

# LYDIA RODRÍGUEZ CUEVAS

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## POSITIONS HELD

<b>Associate Professor of Anthropology</b> Department of Anthropology The State University of New York at Potsdam	August 2021- present
<b>Assistant Professor of Anthropology</b> Department of Anthropology The State University of New York at Potsdam	August 2015- July 2021
<b>Post Doctoral Research Fellow/Sociolinguist</b> Department of Anthropology Southern Methodist University	February 2014- June 2015

## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D. in Linguistic Anthropology</b> University of Virginia Dissertation: <i>Time in Language, Gesture and Thought. A Case Study in Chol Mayan</i> Supervised by: Professor Eve Danziger	May 2014
<b>MA in Amerindian Studies</b> Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain	June 2005
<b>D.E.A. Diploma of Advanced Studies in Social Anthropology</b> Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain	May 2005
<b>BA Degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology</b> Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain	July 2002
<b>BA Degree in Classical Philology</b> Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain	July 2000

## RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

Intersections of language, culture, and cognition: linguistic relativity

Latin America, Mesoamerica, Mayan languages and cultures, Chol Mayan

Intersections of political discourse and the new media

Multimodality in communication, co-speech gesture

Intersections of linguistic and applied anthropology, applied discourse analysis

Bilingualism

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Rodríguez, Lydia. "Dickens in Chol." *Language and Cognition*. Issue: Time in language and Cognition: Understudied Venues. Heng Li and Julio Santiago, eds. 14: 2, 303–331. 2022
- Rodríguez, Lydia. "Los lenguajes del pensamiento." (*The languages of the mind*) in *Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana (Journal of Iberoamerican Anthropology)* 2021, 16, 1: 61-87. 2021
- Rodríguez, Lydia. "Time is not a line. Temporal co-speech gestures in Chol Mayan". *Journal of Pragmatics*. 151 (2019): 1-17 2019
- Rodríguez, Lydia and Sergio López "Performing Healing: Repetition, Frequency, and Meaning Response in a Chol Maya Healing Ritual." (Lead author) In *Anthropology of Consciousness*, Vol. 30, Issue 1, pp. 42–63 2019
- Rodríguez, Lydia and Sergio López "The crossroads of time" (Lead author) In *The Culture of Invention in the Americas*. P. Pitarch. and J.A. Kelly, eds. 158-184. Sean Kingston. 2019
- Rodríguez, Lydia. Chol (Mayan) Folktales. A Collection of Stories from the Modern Maya of Southern Mexico. Book Review in *Journal of Anthropological Research* Summer 2017: 330-331. 2017
- "From Discourse to Thought: An Ethnopoetic Analysis of a Chol Mayan Folktale" *Signs and Society* 4 (2): 278-231. University of Chicago Press. 2016
- "Repetición y paralelismo en una ceremonia de pedida matrimonial Chol" (Repetition and parallelism in a Chol bride petition ceremony). In *Entre Diversidades*, 1: 121-147. Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas 2013
- Review of *Metaphor and Gesture* edited by Alan Cienki and Cornelia Müller. In *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*, Volume 19, Issue 2: 337-339 2009

## TEACHING

### Instructor

#### **Mysteries of the Maya (WAYS 102)**

SUNY Potsdam, Pathways Core Curriculum

#### **Anthropology Senior Seminar**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology

#### **Linguistic Diversity in the US and Beyond**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology/English and Communication

#### **Language, Magic, and the Supernatural**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology

#### **Cultures of Mexico and Central America**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology

#### **Language and Culture (Lab)**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology

**Worlds of English**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology/English and Communication

**Language and Structure**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology/English and Communication

**The Maya Today: Fiction and Reality**

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

**Cultures, Regions, Civilizations: The Maya World**

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

**Language and Culture (Lecture)**

SUNY Potsdam, Department of Anthropology/English and Communication

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

**Teaching and Grader Assistant****Human Origins**

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

**Language and Prehistory**

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

**Castaneda and Don Juan**

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

**Fantasy and Social Values**

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

**PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, PANEL COORDINATION**

“El espíritu del tiempo” (*The ghost of time*) Paper given at the 8<sup>th</sup> AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. Salamanca, Spain, July 2022. 2022

“Lenguaje, tiempo, y lenguas extranjeras” (Language, time, and foreign tongues) Panel coordinator, 8th AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. Salamanca, Spain, July 2022. 2022

“Los gestos del poder” (Gestures of power). Panel: El poder social en la investigación antropológica (Social power in anthropological research). VII AIBR International Conference of Anthropology, Hybrid edition. 2021

“Cómo cazar a un político: gestos, mentiras, y cintas de vídeo” (How to catch a politician: gestures, lies, and videotapes). Panel: Lengua, mentira, políticos y humor. (Language, lies, politicians and humor). VI AIBR International Conference of Anthropology, Online edition. 2020

“Ethnography and IRBs: The Impact of the Revised Common Rule.” Roundtable presenter. 119th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada. 2019

“Estudiar Antropología en Estados Unidos” (Studying Anthropology in the US). Roundtable coordinator. V AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. Madrid, Spain	2019
“Organic time and the ever-present ‘now’: Wagnerian temporality in indigenous Mesoamerica.” Paper, V AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. Madrid, Spain	2019
Beyond Ethnography: Roy Wagner and the Invention of Anthropological Worlds Panel coordinator. V AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. Madrid, Spain	2019
The ‘ <i>procés</i> ’ as a speech Act. Invited presentation at the Center for International and Intercultural studies, Current World Topics Series. Saint Lawrence University	2018
"Temporalidades no lineales en la acción narrativa Cholana" (Non-linear temporalities in Cholan narratives) "Los gestos y el tiempo en los rituales Mesoamericanos" (Time and gestures in Mesoamerican Rituals) Oaxaca, Mexico	2018
"Selective attention and selective neglect in Chol thinking for speaking." Paper given at the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC. Panel: New Approaches to Language, Culture, and Cognition	2017
"El uso del video como herramienta de investigación en la etnografía y el análisis de la gestualidad" (The use of video as a tool in ethnography and gesture analysis) Research talk given at the Webinar series "Talking about our realities: virtual encounters and qualitative methodology"	2017
"All my possessions for a moment of time': A second look to cross-cultural variation in notions of time." Research talk given at the Lambda Alpha Induction Ceremony, SUNY Potsdam	2016
"Can 'fashions of speaking' affect thought? An ethnopoetic analysis of a Chol Maya story. Paper given at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO. Panel: Linguistic Relativities in the Twenty-First Century.	2015
"Exploring the role of repetition in Mayan healing rituals" Paper given at the 1st AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. Madrid, Spain	2015
"Unwrapping the sacred timeline". The State University of New York at Potsdam. Potsdam, NY	2015
"Time doesn't exist for us" Language, thought, and temporal representations in Chol Mayan. Franklin and Marshall College. Lancaster, PA.	2015
"Linguistic anthropology as a tool in User Experience research." Chegg. San Jose, CA	2015
"Producing speakers, producing selves." Co-organizer. Panel at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC.	2014
"Who was Juan de la Cruz? Participant roles and mediated speech in the cult of the Talking Crosses of Yucatan." Paper given at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC.	2014
"The view from the man on the street." Panel: The elephant in the room: bottom-up innovation and organizational responses to livelihood challenges in America. Humanitarian Innovation Conference, Oxford University, UK.	2014

"The linguistic relativity of time. Evidence from Chol, an indigenous language of Mexico." University of Nevada, Reno.	2014
"Bilingualism and literacy-driven change in co-speech gesture" Panel: Multilingualism and multimodality in interaction 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago	2013
"The time has come: ethnography, gesture research, and digital technology" Scholars' Lab at Alderman Library, University of Virginia	2013
"The invention of time in Maya culture" Seminar in Anthropology: The culture of invention in the Americas. Trujillo, Spain Funded by the Spanish National Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sport (joint paper with Sergio López)	2013
"Temporal co-speech gestures in Chol Mayan" 5 <sup>th</sup> International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Lund, Sweden.	2012
"The spatialization of temporal relationships in a tenseless language; Deictic temporal adverbs, sequential predicates, and spontaneous gesture in Chol Mayan" Invited Presentation, Linguistic Anthropology Seminar, University of Virginia.	2012
"Linearity and cultural representations of time" ( <i>Linealidad y representaciones culturales del tiempo</i> ) Invited presentation at the symposium "Sobremesa antropológica. ¿Qué hacemos los antropólogos y antropólogas?" ( <i>Anthropological conversations. What do anthropologists do?</i> ) Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain.	2010
"The fear of silence among the Chol Maya" 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans.	2010
"Gesture and temporal perception in Chol Maya" ( <i>Gestualidad y percepción temporal en el Maya Chol</i> ) Invited presentation, Universidad Veracruzana, Instituto de Investigaciones en Educación, Veracruz, Mexico.	2010
"The dialectics of language, gesture, and thought in Chol Maya" Invited presentation, Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones Superiores en Antropología Social. CIESAS-Sureste, San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Mexico.	2010

## STUDENT RESEARCH SUPERVISED

<b>Marriah Allen-Pina "Significance of Hand-Shaped Glyphs in Mayan Hieroglyphic Script"</b> Frederick B. Kilmer Student Research Program.	2020-2021
<b>Grace Chesbro. "The Globalization of Carnival and Holy Week"</b> Presidential Scholars Program.	2019-2021
<b>Nicole Weed. "From Clay Blocks to Smartphones: The Evolution of Language, Communication, and Long-Distance Relations"</b> Presidential Scholars Program.	2018-2020
<b>Alexis Donnelly. "A Study of the Spanish Language in Familial Conversations"</b> Presidential Scholars Program.	2017-2018

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

**AIBR Award to Best Article in Iberoamerican Anthropology** 2021

### **Fellowships, Grants, and funded field research (\$10,000-\$82,400)**

"Conference Grant" awarded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research for the 6<sup>th</sup> AIBR International Conference of Anthropology, Online edition. (Gr. # 8823494627) 2020

"Conference Grant" awarded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation of Anthropological Research for the 4<sup>th</sup> AIBR International Conference of Anthropology. University of Granada, Spain Gr. # 781 2018

"Virginia and Dell Hymes Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship in Linguistic Anthropology" Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia 2012-2013

"Graduate Fellowship in Digital Humanities" Scholars' Lab, Alderman Library, University of Virginia 2012-2013

"Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant" The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Gr. # 7911 2009-2010

"La Caixa Fellowship Program" La Caixa Foundation, Spain 2005-2007  
National competition, only 50 Fellowships awarded to Spanish graduate students of all disciplines (only 1 fellowship awarded to an anthropologist that year)

"Scholarship for graduate studies in USA through international exchange agreements" Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and Boston College 2003-2004  
University-wide competition, only 2 scholarships awarded each year to students of all disciplines.

"Scholarship for Ph.D. studies" Vicerrectorado de Investigación, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. 2002-2004

### **Small grants for pilot studies, academic training, professional development and dissemination of research findings (\$150-\$10,000)**

"Travel Award from the Department of Anthropology" (SUNY Potsdam) 2018

"Travel Award from the Provost's Office" (SUNY Potsdam) 2018

"Presidential Scholars Faculty Professional Development Award" (SUNY Potsdam) 2018

Travel Award from the Dean's Office (SUNY Potsdam School of Arts and Sciences) 2018

"Research and Creative Endeavors faculty grant" (SUNY Potsdam Research and Sponsored Programs Office) 2017

"Travel Award from the Department of Anthropology" (SUNY Potsdam) 2017

"Travel Award from the Provost's Office" (SUNY Potsdam) 2017

"Travel Award from the Dean's Office" (SUNY Potsdam School of Arts and Sciences) 2017

"Travel Award from the Dean's Office" (SUNY Potsdam School of Arts and Sciences)	2015
"Robert J. Huskey Travel Award" Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	2013
"Small Grant for Graduate Student Research Support" Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia	2012
"Research-travel funds, Mellon Graduate Teaching Seminar" Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	2012
"Gerszten Travel Funds" Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia	2012
"Dissertation Research Away Scholarship" Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	2009-2010
"Robert J. Huskey Travel Award" Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	2010
"Scholarship to attend the course Empirical Methods in Cognitive Linguistics" Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia	2008
"DuPont Scholarship for pre-field study in Chiapas, Mexico" Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	2007
"Scholarship to attend the Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute" Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	2007
"Scholarship for Summer Foreign Language Institutes" Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	2006
"Tuition scholarship, MA in Amerindian Studies" Universidad Complutense and Casa de América, Madrid, Spain	2004-2005

## **SERVICE**

### **College and Department Service at SUNY Potsdam**

Faculty Advisor, <i>Collegiate Anthropologist</i>	2016-present
Potsdam Pathways Curriculum Committee. 'Connecting Globally' Coordinator	2019-2021
Chair, Institutional Review Board	2017-2019
Member of the Institutional Review Board	2016-2017
Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee	2016-2020

### **External Service**

Members Programmatic Advisory and Advocacy Committee's (MPAAC)	2020-2022
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Ethics Subcommittee, American Anthropological Association	
Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology</i>	2020-2024
Reviewer, <i>Journal of Linguistic Anthropology</i>	2019
Editorial Board Member, <i>Entre Diversidades</i> .	2018-present
Reviewer, <i>Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana</i>	2003-present
VI International Conference of Iberoamerican Anthropology. Vila Real, Portugal Member of the Scientific Committee	2020
V International Conference of Iberoamerican Anthropology. Granada, Spain Member of the Scientific Committee	2019
IV International Conference of Iberoamerican Anthropology. Granada, Spain Member of the Scientific Committee and Grant Writing Coordinator	2018
III International Conference of Iberoamerican Anthropology. Puerto Vallarta, Mexico Member of the Scientific Committee	2017
Scientific Committee and Program Coordinator, Linguistic Anthropology Sessions. II International Conference of Iberoamerican Anthropology. Barcelona, Spain	2016
Program Coordinator, Linguistic Anthropology Sessions. International Conference of Iberoamerican Anthropology. Madrid, Spain	2015
Manuscript Reviewer. Mouton de Gruyter	2012
Board Member, Antropólogos Iberoamericanos en Red ( <i>Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists</i> )	2003-2009

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ACADEMIC TRAINING AND VISITING FELLOWSHIPS**

“Certificate in Advanced Pedagogy in the Humanities” Mellon Graduate Teaching Seminar for Excellence in the Humanities Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia	2013
“Estudiante Huésped” (Visiting graduate student) Centro de Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social CIESAS-Sureste San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, México	2009-2010
“Gesture and Simulation Semantics” Empirical Methods in Cognitive Linguistics. University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark	2008
“Empirical Foundations for Theories of Language” Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute. Department of Linguistics, Stanford University	2007
Graduate Exchange Student Department of Sociology, Boston College	2003-2004



## **LANGUAGE ABILITIES**

Spanish: native speaker

English: near-native fluency

Chol Mayan: advanced speaking, reading and writing skills

Classical Latin: advanced reading skills

Classical Greek: advanced reading skills

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association

Society for Linguistic Anthropology

Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists

WAYEB-European Association of Mayanists

Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honors Society

Golden Key International

## **REFERENCES**

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