

Katherin Vargas Henao

Education

Ph.D.	Georgetown University Spanish Linguistics Concentration in Sociolinguistics Dissertation: <i>Voices of Bogotá in Physical and Digital Spaces: A Multifaceted Sociolinguistic Analysis of Language Variation and Language Attitudes in the Spanish of Bogotá, Colombia</i> Advisors: Dr. Víctor Fernández-Mallat & Dr. Alfonso Morales-Front.	2026
M.Sc.	Georgetown University Spanish Linguistics Qualifying paper: <i>¿Somos lo que hablamos? Estereotipos en el habla del español bogotano, representados a través de videos humorísticos</i> Advisors: Dr. Víctor Fernández-Mallat	2022
M.A.T.	Northern Arizona University Spanish (with distinction). Thesis: <i>Diseño curricular para Hablantes de Herencia: Clases de nivel inicial</i> Advisor: Dr. Yuly Asencion Delaney	2019
BA.	Universidad Libre de Colombia Licenciatura en Humanidades con énfasis en español, inglés y francés (BA. In Teaching, sub: Spanish and English and French as a Foreign Languages) Thesis: <i>Uso de role, audience, format y topic (RAFT) como estrategia para innovar en el proceso escritural de la lengua inglesa en la I.E.D Nydia Quintero de Turbay</i>	2010

Areas of Interest

Linguistic variation, sociolinguistics, media representations, language attitudes, socio-prosody, lexical variation, morphosyntax, language and identity, social justice, intercultural competence, learning in study abroad, ESL and EFL education, teaching methodology, language education, telecollaboration in education.

Languages

Spanish	Native language.
English	Native-level fluency
Portuguese	Advanced fluency.
Italian	Intermediate.
French	Intermediate.

Publications

Articles

Vargas Henao, K., & Vander Wel, A. M. (2025). Navigating the roads of language policy. In *Linguistic Landscape* (Vol. 11, Issue 4, pp. 380–407). John Benjamins.

Vargas Henao, K. (*Under Review*) “Language on the move: Exploring bilingualism in Medellin's public transit system.” (To be submitted to *Sociolinguistics Studies*)

Book reviews

Vargas Henao, K. & Rock, K. (2023). [Review of *Second language use online and its integration in formal language learning: From chatroom to classroom* by A. D. Moffat]. *System*, 112.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.system.2022.102967>

Teaching Experience

Georgetown University

2021-2026

Department of Spanish and Portuguese
 Washington, DC

(starred courses designed, double starred courses co-taught)

Intensive Beginning (Summer 2025)

Accelerated Portuguese (Spring 2025)

Bilingualism and Mind (Fall 2024)

Introduction to Linguistics (Spring 2024).

*Gateway to Linguistics (Fall 2023)

**Spanish for Business (Summer 2023-2024)

**Bilingualism and Mind (Summer 2023-2024)

Transatlantic Visions I Spanish (Spring 2023)

Advance II Spanish (Fall 2022)

Intermediate I Spanish (Summer 2022)

Beginner I Spanish (Spring 2022- Fall 2025)

Intermediate II Spanish (Fall 2021)

University of Arizona

2020

Department of Spanish and Portuguese
 (all courses sole-taught)

Tucson, Arizona

Intermediate Spanish II (Spring 2020)

Intermediate Spanish I (Spring 2020)

Northern Arizona University

2018- 2019

Department of Global Languages and Cultures
 Flagstaff, Arizona

(starred courses designed)

*Intermediate Spanish II for Heritage Speakers (Fall 2019)

*Intermediate Spanish I for Heritage Speakers (Spring 2019-Fall 2019)

Basic Spanish II (Fall 2018)	
Intermediate Spanish I (Spring 2018-Spring 2019)	2020-2024

Lingoda Language Academy

Berlin, Germany

Spanish Instructor all levels (Remote)	2017
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Colegio Bilingüe Lisa Meitner

Bogotá, Colombia

2 nd grade Instructor.	2016-2017
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Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion School

Cottage Grove, Minnesota

Language Assistant	2014-2015
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Universidad Libre de Colombia

Bogotá, Colombia

EFL Instructor

French Instructor

Other Professional Activities**Assistant Language Program Director**

2025

Georgetown University

Beginning Spanish (I & II)

Assistant Language Program Director

2022 - 2024

Georgetown University

Intermediate Spanish (I & II)

Assistant Language Program Director, Patuxent Summer Language Institute

Summer 2023

Prisons and Justice Initiative, Georgetown University.

Beginning Spanish I & II

Intermediate Spanish I & II

Digital Assistant

2021

Spanish and Portuguese department, Georgetown University.

Chair: Dr. Emily Francomano

Research Assistant

Georgetown University

Department of Spanish and Portuguese

2020- 2021

Researcher: Dr. Alfonso Morales-Front (Fall 2020 - Spring 2021)

Researcher: Dr. Ronald Leow (Winter 2021)

Service

Vice-President, Graduate Spanish and Portuguese Student Organization at the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Georgetown University.	2023- 2024
Graduate Student Representative at the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Georgetown University.	2021- 2022
Co-organizer of “Club de cine” (Hispanic film series) at Northern Arizona University	2018-2019
Volunteer English Teacher at YMCA- <i>Primera Infancia</i> center in Bogotá	2017

Presentations

Conference Papers

“Mental maps, social meanings: spatializing lexical stereotypes in Bogotá” Hispanic Language Symposium (HLS), Tucson, AZ	2025
“Language on the move: Exploring bilingualism in Medellin's public transit system” American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL), Denver, CO	2025
“Humor as a mirror: analyzing forms of address in Bogotá Spanish in social media.” American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL), Houston, TX	2024
“The junction of utopia and dystopia: Differences in well-intentioned language policy between digital and in situ spaces on Washington, DC public transportation. ” Linguistic Landscape 14 (LL14), Madrid, España	2023
“When the rubber hits the road: The enactment of well-intentioned language policy between digital and in situ spaces on Washington, DC public transportation" Multilingual Urban Space (MUS23), (Remote) Moscow, Russia	2023
“Estereotipos en el léxico del habla femenina de la variedad de Bogotá en videos humorísticos” Graduate Portuguese and Hispanic Symposium (GRAPHSY), Washington, DC	2022
“El uso de telenovelas en la clase de español” Arizona Language Association Conference (AZLA) Phoenix, AZ	2019
“Actividades diferenciadas para hablantes de herencia en clases mixtas” 8th Hispanic and Luso- Brazilian Linguistics Conference. Phoenix, AZ	2019

Invited Presentations and Talks

“La aplicación de políticas lingüísticas en entornos digitales y físicos en el transporte público de Washington, D.C.” in Linguistic Landscape Lectures, University of California, Berkeley	2023
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Campus Talks and Workshops (All Designed and Led)

“Presenting in a linguistic conference: Tricks and practice” – Georgetown University, Linguistics Lab 2024

“Creación de exámenes en el aula de ELE” — in Methods and Teaching Spanish Class. Georgetown University, Dr. Cristina Sanz 2023

Fellowships, Grants & Awards

Curriculum Enrichment Grant, Georgetown University: "Escape rooms and cultural language learning" Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship (CNDLS), Georgetown University (Summer-2024) 2024

Summer Research Fellowship Grant, Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA) 2024

Research Grant, The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), Georgetown University 2024

Innovation on Pedagogical Uses of Artificial Intelligence (IPAI) Fellowship, Red House and Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship (CNDLS), Georgetown University 2023

Research Grant Award, GradGov, Georgetown University 2023

Research Fellowship Grant, Georgetown Americas Institute, Georgetown University 2023

Curriculum Enrichment Grant, Georgetown University: "Noche Latina – Hispanic Heritage Night" Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship (CNDLS), Georgetown University (Fall-2023) 2023

Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Georgetown University. 2023

Curriculum Enrichment Grant, Georgetown University: "Cultural and Linguistic Immersion through Theater" Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship (CNDLS), Georgetown University (Summer-2023) 2019

Graduate Teaching Award. Graduate College, Northern Arizona University 2019

Beca Evans Portilla- Lerma: Intercultural exchange in Spain. Department of Global Languages and Cultures, Northern Arizona University 2019

2nd Annual Latin American cultural representation. Department of Global Languages and Cultures, Northern Arizona University 2018

1st Annual Latin American cultural representation. Department of Global Languages and Cultures, Northern Arizona University