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Varieties of Spanish in the United States

Gilad James Mystery School

"This presentation examines Puerto Rican Sign Language (PRSL), a language that has become almost nonexistent due to colonization. Once widely used in the Puerto Rican Deaf community, PRSL is now considered moribund, losing popularity to the more 'standardized', international American Sign Language (ASL). Nonetheless, PRSL is believed to still be

maintained deep in the island. Although ASL has become the mainstream signed language, ASL is only taught in deaf schools in the northeastern part of the island. PRSL may possibly still be used in the western and central parts of the island (which are considered harder to reach areas due to being mountainous and country regions), meaning that approximately 20 of the 78 municipalities in Puerto Rico (approx. 25.6%) are being serviced with the language and the resources, leaving the other 58 municipalities with minimal communication outlets. This presentation

argues that just as many indigenous spoken languages are threatened by the global spread of the English language (Phillipson 1992, 2009, inter alia), so are many local signed languages threatened by the spread of ASL. Due to the contact among the languages (PRSL and ASL, Spanish and English), it is increasingly difficult to determine the nature of origin of PRSL. Is it indeed a dialect of ASL or is it its own stand-alone language that has fallen through the cracks due to colonization. This pidgin or perhaps creole language is a form of communication that has been established by both communities

Puerto Rican deaf people without any resources, and Puerto Rican deaf people who have been exposed to ASL on and off the island. ASL has had a very strong influence on the culture and the language in Puerto Rico, and sooner or later it might completely replace PRSL. The new generation might be more influenced by the abundance of resources for ASL that are not only in larger, more populated cities but also on the internet. This includes, but is not limited to, online ASL resources, social media, news media, etc. Slowly but surely, ASL will altogether wipe out the use of PRSL."--

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Since her creation in 1959, Barbie has become an icon of femininity to girls all over the world. In this study, author Emily R. Aguiló-Pérez focuses on a group of multigenerational Puerto Rican women and girls, exploring how playing with Barbie dolls as children has impacted their lives. By documenting the often-complicated relationships girls have with Barbie dolls, Aguiló-Pérez highlights the ways through which women and girls

construct their own identities in relation to femininity, body image, race, and nationalism through Barbie play.

Translinguistics Routledge
Dialects from Tropical Islands: Caribbean Spanish in the United States provides a comprehensive account of current research on Caribbean Spanish in the United States from different theoretical perspectives and linguistic areas. This edited volume highlights current scholarship and linguistic analyses in four major areas relative to Caribbean Spanish in the United States: phonological and phonetic variation, morphosyntactic approaches, sociolinguistic perspectives, and heritage-language acquisition. This volume will be of interest to linguists and philologists who specialize in Spanish, Caribbean Spanish, Spanish in the United States, or in Romance languages in general.

Language Characteristics and Schooling in the United States Nation Books
Spanish is one of the most widely-spoken languages in the world, and there is extensive lexical variation between its numerous dialects. This book, the first of its kind, focuses uniquely on the origin,

diversity, and geographic distribution of portions of the lexicon. The hundreds of words analysed – related to food, clothing, vehicles, and certain miscellaneous items – provide a representative study not only of the many etymological routes by which they have entered the Spanish language over time, but of the considerable diatopic variety which they display across the different Spanish-speaking nations and regions. Representative maps are provided to illustrate several instances of these astounding dialectal differences. This variation is also discussed in terms of its evident link to the historical developments of Spanish. Providing a compelling overview of lexical variety in the Spanish-speaking world, this book will interest anyone who wants to delve into the richness of this fascinating language. *Diglossia and Language Contact* University of Alabama Press

Urciuolis award-winning book explores how language and the social construction of race, class, and ethnicity shape the lives of working-class Puerto Ricans living in New York City. Her reflexive ethnographic study is a combination of two absorbing features: her analyses of

language and power relations based on key principles in semiotic and linguistic anthropology, paired with the authentic voices of individuals who share their lived experiences of speaking Spanish and English. The subjects' conversations, interview responses, and anecdotes are saturated with ideas about what correct English means to them. Through these extended transcripts readers gain insight about languages' role in cultural dynamics that tangle minority populations in challenges, such as limiting where individuals and families live and work. Urciuoli's provocative research and fieldwork give readers a rich understanding of language as the domain in which racial, ethnic, and class hierarchies are experienced.

Language Diversity in the USA

Routledge

Cataloguing the World's Endangered Languages brings together the results of the extensive and influential Catalogue of Endangered Languages (ELCat) project. Based on the findings from the most extensive endangered languages research project, this is the most comprehensive source of accurate information on

endangered languages. The book presents the academic and scientific findings that underpin the online Catalogue, located at www.endangeredlanguages.com, making it an essential companion to the website for academics and researchers working in this area. While the online Catalogue displays much data from the ELCat project, this volume develops and emphasizes aspects of the research behind the data and includes topics of great interest in the field, not previously covered in a single volume. *Cataloguing the World's Endangered Languages* is an important volume of particular interest to academics and researchers working with endangered languages.

Exposing Prejudice Harper Collins

La Borinqueña is a patriotic symbol presented in a classic superhero story. Her powers are drawn from elements and mysticism found on the island of Puerto Rico. The fictional character, Marisol Rios De La Luz, is a Columbia University Earth and Environmental Sciences Undergraduate student living with her parents Flor De La Luz Rojas and Oscar 'Chango' Rios Velez in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. She takes a semester of study

abroad in collaboration with the University of Puerto Rico. There she explores the caves of Puerto Rico: Ventana, La Cueva del Indio, Las Cuevas de Camuy, La Cueva del Viento and the caves at the Julio Enrique Monagas National Park. At each of these caves she finds five similar sized crystals. Atabex, the Taino mother goddess, appears before Marisol once the crystals are united and summons her sons Yúcahu and Juracan. Yúcahu, God of the seas and the mountains gives Marisol her superhuman strength. Juracan, god of the hurricanes gives her the power of flight and control of the wind.

[The Unlinking of Language and Puerto Rican Identity](#) The Unlinking of Language and Puerto Rican Identity

The only child of deaf Puerto Rican immigrants, Andrés Torres writes of growing up in New York in a Deaf/hearing family that communicated freely in a mix of Spanish, ASL, and English.

[Introduction to Puerto Rico](#) John Benjamins Publishing Company

Spanish is the most widely spoken Romance language, with more than 400 million native speakers all over the world. It is the official language in 21 countries

including Spain, Mexico, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Argentina, and Equatorial Guinea. It is the most popular second language in the United States and Europe. The large population of Spanish speakers around the world in four continents and beyond makes it a smart choice for a second language. The fast and steady growth of the Spanish speaking population has made Spanish a necessity in business. Learning Spanish will empower you to communicate in the most productive way with Spanish speaking co-workers, employees, or customers. Hispanic consumers are the most dynamic market segment in North America. Knowing Spanish is particularly advantageous if you're in the healthcare or education sector. The globalization trend has made it possible to tap this vast and fast growing market segment. Health practitioners and professionals who want to provide the best services to their Spanish-speaking clients will want to speak and understand their language to ensure that there are no barriers to excellent service. If you're looking for job opportunities worldwide, having Spanish in your résumé will certainly confer definite advantages over

those who are monolingual. If you have plans of travelling to Spanish-speaking regions, the ability to understand and speak the language will make your trip a truly enriching experience. If this is your first time to learn a Romance language, you can use this knowledge to easily learn other related languages. The book "Spanish for Beginners" is designed to help you learn Spanish and bridge the communication gap in as fast as one week. It is written with the self-learner in mind and organized to help its readers understand and speak the language confidently within a short span of time. This learning material will prove that by identifying the most important features of a language and by applying proven techniques and strategies to language learning, anyone can master the basics of the language and use this knowledge base to start speaking confidently and properly in Spanish in as little as seven days. Learning a language permanently requires mastery of its fundamentals. This book highlights the important features of the Spanish language in the areas of grammar, pronunciation, syllabication, sentence formation, and communication.

Puerto Rican Sign Language : a Creole Language Or an Endangered Dialect ?
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Spanish for Beginners Cambridge
University Press

In South America indigenous languages are extremely diverse. There are over one hundred language families in this region alone. Contributors from around the world explore the history and structure of these languages, combining insights from archaeology and genetics with innovative linguistic analysis. The book aims to uncover regional patterns and potential deeper genealogical relations between the languages. Based on a large-scale database of features from sixty languages, the book analyses major language families such as Tupian and Arawakan, as well as the Quechua/Aymara complex in the Andes, the Isthmo-Colombian region and the Andean foothills. It explores the effects of historical change in different grammatical systems and fills gaps in the World Atlas of Language Structures (WALS) database, where South American languages are underrepresented. An important resource for students and

researchers interested in linguistics, anthropology and language evolution. *Census of population and housing (2000): Puerto Rico Summary Social, Economic, and Housing Characteristics* Cambridge University Press

This collection of original papers presents current research on linguistic aspects of the Spanish used in the United States. The authors examine such topics as language maintenance and language shift, language choice, the bilingual's discourse patterns, varieties of Spanish used in the United States, and oral proficiency testing of bilingual speakers. In view of the fact that Hispanics constitute the largest linguistic minority in the United States, the pioneering work in the area of sociolinguistic issues in the U.S. Spanish presented here is of great importance. *The Dialects of Spanish* Univ of California Press

A comprehensive review of the legal status of minority languages in the USA. It also provides the historical and political context for the legal manoeuvring that culminated in landmark civil rights victories. All of the major cases in the USA concerning language rights are discussed

in detail and in a manner that should be easily accessible to the non-legal audience. The topics range from the English-only movement to consumer law, and from employment discrimination to international law.

[America's Bilingual Century](#) DIANE Publishing

It's true that some people spend years studying Spanish before they finally get around to speaking the language. But here's a better idea. Skip the years of study and jump right to the speaking part. Sound crazy? No, it's language hacking. Unlike most traditional language courses that try to teach you the rules of Spanish, #LanguageHacking shows you how to learn and speak Italian through proven memory techniques, unconventional shortcuts and conversation strategies perfected by one of the world's greatest language learners, Benny Lewis, aka the Irish Polyglot. Using the language hacks - shortcuts that make learning simple - that Benny mastered while learning his 11 languages and his 'speak from the start' method, you will crack the language code and exponentially increase your language abilities so that you can get fluent faster.

It's not magic. It's not a language gene. It's not something only "other people" can do. It's about being smart with how you learn, learning what's indispensable, skipping what's not, and using what you've learned to have real conversations in Spanish from day one. The Method #LanguageHacking takes a modern approach to language learning, blending the power of online social collaboration with traditional methods. It focuses on the conversations that learners need to master right away, rather than presenting language in order of difficulty like most courses. This means that you can have conversations immediately, not after years of study. Each of the 10 units culminates with a speaking 'mission' that prepares you to use the language you've learned to talk about yourself. Through the language hacker online learner community, you can share your personalized speaking 'missions' with other learners - getting and giving feedback and extending your learning beyond the pages of the book. You don't need to go abroad to learn a language any more.

Puerto Rico Routledge
The Unlinking of Language and Puerto

Rican Identity Cambridge Scholars Publishing

Puerto Rico, 2000 Teach Yourself
Puerto Rico is a Caribbean island and an unincorporated territory of the United States. The island is located in the northeastern Caribbean Sea, east of the Dominican Republic and west of the British Virgin Islands. Puerto Rico has a tropical climate and is known for its beautiful beaches and crystal-clear waters, making it a popular tourist destination. The island is densely populated, with over three million people living there, making it the third-largest island by population in the United States. Puerto Ricans are citizens of the United States and have been since 1917. The island has a unique cultural mix of African, Taíno, and European influences. The official language is Spanish, and English is also widely spoken. Puerto Rico's economy is mainly based on manufacturing, tourism, and services. The island has a distinct political status, remaining as an unincorporated territory and not being granted statehood or independence.

Cataloguing the World's Endangered Languages Cambridge University Press

What are the most widely spoken non-English languages in the USA? How did they reach the USA? Who speaks them, to whom, and for what purposes? What changes do these languages undergo as they come into contact with English? This book investigates the linguistic diversity of the USA by profiling the twelve most commonly used languages other than English. Each chapter paints a portrait of the history, current demographics, community characteristics, economic status, and language maintenance of each language group, and looks ahead to the future of each language. The book challenges myths about the 'official' language of the USA, explores the degree to which today's immigrants are learning English and assimilating into the mainstream, and discusses the relationship between linguistic diversity and national unity. Written in a coherent and structured style, *Language Diversity in the USA* is essential reading for advanced students and researchers in sociolinguistics, bilingualism, and education.

The Handbook of Bilingualism White Flower Publishing

This volume provides a detailed analysis of language contact in North Africa and explores the historical presence of the languages used in the region, including the different varieties of Arabic and Berber as well as European languages. Using a wide range of data sets, it provides a comprehensive analysis of the mechanisms of language contact under classical diglossia and societal bilingualism, examining multiple cases of oral and written code-switching. It also describes contact-induced lexical and structural change in such situations and discusses the possible appearance of new varieties within the context of diglossia. Examples from past diglossic situations are examined, including the situation in Muslim Spain and the Maltese Islands. An analysis of the current situation of Arabic vernaculars, not only in the Maghreb but also in other Arabic-speaking areas, is also presented. This book will appeal to anyone interested in language contact, the Arabic language, and North Africa.

A Grammar and Dictionary of the Timucua Language Waveland Press

This volume provides a sample of the most recent studies on Spanish-English

codeswitching both in the Caribbean and among bilinguals in the United States. In thirteen chapters, it brings together the work of leading scholars representing diverse disciplinary perspectives within linguistics, including psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, theoretical linguistics, and applied linguistics, as well as various methodological approaches, such as the collection of naturalistic oral and written data, the use of reading comprehension

tasks, the elicitation of acceptability judgments, and computational methods. The volume surpasses the limits of different fields in order to enable a rich characterization of the cognitive, linguistic, and socio-pragmatic factors that affect codeswitching, therefore, leading interested students, professors, and researchers to a better understanding of the regularities governing Spanish-English codeswitches, the representation and

processing of codeswitches in the bilingual brain, the interaction between bilinguals' languages and their mutual influence during linguistic expression.

[Language Rights and the Law in the United States](#) Cambridge University Press

Taken from surviving contemporary documentary sources, the author describes the grammar and lexicon of the extinct 17th-century Timucua language of Central and North Florida.

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