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Educación

- 2025 **Ph.D.**, *Boston University*, Lingüística
Disertación doctoral: *Covariation & salience in linguistic contact: a sociophonetic study of liquid variation in Boston Spanish*
Comité: Daniel G. Erker (Chair), Neil J. Myler & Kate Lynn Lindsey
- 2021 **M.A.**, *Boston University*, Lingüística
- 2013 **M.A.**, *Louisiana State University*, Estudios Hispánicos y Lingüística
Tesis: *El uso variable de los pronombres sujetos en el castellano puertorriqueño hablado en Luisiana y Puerto Rico*
Comité: Rafael Orozco, Jeremy King & Andrea Morris
- 2011 **B.A.**, *Louisiana State University*, Estudios Hispánicos y Literatura
- 2020 **The New York – St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition, and Culture**, Cursos en sistemas de escritura y fonología, morfología, lingüística experimental y sintaxis

Publicaciones

Artículos en revistas arbitradas

- 2024 Erker, Daniel G. & **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Variation, Contact, and Change in Boston Spanish: How social meaning shapes stylistic practice and bilingual optimization. *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*, 17(2), 223–249. [DOI]

Actas arbitradas

- 2023 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** ¿Va primero el verbo? or ¿El sujeto va primero?: Subject-verb order in Latin American Spanish. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 8(1), Article 5542, pp. 1–17. [DOI]
- 2014 Orozco, Rafael; Méndez Vallejo, Catalina; & **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Los efectos condicionantes del verbo en el uso variable de los pronombres personales de sujeto. *Actas del XVII Congreso Internacional de la Asociación de Lingüística y Filología de la América Latina*, pp. 1–17.

Contribuciones a volúmenes editados (por invitación)

- 2022 Erker, Daniel G. & **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** What we say when we say nothing at all: Clues to contact-induced language change in Spanish conversational pause-fillers. *Estudios del Observatorio / Observatorio Studies*, 80, pp. 1–29.
- Erker, Daniel G. & **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Qué decimos cuando no decimos nada: Claves del cambio lingüístico inducido por contacto en las pausas llenas del español conversacional. *Estudios del Observatorio / Observatorio Studies*, 80, pp. 1–31.

Volúmenes editados

- 2021 Dionne, Danielle & **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** (Eds). *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*. Somerville, MA, Cascadilla Press.

Otras publicaciones

- 2013 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** El uso variable de los pronombres sujetos en el castellano puertorriqueño hablado en Luisiana y Puerto Rico. *LSU Master's Theses*, 3876. [DOI]

Presentaciones

Ponencias arbitradas

- 2024 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** How Salience Influences Dialectal Persistence and Covariation: Insights from Boston's Spanish-Speaking Community, *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 52, Miami, FL, Nov 7th – 9th.
- Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Investigating Salience and Ideologies in Greater Boston: a Sociophonetic Analysis of Liquid Variation, *International Symposium on Language Ideologies and Attitudes*, Palma de Mallorca, Spain, October 17th – 19th.
- Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Riding the Waves of Salience: Exploring Spanish Liquid Variation among Boston Spanish speakers, *LSA 2024*, NYC, New York, January 4th – 7th.

- 2023 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Making a Splash: The Saliency of Liquid Variation among Boston Spanish speakers, *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 51, NYC, New York, October 13th – 15th.
- 2014 Orozco, Rafael; Méndez Vallejo, Catalina; & **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** The Verb as a Predictor of Variable Pronominal Use in Spanish, *New Ways of Analyzing Variation* 43, Chicago, Illinois, October 23rd – 26th.
 Orozco, Rafael; Méndez Vallejo, Catalina; & **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Los efectos condicionantes del verbo en el uso variable de los pronombres personales de sujeto, *The Association of Linguistics and Philology Latin America Conference*, Paraíba, João Pessoa, Brazil, July 14th – 19th.
 Orozco, R., Méndez Vallejo, Catalina, & **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Verb-related Constraints on Variable Pronominal Use: Do we have all the Answers?, *7th International Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics*, Madison, Wisconsin, April 3rd – 5th.
 Orozco, Rafael; Méndez Vallejo, Catalina; & **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** The Effects of Verb Semantics on Pronominal Expression: A Preliminary Study, *XXIX Biennial Louisiana Conference on Hispanic Languages & Literatures*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Feb 27th – March 1st.
- Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** El uso variable de los pronombres sujetos en el castellano puertorriqueño hablado en Luisiana y Puerto Rico, *XXIX Biennial Louisiana Conference on Hispanic Languages & Literatures*, Baton Rouge, LA, Feb 27th – March 1st.
- 2013 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Variable use of subject pronouns in the Spanish in Louisiana, *2nd Graduate Symposium Universidad de Puerto Rico*, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico, April.
Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M. & Linder, Cali. Variable use of subject pronouns in Spanish, *Southeastern Conference on Linguistics LXXX*, Spartanburg, South Carolina, April 4th – 6th.

Charlas por invitación

- 2024 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Salient Features, Strong Identities: Social Meaning and Stylistic Choices in Boston Spanish, *World Languages, Literatures & Cultures Department – Louisiana State University*, New Orleans, LA, Dec 3rd.
- 2023 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Making a Splash: The Saliency of Liquid Variation among Boston Spanish speakers, *Linguistics Program – Northeastern University*, Boston, MA, March 23rd.
- 2020 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Guest Lecture: English/Spanish Contrastive Phonology & Filled Pauses, *Intro to Sounds – Boston University*, Boston, MA, October 15th.
- 2017 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Teaching Foreign Language in the 21st Century Classroom, *Louisiana Education Technology Consortium*, Baton Rouge, LA, March.

Pósters arbitrados

- 2023 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** ¿Va primero el verbo OR El sujeto va primero?: Subject-Verb order in Latin American Spanish, *LSA 2023*, Denver, CO, January 5th – 8th.
- 2021 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Filled pauses as a site of language contact among Spanish-speaking Bostonians, *LSA 2021*, Virtual, January 9th.

Conferencias departamentales y de campus

- 2025 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Covariation & saliency in linguistic contact: a sociophonetic study of liquid variation in Boston Spanish, *Dissertation Defense – Boston University*, Boston, MA, April 7th.
- 2023 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Making a Splash: The Saliency of Liquid Variation among Boston Spanish speakers, *Graduate Research Forum – Boston University*, Boston, MA, March 20th.
- 2020 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** Filled pauses as a site of language contact among Spanish-speaking Bostonians, *Graduate Research Forum – Boston University*, Virtual, December 2nd.
- 2013 **Vidal-Covas, Lee-Ann M.** El uso variable de los pronombres sujetos en el castellano puertorriqueño hablado en Luisiana y Puerto Rico, *LSU Spanish Roundtable*, Baton Rouge, LA, October.

Distinciones y Premios

- 2019 **Student-Nominated Teaching Appreciation Award**, *St. Joseph's Academy*, Baton Rouge, Reconocimiento estudiantil por impacto académico y personal positivo
- 2013 **Graduate Presentation Award**, *2nd Graduate Symposium*, Universidad de Puerto Rico–Río Piedras, Otorgado por presentación destacada en congreso (USD 200)

Becas y Financiamiento

Becas y subvenciones de investigación

- 2018 – 2024 **Graduate Student Fellowship**, *Boston University GRS & Office of the Provost*, Fall 2023, Spring 2024
Graduate Student Fellowship, *Boston University Linguistics Department*, Spring 2019, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Research Fellowship, *Boston University Linguistics Dept*, Sum 2019, Fall 2019, Sum 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021
Teaching Fellowship, *Boston University Linguistics Department*, Fall 2018, Spring 2020
Graduate Research Grant, *Boston University Linguistics Department*, Spring 2021, USD 1,000
- 2016 – 2017 **21st Century Classroom Research Grant**, *Saint Joseph's Academy*, USD 10,000
- 2012 – 2013 **Teaching Fellowship**, *Louisiana State University Foreign Languages & Literatures Department*, Spring 2012, Sum 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Sum 2013, Fall 2013

Becas de viaje y registro a congresos

- 2023 – 2024 **Becas para viajes a conferencias**, *Boston University Linguistics Department & Graduate Student Organization*, financiaron difusión de investigaciones en congresos nacionales e internacionales, Total recibido: USD ≈4,200
- 2024 **Student Registration Award**, *IDEOLING Organizing Committee*, Fundació Universitat Empresa de les Illes Balears, EUR 100
- 2021 **LSA Registration Award**, *Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics*, Linguistic Society of America
- 2013 **Becas para viajes a conferencias**, *Louisiana State University*, financiaron difusión de investigaciones en congresos nacionales e internacionales, Total recibido: USD ≈1,500

Experiencia Investigadora

Investigadora Graduada

- 2021 – 2025 **Disertación doctoral**
Covariation & Saliency in Linguistic Contact: A Sociophonetic Study of Liquid Variation in Spanish in Boston
Comité: Daniel G. Erker (Chair), Neil J. Myler & Kate Lynn Lindsey
- 2020 – 2021 **2nd Ph.D. Qualifying Paper**
Subject-Verb Order in Latin American Spanish
Comité: Neil J. Myler (1st Reader), Daniel G. Erker, & Paul Hagstrom
- 2019 – 2020 **1st Ph.D. Qualifying Paper**
Filled Pauses as a site of dialectal and language contact among Spanish-speaking Bostonians
Comité: Daniel G. Erker (1st Reader), Neil J. Myler, & Jon Barnes
- 2011 – 2013 **Tesis de Máster**
El uso variable de los pronombres sujetos en el castellano puertorriqueño hablado en Luisiana y Puerto Rico
Comité: Rafael Orozco (Chair), Jeremy King, & Andrea Morris

Asistencias de Investigación

- 2018 – 2025 **Sociolinguistics Lab**, *Spanish in Boston Project*, Dirigido por Daniel G. Erker
- 2020 – 2021 **Structures of Under-researched Languages Lab**, *The Mirror Principle Violations Project*, Dirigido por Neil Myler

Trabajo de Campo Lingüístico

- 2012 – 2013 **Español puertorriqueño**, en Puerto Rico y Luisiana

Experiencia Docente

Boston University

- 2018 – 2021 **Language and Music**, (*CAS LX 120*), Fall 2021
Correctora para Daniel G. Erker
- Introduction to Sound Systems**, (*CAS LX 301/601*), Fall 2020
Asistente de curso para Kate Lynn Lindsey
- Say what? Accents, Dialects, and Society**, (*CAS LX 110*), Fall 2018, Spring 2020
Asistente de curso para Neil J. Myler

Academy of the Sacred Heart (Middle School)

- 2017 – 2018 **Introductory Spanish & Basic Technology**
Instructora

Saint Joseph's Academy (High School)

2014 – 2017 **Elementary Spanish I & II; Computer & Software Orientation**
Instructora

Louisiana State University

2012 – 2013 **Elementary Spanish I & II**, *Span 1101 & 1102*
Instructora

Servicio

Al departamento

2021 – 2022 **Organizadora Estudiantil de Posgrado**, *Linguistics Department Colloquium Series*, Boston University

2021 **Panelista**, *Virtual Open House for MA/PhD Linguistics Programs*, Boston University, December 13th

2020 **Panelista**, *Panel on PhD Applications*, Boston University, November 4th

2019 **Gestora del laboratorio**, *Sociolinguistics Lab*, Boston University

A la disciplina: revisión editorial

2026 – **2 revisiones de manuscrito** para: *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*

A la disciplina: comités

2020 **Co-organizadora**, *45th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*

Presidenta de Patrocinios, *45th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*

2019 **Presidenta de Voluntarios**, *44th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*

A la disciplina: otros

2021 **Voluntaria**, *95th Annual Meeting Linguistic Society of America (LSA2021)*

2018 **Voluntaria**, *43rd Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*, Boston University

2014 **Voluntaria**, *XXIX Biennial Louisiana Conference on Hispanic Languages & Literatures*, LSU

2013 **Voluntaria**, *LXXX SouthEastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL)*, Spartanburg, SC

2012 **Voluntaria**, *XXVIII Biennial Louisiana Conference on Hispanic Languages & Literatures*, LSU

Otro servicio

2014 – 2017 **Co-organizadora**, *Louisiana Association of High School Spanish Clubs' Annual Conference*

Idiomas

Nativa	Inglés, Español
Básico	Portugués brasileño
Fieldwork	Indonesio, Groenlandés Occidental, Wichita, Yagua, Zulú

Tecnología

R	●●●●	Bash	●●●●
VSCode	●●●●	ΛT_EX	●●●●
GitHub	●●●●	HTML	●●●●
Python	●●●●	regex	●●●●