Ohio's **LATINO COMMUNITIES** as a Teaching and Learning Resource

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WHOIAM AND WHY I'M HERE

- · Monolingual, monocultural white kid from Tidewater Virginia
- · Phonologist and dialectologist
- · "Real-world" research
- · "Hands-on" teaching
- · ...con especial referencia a la vida real

Voiceless stops: /p/, /t/, /k/

• Nahuatl words ending in -tl



Voiceless stops: /p/, /t/, /k/

- · Popote
- •Guajolote
- Petate
- Cacahuate
- · Papalote
- Cuate
- · Ocelote
- Jicote
- · Chayote

- Zacate
- Coyote

- Tecolote
- Metate
- •Ejote Totopo
- · Molcajete • Zopilote
- •Cenote

OVERVIEW

- · Who I am and why I'm here
- · Experiential learning in Spanish at OSU
- · The course prototype
- · Ohio's Hispanic communities
- · The role of service learning
- · Examples of student journals & "products"
- · Using real people as a resource

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN SPANISH AT OSU

Voiceless stops: /p/, /t/, /k/

- Tomate
- · Chocolate
- Coyote Ocelote
- Nahuatl has voiceless stops /p/, /t/, /k/ but not voiced stops /b/, /d/, /g/.
- · Cacahuate
- Zacate

Tú or vos vs. usted



Pepsi vs. Pecsi



THE COURSE PROTOTYPE

- "Spanish in Ohio: An Experiential Course for Selected Majors"
- 35 hours of class in 5 weeks
- 100 hours outside of class in 10 weeks
- · Journal, "product"
- "Study abroad" in Franklin County, Ohio
- · Required of all who don't study abroad

OHIO'S HISPANIC COMMUNITIES

- Maps & census figures
- · Comparisons with rest of U.S.
- Two "historical" communities in Ohio
- Latinos in Columbus
- Ethnolinguistic diversity

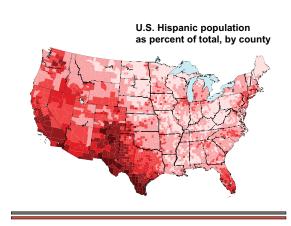
Ohio Hispanic population as percent of total, by county

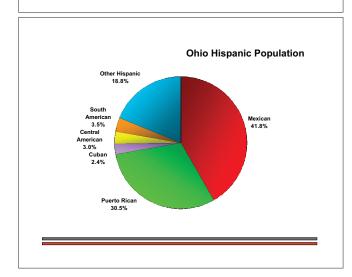
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN SPANISH AT OSU

- Proposal for new Spanish major, 1994
- · Study-abroad requirement
- · Public university
- Very small Hispanic community in Central Ohio

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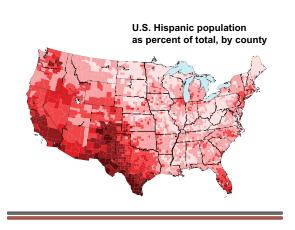
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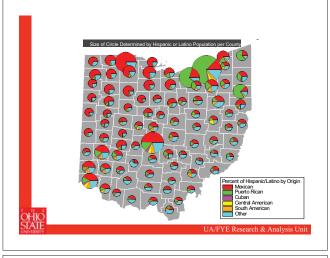




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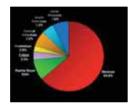


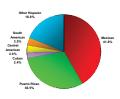
21st-CENTURY TRENDS

- · Immigrant overlay
 - Central & Southern Mexico
 - Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador
- · Strong Mexican influence
 - Press, entrepreneurship, consular office
- · Dialects in contact

U.S. Hispanic Population

Ohio Hispanic Population





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TWO COMMUNITIES

- · Northwest Ohio
 - From Mexico, 1950s
 - Rural counties
 - Migration to Toledo
- · Northeast Ohio
 - From Puerto Rico, 1940s
 - Lorain (and other urban centers)

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Google search: la michoacana columbus oh

Traditional "Core Countries" of The Spanish-Speaking World







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NORTHWEST OHIO SPANISH

Some Characteristic Features

- Phonology
 Consonant-heavy
 Intervocalic /y/ weakening and loss: ella, millas, ladrillo
 Leveling of taptrill distinction: Slerra, terreno
 Morphology
 Regularization and overgeneralization: la idioma
 Loss of (especially verb) morphology: nosotros usara, somos bilingüe
 Gender agreement: muchos experiencias
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 Abarnos abarnos
 Semantics
 Leveling of mood & aspect distinctions
 Lexicon
 Asina, pos
 Trailla, Minesora
 Limited Spanish vocabulary
 Discourseiother
 Code mixing, circumlocution
 Linguistic insecurity







NORTHWEST OHIO SPANISH: JUANITA GUTIÉRREZ (FREMONT, OHIO)



Buenas tardes. Mi nombre es Juanita Gutiérrez. Uh, tengo 43 años. Estoy casada; mi esposo se llama Manuel y tengo cuatro hijos--tres que están casados y tengo un hijo de 14 años que me queda en casa. Tengo tres nietos, y otro que viene por camino. Este, yo eh nací aquí en Fremont, Ohio. Nací y fui criada aquí en Fremont. Fui a la escuela en Bettsville, un pueblito del sur de aquí, que es como unos trece millas de aquí.

NORTHWEST OHIO SPANISH: JAIME SIERRA (DEFIANCE, OHIO)



Me llamo Jaime Sierra. Uh, nací en el año 1963 en un pueblito en Ohio llamado Defiance, Ohio. Mis padres se mudaron ahi en los años 50 de este, del siglo pasado., y ahí criaron ocho hijos, somos cuatro hombres y tengo cuatro hermanas. Yo soy la seis, el septo hijo de los ochos. Desde niños era muy importante hablar español en la casa. Como mis padres son de México es la idioma de ellos y era muy importante que nosotros podíamos hablar ese idioma y inglés. Pues, así eh, nos estuvimos (?) impuestos a hablar español en la casa, y luego en la escuela a hablar inglés. Y por esa razón hablo inglés y español. Pero yo creo que mi español ya no está tan, no, no lo hablo diaramente, diariamente, y por eso a veces no me siento muy, no tengo mucha confianza cuando hablo en español.

NORTHEAST OHIO SPANISH Some Characteristic Features

- Phonology
 - Consonant-weak
 - /s/ aspiration and (especially) deletion Aspirated or velarized /r/

 - Lateralization of coda <u>-r</u>
- Morphology
- Regularization and overgeneralization
 Loss of (especially verb) morphology: los abuelos venir
- Reanalysis of forms: el sijo for el hijo, based on plural [lo.sí.ho] Semantics
- Leveling of tense, mood & aspect distinctions
- Lexicon - Limited Spanish vocabulary (creimos for criamos)
- Discourse/other

 Code mixing, circumlocution
- Linguistic insecurity

OTHER OHIO SPANISHES

- · Judeo-Spanish (Ladino, Judezmo)
 - From Spain, 1492
 - Via Istanbul (400+ years)
 - Cincinnati (3 months ago)
- · "Other Hispanic"
 - From all over Spanish-speaking world
 - Isolated households or entire communities

A NOTE ABOUT

Language, Dialect, and Social Class

NORTHWEST OHIO SPANISH:

LOUIS GUARDIOLA (FREMONT & GIBSONBURG, OHIO)



Pues yo soy, yo nací en Fremont, Ohio. Y por un tiempo vivimos en Fremont. Desde cuando nací hasta los seis años, porque fui al Head Start en Fremont, y fui a kindergarten, y luego después de eso nos fuimos a vivir en Gibsonburg, que es una, un pueblito chiquito, y ahi vive mi abuelita mi abuelito y mi tía, que es una niem atomayor que que yo, y compramos una terilita-le tata how you say it?—refilia, trailer, house trailer, y um, y mi papă lo puso en el, en el, uh, ¿cómo se dice la, el yard, ¿cómo se dice yard? el terreno de mi abuelita, vivimos muy cerea porque ella vivía en una casa que más antes era una escuela, (po)s era de esos A-frame de, de ladrillo, y uh y también vivía, y ese tiempo estaba viviendo mi ab-, mi bisabuelito--ls that how you say it, my great-grandfather?--y él um solamente mis a-, mi abuelita, mi abuelita y mi bisabuelita hablaban solamente en español, so an fice donde uh aprendí el, el español, que mi abuelita no nos dejó que habláran- hablaban- que nosotros usara el inglés, (---amos) que usar el español. Y a mí me enseño a leer y escribir en español. Y también me también me recuerdo que en las noches, cuando, pos vivimos allí en el en el uh, en el country, no sé cómo se dice country en español. Pero ahí en-, no vivimos ahí en en la ciudad, vivimos en el country, y pos las noches los pasáhanos platicando, y mi abuelita nos platicada de México y de Texas y mi abuelta nos daba unos uh cuentos y unos, um, ¿cómo se dicen? um, como historias de, de, que tenían um que tenían poquito de sabor de, de, religioso, de Dios y los santos y asina.

NORTHEAST OHIO SPANISH: FAMILIA RÍOS (LORAIN, OHIO)



Megan: Megan Laura Ríos. (And how old are you?) Nueve.

Laura: Eh, Laura Alisea Ríos, 41 años.

Kerwin: Y Kerwin Ríos, 41 años.

Kerwin: Y Serwin Ríos, 41 años.

Laura: Este es mi esposo Kerwin...mi hija Megan...tengo dos hijos...Antonio y Gabriel tienen veinte... ya s-, ya el mayor tiene veinte años y el otro tiene diecischo. Nos creimos aqui en Lorain, Ohio parte de los padres, benen los abuelos venir a Lorain a buscar trabajo en el s- eh, eh steel mill que queda en la Calle Veintiocho. También la mamá mia, ella vino de Nueve York. Ah, ella viene de de otro lado. El hermano de ella vino de Puetro Ríoc a trabajar aquí en el steel mill pero cuando mandó para la familia primero fueron a Nueva York, entonces vinieron aquí.

aqui. Kerwin: El abuclo mio vino aqui primero para trabajar el steel mill en nineteen forty-stx. Entonces trabajaba como tres años antes a buscar la esposa en la _y...las sijas (-las hijas) y el sijo. El tio mio trabajaba alli tambén y mi papá trabajaba alli en nineteen forty-s-seve, cuaerna años trabajado alli. "Qué más." Al, yo nacido aqui en Lorain so mi español un poquito...[risas]...y yo trabajaba...yo son lohor worker, mi esposa es un manager en (?) compañía. Ella esta yendo a un colegia.

Laura: Sí, yo, yo soy estudiando ahora. Kerwin: Ella está estudiando y trabajando

JUDEO-SPANISH (LADINO, JUDEZMO): FAMILIA JERUSALMI (CINCINNATI, OHIO)



A NOTE ABOUT Spanglish

ONE CASE OF COMPETING LANGUAGES: Bilingual language acquisition

(Documentation of language development of my sons Caleb and Ruben)

THE ROLE OF SERVICE LEARNING

· What is "Service Learning"?

http://service-learning.osu.edu/

Service-Learning

is a form of experiential education characterized by student participation in an organized service activity that-

- is connected to specific learning outcomes meets identified community needs provides structured time for student reflection and connection of the service experience to learning

SERVICE LEARNING

- community partners (including schools)
- training (professionalization)
- · opportunities for extra-curricular service and learning, even jobs
- · outcomes include tangible products





CALEBISMS

Whoever arregla el árbol puede ser el árbol's friend. (7.VII.97) Shut up means que be quiet. (15.XI.98) El agua's gonna be fría if you don't hurry up, Řubén. (24.X.00)

RUBENISMS

I let my brother my dump truck for play he. (24.XII.98, to his English-speaking grandparents)

Cuando la mamá taked me a la escuela, he taked mi almohada. (2.IX.99)

Do you think que sí? I think que no. (7.IX.99)



THE ROLE OF SERVICE LEARNING

- What is "Service Learning"?
- · Benefits
 - Gives us all purpose
 - Addresses community needs
 - Learning increases exponentially
 - · language skills · retention · excitement

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EXAMPLES OF STUDENT JOURNALS & PROJECTS

JOURNALS

- Identification
- Documentation
- Reflection
- Correction
- Elaboration

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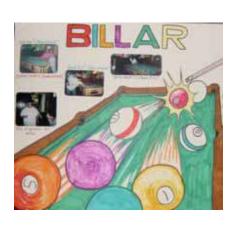














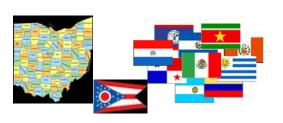
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Good Food for Buena Salud

Reframing the concept of cooking and eating



Artifact #1 LATIN FOOD STAPLES

Goya® FrijolesNegrosGoya Quinua





PRACTICE

Quinua is made into a salad similar to Mediterranean cous cous and is a Peruvian, Ecuadorian and Bolivian staple. The aforementioned Latin American countries are the three top producing countries in the exportation of Quinua. On the package is included a recipe for a Peruvian Quinua stew made with pork, Goya® Adobo with Pepper and various other Goya® products.

Frijoles Negros, or Black beans are served nearly everywhere in Latin America with rice or alone. Frijoles Negros comprise the national food of Brazil, Feijoada which is a stew of beans with various beef and pork products.

PERSPECTIVE

In the countries of Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia the Quinoa crop has been cultivated for 1,000's of years. The Incas, who held the crop to be sacred, referred to quinoa as "chisaya mama" or "mother of all grains", and it was the Inca emperor who would traditionally sow the first seeds of the season using 'golden implements'. In Anglo culture the crop that supports our livelihood is a grain as well, wheat.

Beans are also a staple of Anglo culture as Americans are dependant on the soybean and soybean oil for 100's of products and as a legume to provide nitrogen for U.S. corn fields. The Goya® heat and serve sopa de frijoles negros is a unique representation of the Latin@ lifestyle that is hard working and trying to keep up with a society at a much faster pace than that of their native country.

Artifact #2: RELIGION

- CANDLE of the VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE
- **❖ ANGEL GUARDIAN CANDLE**
- ❖ ROSARY of the VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE





PERSPECTIVES

The Virgin Mary appeared in 1531 on December 12 to Juan Diego, a converted native of Mexico. The miracle of her appearance led to the conversion of hordes of people in Mexico to Catholicism. Additionally, it is paradoxical that an image of an important aspect of the religion of the oppressor graced the banners of Padre Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, father of Mexican Independence, as he led the country in 1810 through 10 years of was for liberation from Snain

war for liberation from Spain.

Our lady of Guadelupe is an image of the Virgin Mary-the mother of Jesus, whom Christians believe to be the son of God. In Anglo-Saxon Catholic churches, and Christian homes, images of the Virgin Mary adorn the walls as well as Mexican American homes and Churches. To Anglos she is, more often than not, shown light skinned-even though she was from the Middle East. The Virgin of Guadelupe is said to have appeared in 1531 as brown-skinned-a Mestizo, and is depicted as so.



Artifact #1 LATIN FOOD STAPLES: FRIJOLES NEGROS OUINUA



PRODUCT

Goya® quinua seeds, 12 oz, a product of Peru and Goya® heat and serve sopa de frijoles negros, 15 oz. The black bean soup contains water, black beans, vinegar, com oil, salt, olive oil, dehydrated onion, bell peppers, garlic, monosodium glutamate, spices and sugar.

Quinoa means the "mother grain" in Quechua the language of the Inca, but it is also called the "gold of the Incas" or "vegetable caviar," and it is one of the oldest cultivated plants on Earth. Quinua, as the product is labeled by Goya,* is the seed of the Quinoa grass.

TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

World History and Spanish class:

The quinua can be used as a representation of the livelihood of the South American civilization of the Inca. It can be a point of departure to discuss the cultural legacies of food, farming and language of the Inca to modern Latin American civilization. Also, quinua is a representation of the fact that Spanish colonialism could not completely eradicate the culture of the great Incan civilization in South America.

In a Spanish class the products can exemplify the fact that the Latin@ presence is stronger than ever in Columbus and it is of great significance to learn Spanish. The proof?—The frijoles and quinua were purchased at the Giant Eagle grocery store in Grandview Heights.

PRACTICES

Rosaries are commonly used in the Roman Catholic Church as both prayer beads and a set of vocal and silent prayers which are proclaimed as the beads are held. The Rosaries are sequences of reciting the Lord's Prayer followed by ten recitations of the "Hail Mary" prayer and a single recitation of "Glory be to the father"; each of these sequences is known as a decade. Much of Latin America practices Catholicism because of Spanish colonialism and this is true of Latin@'s, especially Mexican Americans. The Virgen of Guadelupe is an important symbol of the Mexican acceptance of Catholicism, and she is donned the title "the Mother of all Mexico."

In Mexico and in Mexican American homes found in the U.S. it is not uncommon to find images of the Virgen de Guadelupe in religious art, candles and in cars hanging from a rear view mirror. The candle purchased at La Michoacana Mexican market in Columbus, Ohio was described as follows: "Virgin of Guadalupe is the patroness of Mexico. Light her candle for financial issues and to receive special blessings for your family." Similarly the candle adorned with the Guardian Angel is inscribed with a prayer which states: "...give strength to my afflicted spirit. Make my problems disappear and restore my faith." Both candles were burning in front of a 10 ft. shrine to the Virgen de Guadelupe at La

World History Class:

Using the image of the Virgin de Guadelupe as a point of departure, discuss how contacts between cultures have changed beliefs, values and practices in Central and South America. Students can research the interesting historical events that led to the preservation of Christianity in Spain- (the battle of Tours in 732 par example) and trace the origins of Christianity in Latin America. They can be asked to relate the importance of icons in their religion to the symbolism of the candles.

Catholic Masses in Spanish—Columbus, OH:

- Saint Mary's 82 East William Street Delaware, Ohio 43015 Sundays at 5:30
- Christ the King 2777 East Livingston Ave.—Columbus, OH 43209 Sundays at 12:30
- Santa Cruz 154 East Patterson Ave.—Columbus, OH 43202 Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 12:30 p.m.
- * Saint Stephen the Martyr 4031 Clime Rd—Columbus, OH 43228 Sundays at 12 noon

23 other locations found on:

http://quepasa.osu.edu/culture activities.html

PRACTICES

Fresh tropical fruits such as mango, coconut and tamarind are hard to come by and very expensive in the northern regions of the U.S., such as Ohio. The meaning of fresh fruit to a Latin@ includes species not native to our latitude. Latin@s in Ohio can purchase an alternative as Mi Costenita offers a dried version of the coconut, mango and tamarind. The dried fruit candies are also a healthy alternative to Snickers® or M&M's® chocolate candies.

Mazapan, a candy eaten quite often in Europe, is easily formed and used frequently to decorate cakes or made into animal shapes. In Spain, mazapan is eaten during Christmas time and is said to have originated in Toledo.

World culture unit:

Visit a Latin American market and pick up some dried fruit candy to allow the students a chance to taste and compare with their perspectives of what constitutes candy. What does this tell us about the culture of Latin America?

From Prof. Terrell A. Morgan, OSU:

The names of the fruits might make for an interesting lesson, especially in Spanish class. To begin with, the fact that more than one word is used to name a fruit (e.g., maracuyá and parchita) ought to remind us of differences in British vs. American English, and even differences within the U.S. One example is that of hazelnuts, which are also known as filberts. In some dialects, peanuts are called goobers or ground peas. Can your students think of other foods, animals, etc. that have two names in English?

Hispanic directory

nutritious foods from Ohio Latinos

lesson plan: los hispanos y la comida

lesson plan: menu of possibilities

lesson plan: web quest

parent-teacher conferences

bed bugs & tenants' rights

oral histories

Artifact #3: MEXICAN CANDY



❖ Mi Costenita .® **Banderitas** Rebanadas de Mango







PERSPECTIVES

Packaged candies make up a billion dollar industry in the United States. When Americans eat candy it is usually made with chocolate or artificially flavored corn starch. In Latin markets and tiendas in the U.S. the candy for sale is primarily made from tropical fruit and nuts. One can purchase single servings of both the Latin candy and candy manufactured for the U.S. The packages are perfect for the American consumer "on the go."



other projects

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What all projects have in common

- They require input from the local Hispanic community
- They cannot be done sitting in the library
- · They address a need
- They serve to bring Hispanic and Anglo (mainstream) communities closer together

Some tips (first approximation) for English-speaking students in a Spanish immersion context

- Be observant
- Don't believe everything native speakers say about language, but appreciate their perspective
- Don't expect native speakers to be linguists—or even language learners
- Be sensitive to social factors that condition language form and use (not to mention worldviews)
- · Pay attention to paralinguistic details





USING REAL PEOPLE AS A RESOURCE

- · Ethical considerations
- Preparing students for intercultural communication
- · Issues of race, class, language, ...

- Appreciate the role of every single native speaker of the language, "native speaker" being widely construed to include all members of a speech community who are tacitly seen by others as forming a part of that community.
- Approach correctness in a new light: consider appropriateness (to language variety, the situation, the relationship between interlocutors, the content, and the intended impact)
- Approach correction in a new light: don't attempt to create a teacher-student relationship
- Be sincere; be humble; be courteous.

Where to go from here

 At the very least, language learners need to know how to approach the issues of correctness and correction, how to learn that something is right or wrong without being a burden, and how to appreciate and validate their informant's language variety no matter how humble their background or limited their linguistic exposure. ¿Preguntas? ¿Comentarios? ¿Sugerencias? ¿Quejas?

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