# Eliot S. Westdorp

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## EDUCATION

**University of Georgia,** Athens, GA– PhD Romance Languages

Aug 2020 – Present

**Michigan State University,** East Lansing, MI — *Master of Arts*

Aug 2018 – May 2020

Program: Spanish as a Second or Bilingual Language (Applied Spanish Linguistics)

**Grand Valley State University,** Allendale, MI — *Bachelor of Arts*

Aug 2011 – Dec 2016

Major: Spanish Language; Minor: Applied Linguistics

International Study: Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao, Spain 2015

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of Georgia,** Athens, GA — *Graduate TA (Spanish)*

Aug 2020 – Present

Responsibilities include teaching Spanish classes (SPAN 1001, 1002, 1002E, 1110, 2001, 2002, 4090s (TA)), developing lesson plans, grading, test writing, and holding office hours. I was also the assessment editor for Span 2001.

**Michigan State University,** East Lansing, MI — *Graduate TA (Spanish)*

Aug 2018 – May 2020

Responsibilities included teaching Spanish classes (SPN 101, 102, 201, 310), leading Pláticas (MSU's Spanish speaking hour), developing lesson plans, grading, test writing, and holding office hours.

**Michigan State University,** Santander, Spain — *Program Assistant*

May 2019 – July 2019

Responsibilities included assisting the MSU study abroad students with acclimating to living in Spain, resolving host family disputes, chaperoning student trips, holding tutoring hours, and leading

speaking groups.

**Oxford English Academy,** Galicia, Spain — *English Tutor*

Jan 2018 – June 2018

Responsibilities included teaching after school English classes to children and adults while preparing them for the Cambridge English Exam.

**Consellería de Educación,** Galicia, Spain — *Teaching Assistant*

Sept 2017 – June 2018

Responsibilities included teaching English and US culture to students ages 11-18, chaperoning student trips, as well as assisting teachers in developing grammar, speaking, listening, and writing activities at I.E.S. Miguel Ángel González Estévez.

**Edustaff,** Grand Rapids, MI — *Substitute Teacher*

Sept 2015 - Sept 2017

Responsibilities included two long-term positions as a Spanish 1/Special Education teacher, and a Spanish 2 teacher.

**Grandville Public Schools,** Grandville, MI — *ESL Assistant*

Oct 2015 - Aug 2016

Responsibilities included assisting the ESL teacher with teaching English to foreign students, teaching English to students grades K-12, and English-Spanish translation.

**Chicago School,** Basque Country, Spain — *English Teacher*

Feb 2015 - May 2015

Responsibilities included teaching English conversational skills (grammar, vocabulary, phonetics, etc.) to adults who had novice to intermediate level speaking abilities.

## COURSES TAUGHT

**University of Georgia**, Department of Romance Languages

Fall 2020 – Present

**Elementary Spanish I (SPAN 1001):** Fall 2020

**Elementary Spanish II (SPAN 1002):** Spring 2021

**Elementary Spanish II: Online (SPAN 1002E):** Summer 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

**Accelerated Elementary Spanish (SPAN 1110):** Fall 2021, Spring 2022, 2024

**Intermediate Spanish I (SPAN 2001):** Fall 2022, 2023, Spring 2023, 2024

**Intermediate Spanish II (SPAN 2002):** Fall 2024

**Practicum in Service Learning (SPAN4090s) (TA):** Fall 2022, Spring 2023

**Michigan State Univ**, Department of Romance & Classical Studies    Fall 2018- Spring 2020

**Elementary Spanish I (SPN 101):** Fall 2019

**Elementary Spanish II (SPN 102):** Fall 2018

**Second Year Spanish 1 (SPN 201):** Spring 2019

**Basic Spanish Grammar (SPN 310):** Spring 2020

## Published Works

González-Ferrer, M; Johnson, J.G.; Westdorp, E. (2022). The historical evolution of the Spanish discourse marker *Pues* from the 16th century. *International Virtual Conference on Language and Literature Proceeding*, 6-21. E-ISSN: 2746-8402    12/30/2022

## Invited Talks

**Panelist – University of Georgia:**    08/09/2024

New Faculty Orientation 2024

**Panelist – University of Georgia:**    08/13/2024

Grad Student Orientation 2024

**Guest Lecturer – Northern Michigan University:**    11/1/2022

"Introducing Sociolinguistics" (AN110: Intro to anthropology)

**Guest Lecturer - Michigan State University:**    09/11/2020

"Galician Sociolinguistics" (SPN482: Hispanic Sociolinguistics)

## AWARDS/GRANTS

**Future Faculty Fellows:** University of Georgia, 2024 Cohort ($1,200)

**Dolores Artau Scholarship:** University of Georgia, 2023 ($1,000)

**Outstanding Teaching Award:** University of Georgia, 2023

**Wilson Center Research Grant:** University of Georgia, Fall 2022 ($1,000)

**2022 Summer Dissertation Research Grant:** University of Georgia, Spring 2022 ($1,500)

**Outstanding Contributor Award**: Michigan State University, 2020

**Outstanding Teaching Assistant in Spanish:** Michigan State University, 2019

## PRESENTATIONS

**TA CAFÉ,** University of Georgia, October 2024: "Elevate and Excite: Designing meaningful Learning experiences"

**TA CAFÉ,** University of Georgia, February 2024: "Classroom Etiquette: Managing Incivility, Disruption, and Distress"

**KFLC,** Lexington, Kentucky, April 2023: "The Historical Evolution of the Spanish Discourse Marker *Pues* from the XVI Century"

**OSUCHiLL 2023,** Columbus, Ohio, Online, March 2023: "¿La pronunciación sí importa? Una investigación del momento oportuno para la enseñanza explícita de la pronunciación"

**IVICOLL,** Jakarta, Indonesia, Online, October 2022: "The Historical Evolution of the Spanish Discourse Marker *Pues* from the XVI Century"

**MIWLA,** Lansing, MI, October 2015: "How to Improve Oral Proficiency in Foreign Language Classrooms"


## MEMBERSHIPS

**GradLead Cohort:** University of Georgia, 2025 cohort
**Future Faculty Fellows:** University of Georgia, 2024 cohort
**UGA España en Corto Committee** – 2022, 2025
**UGA Romance Languages GSO – Media Manager:** 2021-2022
**MSU Romance and Classical Studies GSA / TROPOS – Treasurer:** 2019–2020
**American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages** since 2018
**Sigma Delta Pi Spanish National Honors Society – Sigma Xi (Grand Valley State University)** since 2016
**Michigan World Language Association** since 2015


## LANGUAGES

**English** – Native language
**Spanish** – Superior proficiency
**Portuguese** – Intermediate proficiency
**Galician** – Novice proficiency
**French** – Novice proficiency
**German** – Novice proficiency