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Employment

2023 -   Assistant Professor
              Department of Spanish and Portuguese
              University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

2021 - 2023   Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow
              American Indian Studies Center
              University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Education

2016 - 2021   PhD in Linguistics
              University of Maryland, College Park
              Flagship Fellow

              Dissertation: Identity Conditions on Ellipsis

2015   MPhil, *with distinction*, Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
              University of Cambridge
              Pomona – Downing Scholar

2014   BA, *magna cum laude*, Linguistics and Cognitive Science
              Pomona College

Research Interests

BROAD   syntax, language revitalization, phonology
NARROW   ellipsis, agreement, linearization, reclamation, documentation, harmony
LANGUAGES Kaqchikel, Tz'utujil, K'iche', Chuj, Xinka, Spanish, Kuria, Luganda, Maay

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

Under review **Ranero, Rodrigo**, Maria Polinsky & Gregory Scontras. "Diagnosing the diagnostics: Evidence from Spanish relative clauses".

Under review Royer, Justin, Cristina Buenrostro & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "*Wh*-questions and predication in Mayan". [link]

Under review	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "VP-ellipsis in Spanish". In Laura Stigliano & Andrés Saab (eds.), *Ellipsis in Romance*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
To appear	Royer, Justin, **Rodrigo Ranero**, Petul Federico Felipe Gómez, & Diego Neper López. "El cuento de kokolom/chi'jolom: Bosquejo gramatical y comparación dialectal del idioma Chuj". *Tlalocan*. [link]
2025	**Ranero, Rodrigo**, Gregory Scontras & Maria Polinsky. "Weak Crossover in Spanish Relative Clauses". *Probus*. https://doi.org/10.1515/probus-2025-0010
2025	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Gender and Ellipsis Revisited". In Lauren Eby Clemens, Vera Gribanova, and Gregory Scontras (eds), *Syntax in Uncharted Territories: Essays in Honor of Maria Polinsky*. UC eScholarship Repository. 453-476. DOI: https://doi.org/10.7280/S9FF3QDW
2022	Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Optional agreement as successful/failed AGREE: Evidence from Santiago Tz'utujil (Mayan)". *Linguistic Variation*. 22:2. 209-267. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1075/lv.20013.lys [link]
2021	Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Chain Reduction via Substitution: Evidence from Mayan". *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 6(1): 10. 1–31. DOI: https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.1087
2020	Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Optional agreement in Santiago Tz'utujil (Mayan) is syntactic". *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft*. Volume 39, Issue 3. 329-355. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1515/zfs-2020-2018.
2019	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Deriving an Object Dislocation Asymmetry in Luganda". In Emily Clem, Peter Jenks, and Hannah Sande, *Theory and Description in African Linguistics: Selected Proceedings of the 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, Berlin: Language Science Press. 595-622. DOI:10.5281/zenodo.3367189
2018	Landman, Meredith & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Focus Marking in Kuria". In Jason Kandybowicz, Travis Major, Harold Torrence, and Phillip Duncan (eds), *African linguistics on the prairie: Selected papers from the 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Berlin: Language Science Press. 393-412. DOI:10.5281/zenodo.1251754.
2015	Diercks, Michael, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Mary Paster. "Evidence for a Clitic Analysis of Object Markers in Kuria". In Ruth Kramer, Elizabeth Zsiga, and One Boyer (eds), *Selected Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. 52-70. [link]

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (REFEREED ABSTRACT)

To appear	Mauffray, Erin, Victoria Mateu & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Ellipsis in Contact: VPE and Sluicing in Spanish Heritage Speakers". In *Proceedings of the 50th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 50)*.
2024	**Ranero, Rodrigo** & Justin Royer. "Deep and surface anaphora: A Mayan reappraisal". In Shaunak Phadnis, Carla Spellerberg and Brynne Wilkinson (eds.), *Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society: Volume Two*. GLSA: University of Massachusetts Amherst. 127-136. [link]
2023	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Voice mismatches in Kaqchikel (Mayan) sluicing". In D. K. E. Reisinger and Hannah Green (eds.), *Proceedings of Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of Languages of the Americas 24*. Vancouver, BC: UBCWPL. 88-102. [link]

2021	Fried, Marisa, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Agreement in K'iche' Mayan: Reflections on Microvariation and Acquisition". In *Proceedings of Penn Linguistics Colloquium 44*, 55-59. [link]
2021	Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Sibilant Harmony in Santiago Tz'utujil (Mayan)". In *Proceedings of the Linguistics Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting,* 265-279. DOI: https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v6i1.4968
2017	Douglas, Jamie, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Michelle Sheehan. "Two Types of Syntactic Ergativity in Mayan". In Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine (ed.), *Proceedings of GLOW in Asia XI: Volume 2* . Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. 41-56. [link]

TEXTBOOKS AND DOCUMENTATION

2023	Montenegro Hernández, Aleyda Margarita, **Rodrigo Ranero**, COPXIG & Cooperativa el Recuerdo. " 'Alyamalh Xinka - Wirimalh Xinka—Módulo III: Sintaxis Básica*"* ("Let's teach and speak Xinka—Module III: Basic Syntax"). 78 pp.
2018	Estrada, Yolanda, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Filiberto Patal Majzul. "Kaqchikel ritual language: Four ceremonies by the Waqxaqi' B'atz' collective". Video/audio recordings and transcriptions (~6 hours; archived by the Firebird Foundation).
2014	"Talking Dictionaries of Guatemala" (contributor to 22 online dictionaries). Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages. [link]
2013	**Ranero, Rodrigo** & COPXIG. " 'Alyamalh Xinka - Wirimalh Xinka—Módulo II: Morfología*"* ("Let's teach and speak Xinka—Module II: Morphology"). Guatemala: Editorial Cholsamaj. 124 pp.
2012	**Ranero, Rodrigo** & COPXIG. " 'Alyamalh Xinka - Wirimalh Xinka—Módulo I: Guía de Ortografía y Pronunciación" ("Let's teach and speak Xinka—Module I: Orthography and Pronunciation"). Guatemala: Editorial Cholsamaj. 52pp.

REVIEWS AND GRAMMATICAL SKETCHES

2018	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Review of Eguren, Luis, Olga Fernández-Soriano, and Amaya Mendikoetxea eds. (2016) Rethinking Parameters". *Linguistic Variation* 18:1, 197-204. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1075/lv.17009.ran
2015	Paster, Mary & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "CASL Introductory Sketches for African Languages: Maay". Technical Report 2.9B, DO050: UMD-CASL.
2013	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Review of Haider, Hubert (2012) Symmetry Breaking in Syntax". *California Linguistic Notes*. Volume XXXVIII, No.1, pp. 1-11.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

In prep	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Ellipsis". For *The Routledge Handbook of Syntax* (2nd Ed.).
In prep	**Ranero, Rodrigo** & Justin Royer. "Split ergativity isn't always epiphenomenal". For *Proceedings of the Fifty-Sixth meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*.
In prep	**Ranero, Rodrigo**, Justin Royer & Carol Rose Little. "Null Complement Anaphora cannot involve transitivity alternations: A novel argument from Mayan". [link]
In prep	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Voice and Ellipsis Revisited: A Mayan Reappraisal".
In prep	**Ranero, Rodrigo** & Paulina Lyskawa. "True progressive harmony exists". [link]

Grants & Awards

EXTERNAL

2023	Explorer's Club Exploration Fund Grant [co-PI with J. Royer; with N. García & P. Gómez]
2020	Cosmos Club Foundation Scholarship
2020	Jacobs Research Funds group grant [with P. Lyskawa & M. Fried]
2019	Jacobs Research Funds group grant [with O. Preminger, P. Lyskawa & C. Baron]
2018	Jacobs Research Funds group grant [with T. Levin & P. Lyskawa]
2018	Cosmos Club Foundation Scholarship
2017	Firebird Foundation Research Grant [co-PI with Y. Estrada]
2013	Donald A. Strauss Scholarship
2013	Davis Projects for Peace Grant

INTERNAL

2025	UCLA Academic Senate Grant
2021 - 2023	Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship at UCLA
2021	Howard Lasnik Award for Distinguished Teaching in Linguistics
2016 - 2021	UMD Flagship Fellowship (recruitment award)
2019	Arts and Humanities (ARHU) Graduate Student Travel Award
2019	Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award
2016	Arts and Humanities (ARHU) Graduate Student Travel Award
2016	Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award
2016	Pomona College Sherwood Heiser Fellowship
2014 - 2015	Pomona College Downing Scholarship
2014	Glass Linguistics Prize
2014	Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of California
2013, 2012	Pomona College Summer Undergraduate Research Project (SURP) Grant

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

2026	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Ellipsis in Heritage Languages". Colloquium. Department of Linguistics, UC Santa Barbara.
2025	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "¿Hay sintaxis en el silencio? Nueva evidencia de los idiomas mayas". Seminario de Estudio de Lenguas Indígenas de México (SELIM). CIESAS-Sureste.
2024	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Reviving Voices: Community Linguistic Endeavors in Guatemala". *Santa Monica College Associates Lecture Series*. Santa Monica College.
2024	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Language Reclamation: The Case of Xinka". Heritage Language Institute, panel on *Language and Social Justice*. University of California, Irvine.
2024	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Kaqchikel Ritual Language". Mayfest 2024: The Science of Linguistic Diversity—In honor of Masha Polinsky. Roundtable: *Experimental work and fieldwork on understudied and heritage languages*. University of Maryland, College Park.
2024	**Ranero, Rodrigo**. "The Syntax of What's Left Unsaid: A View on Silence from

Mayan". 27th Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA). University of Toronto.

2024   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Language Documentation and Reclamation: Community-Based Research in Guatemala". Division of Humanities, Dean's Advisory Board Meeting. UCLA.

2024   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Against a What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get approach to Null Complement Anaphora: A Mayan perspective". Syntax & Semantics Circle. Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Sobre la importancia de revitalizar el idioma Xinka". At *Simposio sobre el idioma y cultura Xinka*. Dirección General de Educación Bilingüe (DIGEBI); Ministerio de Educación, Gobierno de Guatemala.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo.** "La reclamación del Xinka". At *Entrega del Módulo III: Sintaxis del Idioma Xinka*. Event organised in honor of the *International Decade of Indigenous Languages*. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Gobierno de Guatemala.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Identity in Ellipsis = Nondistinctness". Current Issues in Comparative Syntax 2: Boundaries on Ellipsis Mismatch (Workshop). Tsuda University, Japan.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Connecting the dots: Linguistic theory, documentation, and reclamation". Department of Anthropology, UCLA.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Commentary on panel presentations by J.P. González, C. Vázquez, and I. Heinze-Balcazar". Heritage Language Research Institute, UCLA.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Reflexiones sobre idiomas en proceso de recuperación". Conference *Intercambio de experiencias sobre investigaciones para la recuperación de los idiomas en peligro de extinción*. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Gobierno de Guatemala.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Connecting the dots: Linguistic theory, documentation, and reclamation". Language, Literacy and Learning (LLL) Collaborative brown bag lecture. UCLA.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "The syntax of what's left unsaid: A view of ellipsis from Mayan and Spanish". Colloquium. Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UCLA.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Connecting the dots: Linguistic theory, documentation, and reclamation". LatCrit Sociocultural Linguistics Lab. Latino & Latin American Studies Center, UC Riverside.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Connecting the dots: Linguistic theory, documentation, and reclamation". Colloquium. Department of Linguistics, Stanford University.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "A new perspective on the syntax of silence: The view from Mayan". Seminar. Department of Linguistics, Stanford University.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "A new perspective on the syntax of silence: The view from Mayan". Colloquium. Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University.

2022   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Language Reclamation: The Case of Xinka in Guatemala". Central America series. Latin American Institute, UCLA.

2022   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "On the Virtues of Individual-Speaker Fieldwork: Lessons from Agreement in Tz'utujil". Linguistic Fieldwork Working Group. Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego.

2022   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Obstáculos en la recopilación de información sobre el idioma Xinka" ("Obstacles in the collection of information on the Xinka language").

Online conference *Retos y Desafíos del Idioma Xinka* (*Challenges for the Xinka Language*). Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Gobierno de Guatemala.

2022   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Optional Agreement in Tz'utujil: An Argument for Individual-Speaker Fieldwork". Department of Linguistics, UCLA.

2021   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "An I-language approach to optional agreement in Tz'utujil". Fieldwork Forum. Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley.

2021   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Identity in ellipsis reconsidered: The view from Kaqchikel and beyond". Department of Language Science Colloquium Series, UC Irvine.

2021   Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Sibilant Harmony in Santiago Tz'utujil: Synchrony, Diachrony, and Typology". Workshop on the Languages of Meso-America (WLMA) meeting. Department of Linguistics, UC Santa Cruz.

2020   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Linguistic Links of Xinka". Online conference "*Characterizing the Xinka People*", organized by the Guatemalan government's CODISRA.

2016   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "La Lingüística Generativa y la Evolución del Lenguaje". Universidad San Carlos de Guatemala.

2016   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Fundamentos de la Lingüística: Adquisición, Variación y Evolución del Lenguaje". Universidad del Valle de Guatemala.

2013   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Retos del Análisis Estructural del Idioma Xinka". *X Congreso de Estudios Mayas*. Guatemala City, Guatemala.

2013   Paster, Mary & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "The Reclamation of Rumsen". Indigenous Languages Symposium, Pomona College.

2013   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "The Reclamation of Xinka". Indigenous Languages Symposium, Pomona College.

REFEREED TALKS

2025   Mauffray, Erin, Victoria Mateu & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Aux-stranding VPE in Heritage Spanish: Consequences for Ellipsis Licensing". Going Romance 2025, Ca' Foscari University, Venice.

2025   Mauffray, Erin, Victoria Mateu & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Ellipsis in contact: VPE and sluicing in Spanish heritage speakers". Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 50, Boston University.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo** & Justin Royer. "Lo que ves no es lo que hay: una perspectiva maya sobre la anáfora de complemento nulo". Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA) X, UT Austin.

2022   Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "True progressive harmony exists". Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. *Paper withdrawn due to COVID-19 pandemic*.

2021   Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "La armonía progresiva sí existe". Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) VI.

2021   Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "True progressive harmony exists". North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 52. Rutgers University, Department of Linguistics.

2021   Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Vowel Harmony in Santiago Tz'utujil (Mayan)". Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting.

2021   Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Sibilant Harmony in Santiago Tz'utujil".

Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting.

2020 Baron, Christopher, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Narcissistic allomorphy in Santiago Tz'utujil". Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), New Orleans, LA.

2019 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Truncamiento en kaqchikel: consecuencias para la identidad en la elipsis". Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA) IX, UT Austin.

2019 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Voice Mismatches in Kaqchikel (Mayan) Sluicing". Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA) 24. University of Maryland.

2019 Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Optional agreement in Santiago Tz'utujil (Mayan) is syntactic". Contrasts and Oppositions in 'Free' Linguistic Phenomena—Workshop at DGfS 2019, Bremen, Germany.

2018 Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero.** "Derivando la Concordancia Opcional en los Idiomas Mayas de Oriente". Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 5, Antigua Guatemala.

2018 Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Microvariation in Eastern Mayan number agreement". Cambridge Comparative Syntax (CamCoS) 7, University of Cambridge.

2017 Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Restrictions on Adjunct Extraction: Microvariation in Mayan". Cambridge Comparative Syntax (CamCoS) 6, University of Cambridge.

2017 Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Adjunct Extraction: A View from Mayan". Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 43, University of California, Berkeley.

2017 Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Adjunct Extraction in Kaqchikel and Tz'utujil". Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Austin, TX.

2016 Douglas, Jamie, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Michelle Sheehan. "Derivando la Ergatividad Sintáctica en los Idiomas Mayas". Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 4, Universidad de Oriente, México.

2016 Mendes, Gesoel & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "La Extracción de Adjuntos en Kaqchikel y Tz'utujil". Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 4, Universidad de Oriente, México.

2016 **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "The syntax of object dislocation in Luganda". 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of California, Berkeley.

2014 Landman, Meredith & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "On focus marking in Kuria". 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of Kansas.

2013 Diercks, Michael, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Rebekah Cramerus. "On object marking in Kikuria". 44th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), Georgetown University.

REFEREED POSTERS

2025 **Ranero, Rodrigo** & Justin Royer. "Split ergativity isn't always epiphenomenal". North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 56. NYU.

2024 **Ranero, Rodrigo** & Justin Royer. "Deep and surface anaphora: Insights from Mayan". North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 54. MIT.

2023 Estrada, Yolanda & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Empowering the practitioners of the verbal

arts: Lessons from a collaboration with Kaqchikel Ajq'ija' ". Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.

2021   Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "True progressive harmony exists". Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP) 2021, University of Toronto and York University.

2020   Fried, Marisa, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Agreement in K'iche' (Mayan): Reflections on Microvariation". Penn Linguistics Colloquium (PLC) 44.

2019   Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "A Mayan Diagnostic for the Unergative vs. Unaccusative Distinction". Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 42, University of Oslo.

2018   Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Optional agreement in Santiago Tz'utujiil (Mayan): The effects of animacy and grammatical function". Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City.

2017   Douglas, Jamie, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Michelle Sheehan. "Two Kinds of Syntactic Ergativity in Mayan". Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) Asia XI, National University of Singapore.

WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

2025   Mauffray, Erin, Victoria Mateu & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Ellipsis in contact: VPE and sluicing in Spanish heritage speakers". American Indian Seminar (AIS). UCLA, Department of Linguistics.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo** & Justin Royer. "What you see is not what you get: A Mayan perspective on Null Complement Anaphora". American Indian Seminar (AIS). UCLA, Department of Linguistics.

2023   **Ranero, Rodrigo** & Justin Royer. "What you see is not what you get: A Mayan perspective on Null Complement Anaphora". Southern California Annual Meeting on Syntax (SCAMS) 3. Pomona College, CA.

2022   **Ranero, Rodrigo**, & Paulina Lyskawa. "Sibilant Harmony in Santiago Tz'utujil: Synchrony and Diachrony". American Indian Seminar (AIS). UCLA, Department of Linguistics.

2022   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "The Reclamation of Xinka in Guatemala". American Indian Studies Center (AISC), UCLA.

2021   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Identity in ellipsis reconsidered: The view from Kaqchikel and beyond". 'You're on mute' ellipsis seminar series. NYU, Department of Linguistics.

2020   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "Revisiting Gender Mismatches in Ellipsis". S-Lab. University of Maryland.

2020   **Ranero, Rodrigo**. "No movement out of negation? A Kaqchikel (Mayan) puzzle." S-Lab, University of Maryland.

2018   Levin, Theodore, Paulina Lyskawa & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Opcionalidad en la Conjugación Verbal del Tz'utujil de Santiago". Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, Altiplano.

2018   Douglas, Jamie, **Rodrigo Ranero** & Michelle Sheehan. "How A-movement can lead to extraction restrictions". Asymmetries 2018, DGfS workshop at Stuttgart University. Michelle Sheehan (invited speaker) presenting joint work.

2017   Lyskawa, Paulina & **Rodrigo Ranero**. "Thinking like a fieldworker: number agreement in Tz'utujil Mayan". Language Science Lunch Talks (LSLT), University of Maryland.

Teaching

AWARD

2021　　　　HOWARD LASNIK AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING (UMD)
　　　　　　Awarded by faculty consensus in the Linguistics Department

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Spring 2026　*SPAN 100B Introduction to Study of Spanish Grammar: Syntax*
Spring 2026　*SPAN 256A Studies in Spanish Linguistics: (Im)possible vs. (Im)probable Grammars*
Fall 2025　　*Span 202B: Morphology*
Fall 2025　　*SPAN/PORT M35 Spanish, Portuguese, and Nature of Language*
Spring 2025　*SPAN 256A Studies in Spanish Linguistics: Syntax of Heritage Languages*
Spring 2025　*SPAN/PORT M35 Spanish, Portuguese, and Nature of Language*
Fall 2024　　*Span 202B: Morphology*
Fall 2024　　*SPAN 160 Topics in Spanish Linguistics: Mayan Languages and Cultures*
Spring 2024　*SPAN 256A Studies in Spanish Linguistics: (Im)possible vs. (Im)probable Grammars*
Spring 2024　*SPAN/PORT M35 Spanish, Portuguese, and Nature of Language*
Fall 2023　　*SPAN 160 Topics in Spanish Linguistics: Mayan Languages and Cultures*
Summer 2022　*Introducción a la Lingüística* (Introduction to Linguistics); Virtual/Free
　　　　　　Coordinated 20-week introductory course to linguistics for students in Guatemala; taught syntax section. In collaboration with Museo Xinka and Editorial Maya' Wuj.
Fall 2019　　*LING 419B: The Syntax of Silence* (University of Maryland, College Park)

MEMBERSHIP IN DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

2025 -　　　Jesús Duarte (Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese, UCLA)
　　　　　　TBD
　　　　　　<u>Committee</u>: Ji Young Kim (chair), Justin Davidson, Joshua Guzmán, Norma Mendoza-Denton, **Rodrigo Ranero**
2024 -　　　Jenny Eonsuh Choi (Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese, UCLA)
　　　　　　"The English and Spanish Vowel Spaces of Heritage Speakers of Spanish in the Greater Los Angeles Area"
　　　　　　<u>Committee</u>: Ji Young Kim (chair), Sun-Ah Jun, **Rodrigo Ranero**, Kie Zuraw

INVITED LECTURES

Fall 2025　　"Ellipsis in Heritage Spanish"
　　　　　　Course: *M297A – Proseminar I* (UCLA)
　　　　　　Instructor: Javier Patiño Loira
Fall 2025　　"Translating Humberto Ak'abal (K'iche' Mayan)"
　　　　　　Course: *LIT 156 Translation* (Harvey Mudd College)
　　　　　　Instructor: Isabel Balseiro
Fall 2024　　"Community-Based Linguistic Research in Guatemala"
　　　　　　Course: *M297A – Proseminar I* (UCLA)
　　　　　　Instructor: Maarten van Delden
Fall 2024　　"Translating Humberto Ak'abal (K'iche' Mayan)"
　　　　　　Course: *LIT 156 Translation* (Harvey Mudd College)

Instructor: Isabel Balseiro

Fall 2023   "Sintaxis de los verbos en Xinka"
                Online course: *Introducción al idioma y la cultura Xinka* (USAC, Guatemala)
                Multiple instructors

Fall 2023   "Morfología Xinka"
                Online course: *Introducción al idioma y la cultura Xinka* (USAC, Guatemala)
                Multiple instructors

Fall 2023   "Fonología Xinka"
                Online course: *Introducción al idioma y la cultura Xinka* (USAC, Guatemala)
                Multiple instructors

Spring 2023   "Silence in Mayan: Some results and prospects"
                Course: *LING 651: Seminar in Syntax, The Syntax of Ellipsis* (Stony Brook U.)
                Instructor: Francisco Ordóñez

Spring 2022   "Syntactic Identity in Ellipsis: Some Results and Questions"
                Course: *Ling 819 Ellipsis Seminar* (UMD)
                Instructor: Howard Lasnik

Fall 2021   "Mayan literature in translation: The view from Humberto Ak'abal's poetry"
                Course: *LIT 156 Translation* (Harvey Mudd College)
                Instructor: Isabel Balseiro

Fall 2020   "¿Qué es el lenguaje y cómo evolucionó?"
                Course: *Teoría Antropológica 1* (Universidad del Valle de Guatemala)
                Instructor: Alejandra Colom

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

2018 - 2020   Mentor for Marisa Fried, an undergraduate, NSF-funded RA.
2019 - 2020   Mentor for Daniel Coyne, an undergraduate, NSF-funded RA.
2019   Mentored seven students (3 graduate / 4 undergraduate) during four-week summer school and research program on K'iche' in El Novillero, Guatemala.

Research

FIELDWORK

2023 -   Work with Chuj language consultants.
2021 -   Reclamation project with the Xinka community. Meetings with community members to co-write pedagogical material, teach classes on Xinka grammar. Collaboration with *Consejo Coordinador del Pueblo Xinka de Guatemala (COPXIG)*, *Cooperativa El Recuerdo*, *Museo Xinka*, *Editorial Maya' Wuj*.
2016 -   Work with Tz'utujil, Kaqchikel, and K'iche' consultants in Santiago Atitlán, Patzún, Tecpán, Sumpango, and El Novillero (Guatemala).
2015 - 2020   Advise members of the Xinka community on language reclamation efforts.
2012 - 2015   Language reclamation project with the Xinka community (Guatemala). Duties included analyzing material on Xinka, writing textbooks, leading teacher trainings, and establishing a partnership with the government. In collaboration with *COPXIG*.
2017 - 2018   Language documentation project with Kaqchikel ajq'ija' in Sumpango, Guatemala. Duties included supervising the documentation of ceremonies, supervising editing and transcription of recordings, and leading workshops. In collaboration with *Waqxaqi' B'atz'* and Yolanda Estrada.

2014 - 2015   Work with Luganda language consultant in Cambridge, UK.
2013 - 2014   Work with Maay language consultants in San Diego, CA.
2012 - 2014   Work with Kuria language consultant in Claremont, CA.

ASSISTANTSHIP

2019   For Howard Lasnik. Duties included revising handouts for colloquium talks and compiling the bibliography and index for two books.
2012 - 2013   For Mary Paster. Assist members of the Rumsen tribe in establishing a language reclamation project.

Service to the Institution

2024 -   OTHER
                  Faculty Reviewer; 2025-2026 UC postdoctoral fellowships
                  Presented on the job search to UCLA Postdoctoral Fellows
2023 -   UCLA INTERNAL COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER
                  Lecturer Search Comm. (Spring 2025); Department of Spanish & Portuguese
                  Grad Affairs Comm. (2024-2025); Department of Spanish & Portuguese
                  Lecturer Search Comm. (2024); Department of Spanish & Portuguese
                  Undergrad Affairs Comm. (2023-2024); Department of Spanish & Portuguese
                  Faculty Advisory Committee; American Indian Studies Center
                  Faculty Advisory Committee; Chicano Research Studies Center
                  Faculty Advisory Board; Center for World Languages
2016 - 2019   UMD INTERNAL COMMITTEES
                  Member, WSCLA 24 Committee (2018-2019)
                  Co-chair, Colloquium Committee (2017-2018)
                  Chair, Mayfest (*Nayfest*) Committee (2017-2018)

Service to the Field

2024   CONFERENCE ORGANIZING
                  Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) VII; (UNAM, Mexico City)
                      Livestream: [Day 1], [Day 2]
2023 -   PANEL ORGANIZING
                  Organized a panel at the Heritage Language Research Institute (UC Irvine); Spring 2024
                  Organized a panel at the Heritage Language Research Institute (UCLA); Spring 2023
2022 -   REVIEW: SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT PROPOSALS
                  Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (x2)
                  Donald A. Strauss Foundation Scholarship
                  NSF Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL) program (x1)
2021 -   PEER REVIEW: CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS
                  Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL) 55
                  Fifth International Conference on Heritage/Community Languages
                  Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) VI
                  North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 56
                  West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 40, 42, 44

Workshop on Structure and Constituency on Languages of the Americas (WSCLA) 24

2019 -   PEER REVIEW; BOOKS, JOURNALS, AND BOOK CHAPTERS
Syntactic Theory and Research (STAR) (x1)
Cambridge Elements book series (x1)
Oxford Studies in Comparative Syntax (x1)
Languages (x1)
Glossa: a journal of general linguistics (x3)
Diachronica (x1)
Journal of Linguistics (x4)
Linguistic Inquiry (x2)
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory (x2)
The Cambridge Handbook of Comparative Syntax (x1)

2014   WORKSHOP FACILITATOR
Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages and ALMG

Language Proficiency

Spanish (*native*)
English (*fluent*)
Italian (*advanced*)
French, Kaqchikel, German, Mandarin (*intermediate*)
Tz'utujil, Kaqchikel, K'iche', Chuj, Luganda, Maay, Kuria (*elicitation, corpus collection*)
Xinka, Rumsen (*research knowledge*)

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