



Maria Diez Ortega

Lecturer

Stanford Language Center

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

Dr. María (Mery) Díez-Ortega is an applied linguist and language educator. Her research interests lie in the intersection of second language acquisition, task-based language teaching (TBLT), and language learning and technology. She follows a communicative task-based and project-based learning approach, with an interest in developing intercultural competence. Before coming to Stanford, she taught a variety of Spanish courses at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, at South Puget Sound Community College, and at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. She has also taught college courses in second language pedagogy, second language acquisition, and English for academic purposes.

Dr. Díez-Ortega received her PhD in Applied Linguistics from the Department of Second Language Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She earned an MA and an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Spanish Applied Linguistics and Hispanic Cultures and Literatures from the University of Hawai'i. Dr. Díez-Ortega has published journal articles and book chapters on her various research interests. Moreover, she has received grants and awards for her work in the field of language learning and technology, such as the American Association of Applied Linguistics Graduate Student Award, the Duolingo Dissertation Grant, the CALICO Robert A. Fischer Outstanding Graduate Student Award, among others.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Stanford Language Center

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Executive Board Member, CALICO (2023 - present)
- Chair of Graduate Student Special Interest Group, CALICO (2019 - 2022)
- Board Member - Graduate Student Representative, Hawai'i TESOL (2018 - 2021)
- Board Member and Reviewer, Multi'āhelo (2018 - 2021)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa , Applied Linguistics (2023)
- Advanced Graduate Certificate, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa , Spanish Applied Linguistics (2019)
- MA, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa , Hispanic Studies (2014)

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Accelerated First-Year Spanish, Part 1: SPANLANG 1A (Spr)
- Beginning Oral Communication: SPANLANG 10 (Win)
- First-Year Spanish, First Quarter: SPANLANG 1 (Aut)
- First-Year Spanish, Second Quarter: SPANLANG 2 (Win)
- First-Year Spanish, Third Quarter: SPANLANG 3 (Aut, Spr)
- Intermediate Oral Communication: SPANLANG 15 (Win)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Measuring the development of lexical richness of L2 Spanish: A longitudinal learner corpus study** *STUDIES IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION*
Diez-Ortega, M., Kyle, K.
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