

Richard Lyle Strater

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Education

Master of Arts, Anthropology, The University of South Carolina (U of SC), Columbia, SC, Expected May 2023

Research Interests: Medical Anthropology, Political Economy of Migration, Immigration as a Social Determinant of Health, Marginalization of Limited English Proficiency Speakers

Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology, Cum Laude, Minor: **Linguistics**, The University of South Carolina (U of SC), Columbia, SC, May 2019

Senior Thesis: *Learning English in Querétaro, México*

Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Reynolds

Undergraduate Research Abroad, *Learning English in Querétaro, México*, Ethnographic

Research Project, Conducted June 5th -July 17th, 2018 in Santiago de Querétaro 30 hours/week

- Ethnographically examined the lives and motivations of university English learners in Querétaro, México via interactions with non-native English speakers
- Developed and conducted qualitative interviews and quantitative surveys
- Transcribed and analyzed qualitative interviews to identify discourse patterns
- Documented and analyzed quantitative surveys to establish statistical patterns

Professional Trainings

Ethnographic Field School, Comitas Institute for Anthropological Study, Columbia University, New York, New York, Completed June 2017, 30 hours, Led by Dr. Lambros Comitas and Dr. Renzo Taddei

- Developed skills critical for ethnographic field notes
- Acquired knowledge of rapport building and deep hanging out

Magellan Scholar Proposal/Grant Writing Workshop, University of South Carolina, Office of Undergraduate Research, Completed January 2018, 4 hours

- Learned basics of grant writing and proposal development
- Developed knowledge of research ethics

Conference Presentations

2019 South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference, *Learning English in Querétaro, México*, May 2019 (Paper Presented)

2019 USC Discovery Day, *Learning English in Querétaro, México*, May 2019 (Poster Presented)

Grants and Awards

Spring 2019- Graduated with Cum Laude, University of South Carolina

Fall 2018- Dean's List, University of South Carolina

Spring 2018- Office of Undergraduate Research, Magellan Scholar Research Grant (\$2,500)

Fall 2017-Dean's List, University of South Carolina

Spring 2017- Dean's List, University of South Carolina

Spring 2015- Dean's List, Midlands Technical College

Fall 2013- Dean's List, Midlands Technical College

Employment

Communications Coordinator, PASOs and The Center for Community Health Alignment (CCHA), Columbia, SC, August 2021- Present 20 hours/week

- Coordinate all digital marketing activities for PASOs and CCHA
- Design promotional graphics and informational videos for various social media platforms
- Document and evaluate social media data to determine impact of content produced

AmeriCorps VISTA, PASOs, Columbia, SC, May 2020-August 2021 40 hours/week

- Designed promotional materials for Facebook Live broadcasts on topics such as WIC and Reproductive Health in Spanish and supported said broadcasts with audio/visual aids
- Collaborated with state-wide non-profits to connect South Carolina's Latinx community with resources such as SNAP, Medicaid, and contraceptives.
- Developed targeted marketing campaigns that helped raise awareness about resources available to Latinx community members

English for Technical and Academic Purposes (ETAP) English Teacher, Peace Corps

México, Zimapán, HGO, México, June 2019-April 2020 40 hours/week

- Co-Taught English classes with local English teachers at Universidad Tecnológica Minera de Zimapán
- Developed and facilitated a TOEFL test preparation course for upper-level university students
- Organized and presented at a university sponsored English festival on Thanksgiving traditions in the USA
- Partnered with a local elementary school to establish a pen pal exchange program between elementary school students in Zimapán, Hidalgo, and Spartanburg, South Carolina
- Designed and taught beginner and intermediate level English classes for teachers and administrators

Languages

- Professional Working Proficiency in Spanish
- Knowledge of Spanish and English Linguistics