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Education

PH.D. IN SPANISH Urbana, IL
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 2024

Dissertation: *Establishing control into an adjunct: an examination of Spanish clitic control patterns and their theoretical implications*

Dissertation committee: Dr. Jonathan E. MacDonald (chair), Dr. José Ignacio Hualde, Dr. Aida Talić, Dr. James Hye Suk Yoon.

M.A. IN SPANISH LINGUISTICS Urbana, IL
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 2018

B.S. IN SPANISH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES Madison, WI
University of Wisconsin-Madison 2015

Professional Appointments

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SPANISH (TENURE-TRACK) Kirksville, MO
Truman State University August 2024-Present

Publications

- To Appear Dees, Joshua & **VanDyne, Katie**. On the *ABA patterns of Polish inchoative deadjectival change-of-state verbs. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*.
- 2024 **VanDyne, Katie**. Examining the theoretical contradiction of Merge-over-Move and MERGE. *Proceedings of the 59th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society*.
- 2024 Dees, Joshua, **VanDyne, Katie** & Anna Romaniuk. The CΔG and Polish causative/anticausative deadjectival verbs. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 9(1), 5698. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v9i1.5698>
- 2024 **VanDyne, Katie** & Jonathan E. MacDonald. Control in Romanian and Se constructions. *RLLT 21*, eds. Grant Armstrong, Roberta D'Alessandro & M.Carmen Parafita Couto. *Special Issue of Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics* 10(2)/4, 1-24. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5565/rev/isogloss.260>
- 2023 **VanDyne, Katie**. Object control into temporal adjuncts: the case of Spanish clitics. In Bullock, Barbara E., Russi, Cinzia & Toribio, Almeida Jacqueline (eds.). *A half century of Romance linguistics: Selected proceedings of the 50th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages. (Open Romance Linguistics 2)* Berlin: Language Science Press.

- VanDyne, Katie.** The interaction of adjunct control and parasitic gaps in Spanish. In J. Colomina-Almiñana and S. Sessarego (Eds.). *Language patterns in Spanish and beyond: Structure, context and development*. Routledge.

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 **VanDyne, K.** *Revisiting object control into adjuncts: Insights from Spanish in a minimalist framework*. University of Kansas Linguistics Department Seminar Colloquium, October 23, 2025. Lawrence, KS.
- 2022 **VanDyne, K.** *Optionality in Spanish adjunct control structures*. University of Arizona Spanish and Portuguese Colloquium, November 17, 2022. Tuscon, AZ (online).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **VanDyne, K.** *Spanish and Portuguese are not anomalies: Advantages of adjunct control as Form Copy*. Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS), November 13-15, 2025. University of Arizona.
- 2025 Dees, J. & **VanDyne, K.** *On the *ABA patterns of Polish inchoative deadjectival change-of-state verbs*. Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL), May 16-18, 2025. Cornell University.
- 2025 **VanDyne, K.** *Wh-objects and the Form Copy theory of adjunct control*. Chicago Linguistic Society 61 (CLS), May 9-11, 2025. University of Chicago.
- 2025 Dees, J. & **VanDyne, K.** *Pseudo-ABA patterns in Polish deadjectival change-of-state verbs*. Chicago Linguistic Society 61 (CLS), May 9-11, 2025. University of Chicago. (Poster)
- 2025 Dees, J. & **VanDyne, K.** *Spanning, Portmanteau, and Spell-Out: The CΔG and pseudo-ABA patterns*. Generative Linguistics of the Old World 47 (GLOW), March 26, 2025. Frankfurt, Germany. (Poster presented by Joshua Dees)
- 2024 **VanDyne, K.** *A unified syntactic analysis of three Spanish wh-complement constructions: head movement and the labeling algorithm*. Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS), October 17-19, 2024. Omaha, NE.
- 2024 **VanDyne, K.** *Relating the size and the specifier: contrasts in intermediate wh-movement*. Linguistics Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, January 4-7, 2024. New York, NY.
- 2024 Dees, J., **VanDyne, K.**, Romaniuk, A. *The CΔG and Polish causative/anticausative deadjectival verbs*. Linguistics Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, January 4-7, 2024. New York, NY.
- 2023 Dees, J., **VanDyne, K.**, Romaniuk, A. *For better or for worse: An analysis of allomorphic variation in Polish anticausative deadjectival verbs*. Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), November 11-12, 2023. California State University, Fresno (online).
- 2023 **VanDyne, K.** *Examining the theoretical contradiction of Merge-over-Move and MERGE*. Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS), April 28-30, 2023. Chicago, IL.

- 2023 **VanDyne, K.** *On the structural differences between shifted objects and clitic movement in Spanish.* Linguistics Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, January 7, 2023. Denver, CO. (Poster)
- 2022 **VanDyne, K.** *Isolating the vP positions of Spanish proclitics and shifted objects.* Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS), November 5, 2022. Arizona State University (online).
- 2022 **VanDyne, K.** and MacDonald, J. *Control in Romanian and se constructions.* Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), April 23, 2022. UW-Madison (online).
- 2020 **VanDyne, K.** *Optionality in Spanish clitic positions: Observations from control.* Going Romance, November 27, 2020. Paris (online).
- 2020 **VanDyne, K.** *Adjunct control by object clitics in Spanish: an argument against control as movement.* Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), July 3, 2020. UT-Austin (online).
- 2018 **VanDyne, K.** *The interaction of adjunct control and parasitic gaps in Spanish.* Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS), October 25, 2018. UT-Austin.
- 2017 **VanDyne, K.** *Passive parasitic gaps in Spanish.* Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS), October 26, 2017. Texas Tech University.

TEACHING PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **VanDyne, K.** *Implementing effective and creative warm-ups and conclusions.* University of Illinois Graduate Academy for College Teaching, August 17, 2023. Urbana, IL.

GUEST SPEAKER

- 2024 **VanDyne, K.** *La teoría de X' y Ensemble.* Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics (Prof. Alan Brown), University of Kentucky, February 15, 2024.
- 2024 **VanDyne, K.** *Dos clases de sujetos nulos: cuestiones sintácticas.* Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics (Prof. Ander Beristain), St. Louis University, April 25, 2024.

Awards and Honors

- 2023 **Douglass A. Kibbee Prize (for most outstanding dissertation proposal)**, UIUC School of Literatures, Cultures & Linguistics
- 2023 **Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching for Graduate Teaching Assistants**, UIUC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 2022 **Graduate Student Teaching Award**, UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese
- UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent**, (Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2020*, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019*, Fall 2018*, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016) *Instructor ratings outstanding (top 10% of all Teaching Assistants)

Fellowships and Grants

2026	TruScholars Research Fellowship (Faculty Mentor) , Truman State University	\$ 1,750
2023	Conference Participation Grant , UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese	\$ 1,370
2023	Timothy J. Rogers Memorial Fellowship , UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese	\$ 4,000
2023	Dissertation Completion Fellowship , UIUC School of Literatures, Cultures & Linguistics	\$ 25,000
2023	Conference Participation Grant , UIUC Graduate College	\$ 457
2023	Conference Participation Grant , UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese	\$ 538
2019	Summer Research Fellowship “Clitic Control in Spanish” , UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese	\$ 2,000
2018	Conference Travel Grant , UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese	\$ 225
2017	Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship to study Quechua , US Department of Education/ UIUC Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies	\$ 15,000
2017	Summer Research Fellowship “Parasitic gaps in null subject languages” , UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese	\$ 2,500

Teaching Experience

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY | DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES & LINGUISTICS

Assistant Professor:

Introduction to Linguistics	(Fall 2026)
Modern Languages Capstone	(Spring 2026)
Spanish Phonetics & Phonology	(Spring 2026)
Readings in Romance Linguistics	(Fall 2025)
History of the Spanish Language	(Fall 2025)
Structure & History of Romance Languages	(Spring 2025)
Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition	(Fall 2025, Fall 2026)
Spanish Grammar and Composition	(Fall 2024, Fall 2026)
Intermediate Spanish I	(Spring 2025)
Elementary Spanish II	(Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025)
Elementary Spanish I	(Fall 2024, Spring 2026)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN | DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH & PORTUGUESE

Instructor of Record:

The Structure of Spanish	(Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023)
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The Sounds of Spanish (Spring 2022)
Intro to Hispanic Linguistics (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022)

Teaching Assistant:

Spanish Composition (Spring 2021)
Advanced Spanish Grammar (Spring 2021)
Spanish in the Professions (Fall 2018, Summer 2021)
Introduction to Spanish Grammar (Spring 2019)
Intermediate Spanish (Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Summer 2018, Summer 2020)
Intensive Elementary Spanish (Fall 2016)
Elementary Spanish II (Fall 2019)
Elementary Spanish I (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

Research Experience

2020 **Research Assistant**, UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese, “Investigating the class of control verbs allowed with impersonal *se*” with Prof. Jonathan E. MacDonald
Research Assistant, UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese, “Investigating the nature of the null argument in control constructions and its relation to the null argument in Spanish *se* constructions” with Prof. Jonathan E. MacDonald
2018

Mentoring Experience

2026 **TruScholars Summer Research Program**, Truman State University (Faculty mentor to one undergraduate student),
2026 **Capstone Research Projects**, Truman State University (Faculty advisor to two undergraduate students in Spanish, one undergraduate student in Linguistics)
2023-2024 **Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program**, UIUC Graduate College (Research mentor to three undergraduate students)
2022-2023 **Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program**, UIUC Graduate College (Research mentor to one undergraduate student),

Service

2026 **Abstract Reviewer**, 62nd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society
2025- **Social Media Coordinator for the Department of Languages & Linguistics**, Truman State
present University.

- 2025-present **Truman State AI Working Group**, Truman State University / AAC&U Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum.
- 2025-present **Academic Professional Development Center Committee**, Truman State University.
- 2025-2026 **Faculty Liaison of World Languages Living Learning Community**, Truman State University.
- 2024 **Abstract Reviewer**, 10th Biennial International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English (BICLCE2024).
- 2023-2024 **Vice President**, UIUC Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Organization.
- 2023 **Small Group Leader**, UIUC Fall Graduate Academy for College Teaching, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning.
- 2023 **Microteaching Facilitator**, UIUC Spring Graduate Academy for College Teaching, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning.
- 2023 **Abstract Reviewer**, Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 15 (ILLS 15) Conference.
- 2022-2023 **Organizing Committee Member**, Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 15 (ILLS 15) Conference.
- 2022-2023 **Graduate Student Representative**, UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese Policy and Development Committee.
- 2022 **Abstract Reviewer**, Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 14 (ILLS 14) Conference.
- 2021-2022 **Graduate Student Representative**, UIUC Department of Spanish & Portuguese Capricious Grading Committee.
- 2021 **Zoom Host**, LSRL 51 Conference, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 **Abstract Reviewer**, Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 13 (ILLS 13) Conference.
- 2020-2021 **Organizer**, Syntax and Semantics Reading Group (clSSi) at UIUC.
- 2020 **Abstract Reviewer**, Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 12 (ILLS 12) Conference.
- 2017 **Student Assistant**, Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL-26) Conference, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Certificates and Professional Development

- 2025-2026 **AAC&U Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum**, American Association of Colleges and Universities.
- 2024 **Teaching Online: An Introduction to Online Delivery Workshop**, Quality Matters

- 2023 **Graduate Teacher Certificate**, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2023 **Mentoring Certificate**, Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2023 **Essentials of Course Design Workshop Series**, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2023 **Racial Justice Allies and Advocates Training**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2023 **Undocumented Student Ally Training**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2023 **Disability Ally Training**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2022 **Inclusive Mentoring Training**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Professional Experience

- 2022 **Copyeditor**, Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 18. RLLT18, eds. Jonathan MacDonald, Zsuzsanna Fagyal, Ander Beristain & Robin Turner. Special Issue of Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics 8(4)/1.

Service to the Community

- 2015-2016 **Bilingual Literacy Tutor**, AmeriCorps Texas, Austin, TX
Served as a full-time AmeriCorps member at the organization Literacy First providing literacy and phonics lessons conducted in Spanish to elementary school students identified as needing additional support.
- 2015-2016 **ESL Teaching Assistant**, Foundation Communities, Austin, TX
Volunteered weekly at a non-profit organization's Beginner English as a Second Language classes assisting adult, primarily Spanish-speaking, students.

Languages

English: Native

Spanish: Fluent speaking, reading, and composition

Portuguese: Intermediate reading and composition, basic speaking

Italian: Basic reading and structural familiarity

Quechua: Basic reading and structural familiarity