OH.
- 2007 Ronquest, R., & Díaz-Campos, M. (2007, April). *Discriminating pitch-accent alignment in Spanish: A pilot investigation*. Paper presented at The Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, KY.
- 2007 Ronquest, R., & Díaz-Campos, M. (2007, March). *A perceptual discrimination study of pitch-accent alignment in Spanish*. Paper presented at The Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages XXXVII, Pittsburgh, PA.

### Lab Talks and Invited Presentations, non-refereed

- 2013 Ronquest, R. (2013, February). *Experimental approaches to analyzing bilingual speech production: The case of Spanish heritage speakers in Chicago*. Guest talk presented at the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.
- 2012 Ronquest, R. (2012, April). *Examining the relationship between speech production and language background and use: The case of heritage Spanish speakers*. Paper presented at the Latino Studies Program Brown Bag series. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- 2011 Ronquest, R. (2011, November). *Living in two languages: A linguistic study of bilingual youths*. Paper presented at the Latino Studies Program Brown Bag series. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- 2010 Ronquest, R. (2010, December). *An acoustic analysis of Heritage Spanish vowels*. Paper presented at the Hispanic Linguistics Brown Bag series. Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- 2008 Ronquest, R. (2008, February). *Language identification from visual-only speech signals*. Paper presented at the Hispanic Linguistics Brown Bag series, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- 2007 Ronquest, R. (2007, February). *Examining pitch-accent alignment in Spanish*. Paper presented at the Hispanic Linguistics Brown Bag series. Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- 2006 Ronquest, R. (2006, December). *Visual-only language identification in monolinguals and bilinguals*. Paper presented at lab meeting, Speech Research Laboratory, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

## FUNDING

- 2015-2016      “The emergence and analysis of large bilingual speech communities" (CHASS FRDP, \$ 4,000). Co-PI with Jim Michnowicz and Robin Dodsworth. July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016.
- 2012-2013      “A pilot study of Spanish in Raleigh-Durham.” (CHASS FRDP, \$4,000). Co-PI with Jim Michnowicz. July 1 2012 - June 30, 2013.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013-Present      Associate/Assistant Professor of Spanish, North Carolina State University
- FLS 333 – *Introduction to Spanish Phonetics*  
                         FLS 492 – *Senior Seminar: Spanish in the United States*  
                         FLS 502 – *Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics* (graduate)  
                         FLS 509 – *Spanish Phonetics and Phonology* (graduate)
- 2012-2013      Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar, North Carolina State University
- FLS 333 – *Introduction to Spanish Phonetics*  
                         FLS 402 – *Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics*  
                         FLS 492 – *Senior Seminar: Spanish in the United States*
- 2002-2011      Associate Instructor, Indiana University
- S326 – *Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics*  
                         S280 – *Spanish Grammar in Context*  
                         S275 – *Introduction to Spanish History and Culture*  
                         S250 – *Intermediate Spanish II*  
                         S200 – *Intermediate Spanish I*  
                         S105 – *Accelerated first year Spanish*

## MENTORING

### Graduate (Master’s Completed as Chair or Co-Chair)

- 2019              Jeremy Miller (Co-Chair with Dr. Jim Michnowicz)
- 2017              Lindsey Chandler  
                         Ashley Pahis  
                         Diana Dang (Co-Chair with Dr. Jim Michnowicz)

**Graduate** (Master's Completed as Committee Member)

2019	Michael Sciacca
2018	Sarah Chetty Darrian Hooker Brandon Inman Stephanie Oliver Amanda Smith
2017 (Fall)	Ashley Meehan Lucía Planchón Victor Ubaldo
2017 (Spring)	Alex Hyler Anna Lurito James Shepherd Sonya Trawick
2016	Juan David Gutiérrez Vanessa Quintanna Sarria
2015	Casey Helms Irene Ramos-Arbolí
2014	Kelsey Lawler-Childress Katie Lewis Mary Raudez (M.A., French) Caroline Sferruzzo
2013 (Fall)	Carol Owens
2013 (Spring)	Gisela Harris Alarcón Mary Raudez (M.A., Spanish)

**Undergraduate**

2017-2018	Mentored undergraduate research assistant Frankie Miller on a new research project initiated in the Fall of 2017.
2015-2016	Special project with undergraduate students Emma Cathell, Sarah Chetty, Hannah Hunter and NC State alumnae Chelsea Krieger and Emily Lait.



## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2017, 2018            Nominee: Outstanding Junior Faculty Award
- 2014, 2015, 2017    Recognition for Outstanding teaching from NC State University's *Thank a Teacher program*.
- 2012                    Outstanding Graduate Student Poster Award at the *Current Approaches to Spanish and Portuguese Second Language Phonology* Conference in Columbia, SC
- 2011-2012            Latino Studies Program Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 2009-2010  
2002-2003            Distinguished Teaching Award at Indiana University
- 2002                    R.Merrit Cox Memorial Fellowship at the College of William & Mary for exceptional undergraduate student pursuing graduate study.
- 2002                    Phi Beta Kappa Society, Alpha Chapter, The College of William & Mary

## **SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

### **Professional membership**

- 2015-Present        Linguistic Society of America

### **Service to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

- 2017-present        Research Committee Member

### **Service to the department**

- 2018                    Five Year Review Committee (for Ruth Gross, Chair)
- 2013-Present        Graduate Studies Committee
- 2013-2016, 2018    Undergraduate Academic Portfolio Review
- 2014-2015            Exit Interview Committee
- 2013-Present        Graduate Faculty member

**Professional service**

- 2019 Reviewer, *The Heritage Language Journal*  
Abstract reviewer, *The 2019 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS)*
- 2018 Reviewer, *Issues in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics series* (John Benjamins)  
Reviewer, *El español como lengua de herencia* (Routledge, special volume)  
Abstract reviewer, *The 2018 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS)*
- 2017 Reviewer, *Hispanic Studies Review*  
Reviewer, *The Heritage Language Journal*  
Reviewer, *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*  
Abstract reviewer, *The 2017 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS)*  
Abstract reviewer, *Current Approaches to Spanish and Portuguese Second Language Phonology (CASPSLaP)*.
- 2016 Reviewer, The National Science Foundation  
Reviewer, *The Heritage Language Journal*
- 2015 Reviewer, *Journal of Phonetics*  
Reviewer, *Journal of Second Language Pronunciation*  
Reviewer, Routledge (textbook review)
- 2014 Reviewer, *Journal of Phonetics*  
Reviewer, National Science Foundation  
Reviewer, *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*  
Reviewer, *Paradigms in Heritage Language Research* (John Benjamins)
- 2013 Reviewer, *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*  
Reviewer, *Selected Proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference on Laboratory Approaches to Romance Phonology (LARP)*  
Reviewer, *Selected Proceedings of the 16<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Linguistics Symposium*
- 2012 Reviewer, *The Handbook of Second Language Acquisition*.  
Abstract reviewer, *New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAY)*
- 2011 Reviewer, *Selected Proceedings from the 2010 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium*
- 2010 Chair of session on Heritage Speakers, and provided opening remarks for keynote address at the *2010 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium* at Indiana University
- 2009 Reviewer, *Indiana University Working Papers Online*

## **Community Outreach**

- 2015- Present      La Fiesta del Pueblo: Outreach with other FLL faculty and graduate students.
- 2012-2014      North Carolina State Fair: Outreach with other members of the English program and members of the North Carolina Language and Life Project.

## **LANGUAGES**

- Spanish      Near-native fluency  
Italian      Intermediate-level speaking, reading, and comprehension  
German      Beginning-level speaking, reading, and comprehension  
Latin      Reading knowledge