

# Jasmine Upchurch

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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Hispanic Linguistics** 2025–Present  
The Ohio State University | College of Arts and Sciences Columbus, OH  
Advisor: Dr. Rebeka Campos-Astorkiza

**B.A., Spanish & B.A., Psychology | *Magna Cum Laude*** 2025  
The Pennsylvania State University | Schreyer Honors College University Park, PA  
Advisor: Dr. Janet van Hell  
*Honors thesis title: Accent variety processing among native Puerto Rican Spanish-English listeners: A preliminary study*

**Penn State Education Abroad: Spanish Language and Culture** May 2023–Jun. 2023  
Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese | The Pennsylvania State University Málaga, Spain

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

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### 2025

College Allocated Fellowship – OSU – (\$32,184)  
Certificate of Excellence in Spanish – PSU  
Costello Family Scholarship in Psychology – PSU – (\$510)

### 2024

NSF Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) Fellowship – PSU – (\$5,875)  
Academic Excellence Scholarship – PSU – (\$5,000) (renewed for four years)

### 2023

Schreyer Honors College International Study Grant – PSU – (\$1,150)  
College of the Liberal Arts Enrichment Award – PSU – (\$1,000)  
Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese Study Abroad Travel Scholarship – PSU (\$1,500)

### 2022

Intermediate Language Certificate of Outstanding Achievement of Spanish Studies – PSU

### 2021

Basic Language Certificate of Outstanding Achievement of Spanish Studies – PSU

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Curriculum design	L2 acquisition of phonology
L2 acquisition of morphosyntax	Psycholinguistics

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Our Voices/<i>Nuestras Voces</i></b>	January 2026–Present
The Ohio State University	Columbus, OH

<b>Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE)</b>	2024–2025
The University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras	San Juan, PR
The Pennsylvania State University	University Park, PA

<b>Bilingualism and Linguistic Diversity (BiLD) Lab</b>	2023–2025
The Pennsylvania State University	University Park, PA

## SERVICE HOURS

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<b>OSUCHiLL Abstract Review</b>	February 2026
The Ohio State University	Columbus, OH

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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**Upchurch, J.,** Giorio, C., Guzzardo, R., & van Hell, J. “Accent variety processing among native Puerto Rican Spanish-English listeners: A preliminary study.” *Penn State 2025 Undergraduate Exhibition*. The Pennsylvania State University. 16 April 2025.

**Upchurch, J.,** Baliga, J., Craven, D., Galinato, H., & Ellis, J. “Attitudes towards psychology majors.” *Penn State Psi Chi’s 2024 Undergraduate Research Conference*. The Pennsylvania State University. 18 April 2024.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>The Pennsylvania State University</b>	
Peer Spanish Tutor   Penn State Learning	2023–2025
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant   PSYCH 100: Introductory Psychology	Aug. 2022–Dec. 2022

## GUEST LECTURES

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“The psychology of language.” PSYCH 260: Neurological Bases of Human Behavior. The Pennsylvania State University. 07 November 2024.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Upchurch, J. (2024). *To Wield a Raging Storm*. Barnes & Noble Press.

Upchurch, J. (2021). *To Ruin a Kingdom*. Barnes & Noble Press.

## LANGUAGES

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**English** – native proficiency

**Spanish** – advanced proficiency

**Portuguese** – elementary proficiency