



# Camila Franco Rodriguez

Ph.D. Candidate

Temple University Spanish and Portuguese Department

## **Education**

2025 Ph.D in Spanish with a concentration in Linguistics

Temple University, Philadelphia

Dissertation:

**Subject Pronoun Expression in Philadelphia Colombian Spanish:** 

Variation and Shared Syntax

Advisor: Augusto Lorenzino

2019 M.A in Linguistics with a concentration in Sociolinguistics and Bilingualism

Thesis:

Stylistic variation in Raizal students in San Andres and Bogota (Variación estilística entre estudiantes raizales en Bogotá y San

Andrés)

Advisor: Hector Ramirez-Cruz

2017 B.A in Linguistics with a Sociolinguistic Research concentration

Thesis:

A description of San Andrean Spanish in Bogota. (Descripción del

español Sanandresano en Bogotá)

Advisor: Kelly Vera

# **Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters**

**2024** *Book Chapter* 

Franco, C. (2024). San Andrean Spanish stylistic variation in academia: Language adaptation and resistance in peer-to-peer interactions. In A. Rodríguez-Riccelli & R. Romero (Ed.), Spanish in Africa/Africa in Spanish: Current challenges and methodologies in Afro-Hispanic linguistics (pp. 195-224). Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter. https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111340678-005

Chapter Title: San Andrean Spanish stylistic variation in academia/language adaptation and resistance in peer-to-peer interactions

- Challenges around methodologic approaches to minorities
- Minority representation and social justice through linguistic data

Book Chapter

Romero, R., Rodríguez-Riccelli, A., Padilla, L., Smith, H., Franco, C. & Visconte, P. (2024). Towards a social justice framework for marginalized





linguistic communities. In A. Rodríguez-Riccelli & R. Romero (Ed.), Spanish in Africa/Africa in Spanish: Current challenges and methodologies in Afro-Hispanic linguistics (pp. 273-286). Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter. https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111340678-008

Chapter Title: Towards a social justice framework for marginalized linguistic communities

- Agency and horizontality in sociolinguistic research
- Proposals for further studies that advocate for Afro-Hispanic communities.

## 2023

Journal Article

Journal of Computer Assisted Linguistic Research

Computer-based Reading Recall on Sociolinguistic Research, towards a cross-disciplinary understanding of bilingualism. November 2023

- Description and application of cross disciplinary experimental testing in linguistics
- Presenting random effects models as part of sociolinguistic research
- Computer based testing as a research option for sociolinguistics.

## 2019

Franco Rodriguez, M. (2019). Variación estilística entre estudiantes raizales en Bogotá y San Andrés. M.A Thesis. Available at: https://repositorio.unal.edu.co/handle/unal/77960

#### **Professional Employment**

#### 2019-Current

#### **Doctoral Candidate**

Temple University, Department of Spanish and Portuguese

- Documented and adapted code in Open Sesame for Reading Recall Experiments
- Collected and annotated naturalistic spoken data
- Conducted sociolinguistic interviews with focus on social networks and identity.
- Used logistic regression and random effects models in Rbrul for data analysis.

## **General Education: Honors Course, Eating Cultures**

Temple University, Department of Spanish, and Portuguese.

- Taught General Education Courses to students of different majors and backgrounds.
- Designed cross-disciplinary activities and assignments that provided students with critical thinking skills.





## Spanish 1001,1002, 1003, Conversational Review

Temple University, Department of Spanish, and Portuguese.

- Acquired experience with U.S-born students and U.S institutions.
- Was able to overcome challenges in language teaching with diverse backgrounds.
- Mentored students towards L2 acquisition

#### Graduate coordinator for the International Affairs Office.

Temple University, Beasley School of Law

- Translated law materials for international law professionals.
- Managed student worker groups.
- Interpreted cases for mock trials.

#### 2023 Summer

#### **Research Assistant**

Temple University, Department of Sociology.

• Interviewed Spanish-speaking restaurant industry workers.

#### 2020 Summer

#### **Research Assistant**

Temple University, Department of Spanish, and Portuguese.

- Interviewed Philadelphia-based Colombians who had dialectal differences based on social networks.
- Presented research on NeMLa 2021.

#### 2018

#### Research Assistant

Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Department of Linguistics

- Traveled and resided in San Andres, Colombia for a month as part of M.A research project.
- Studied different statistic methods for sociolinguistic research.
- Conducted phonetic experiments for dialect description.
- Conducted sociolinguistic interviews.
- Incorporated ethnographic methodologies to dialectal research.
- Mentored undergraduate students in their research process by providing feedback and bibliography.

#### 2017

## Research Assistant for Sentiment Analysis Software

Infometrika S.A.S, Colombia

- Worked alongside statistics professionals to better understand collocations in Colombian Spanish.
- Researched and documented sentiment analysis in R.

## **Academic Presentations**





## **New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV 52)**

"¿Juntos o Revueltos?: SPE variation in Colombians in Philadelphia

## **Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting**

Spanish SPE in Philadelphia: Bilingualism and Multiculturality.

# 2023 28<sup>th</sup> Conference of Spanish in the US and 13<sup>th</sup> Conference on Spanish in Contact with Other Languages

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Colombian Spanish SPE variation in Philadelphia: a case of social contexts and cognitive adaptation.

# 2022 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics

Ethnic identity as a factor of phonetic style variation in the L2 of Kreolespeaking university students in San Andrés and Bogotá, Colombia

#### **GURT Virtual Conference**

Education-induced contact

Dialect contact, stylistic variation, and identity among Creole speaking Raizales.

#### **GSOLT Virtual Conference**

Original Workshop

Using Rbrul for mixed-method research in sociolinguistics.

#### Symposium on Spanish Subjects (SSS)

Subject pronoun expression variation and syntax unification in Colombian bilingual communities in Philadelphia

#### **Temple University Graduate Conference: Politics of Authenticity**

Autenticidad y migración: la construcción identitaria de Nosotros vs. Ellos

# 2021 NeMLa virtual Conference

Spanish in the US: Globalization, Glocalization, and New Discourses 'Yo no tengo amigos Colombianos': Authenticity and Identity Indexing in a Colombian Married Couple"

## **Current Projects**

Subject pronoun expression in Colombian Spanish in Philadelphia: an interdisciplinary analysis of SPE variation and cognitive adaptation. Edited volume with John Benjamins under Cecilia Montes-Alcalá edition.

Gender and Language Change in Colombian Immigration: A variationist analysis of gendered populations

Collaborative project inside the Spanish and Portuguese department.

## **Grants, Scholarships and Awards**

**2022** Grant: Research Awards for Advanced Doctoral Students (RAADS)

**Award:** People's Choice Award at Temple's 3 Minute Competition





2013-2019

Award for outstanding extracurricular performance (Ensamble Musico Vocal). Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

## **Leadership, Volunteering and Advocacy**

#### 2024 LSA Committee Member

Member of multiple LSA committees that align with my academic and professional interests

Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics First Generation Access and Equity Committee Linguistics Beyond Academia Special Interest Group Linguistics in Higher Education Committee

## **Graduate Coordinator at Temple Law**

Worked with Temple Law during their Academia Bootcamp, translating for international law professionals, and managing student workers.

#### **Graduate Student Representative**

Graduate student representative for the Spanish and Portuguese department at Temple University to act as a liaison between students and admin. In charge of coordinating graduate conferences and graduate-level symposiums

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#### **International Student Advisory Board**

International student advisor committed to improving the international experience of incoming graduate students. Volunteered at different events and as a peer to other students.

#### **Graduate Conference**

Contributed to the Graduate conference of the Spanish and Portuguese department by moderating panels, editing conference programs, and reviewing submissions.





#### **EStaccato**

Created a semester-long club for bilingual singers, gave and taught vocal technique lessons and had a presentation for singers.

## 2017-2019

# **Graduate Student Representative**

Graduate student representative for the Linguistics department at Universidad Nacional de Colombia where I learned to act as a liaison between students and admin. In charge of discussing departmental aspects of evaluation, student performance and professor evaluation.