

May 9th, 2020

IU SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE COMMENCEMENT



Class of 2020

Indiana University, Bloomington

WE HAVE 65 GRADUATING SENIORS IN OUR CLASS OF 2020!

33 Majors in Hispanic Studies

18 Majors in Hispanic Linguistics

11 Majors in Hispanic Literature

2 Majors in Portuguese

1 Major in Spanish

MAY YOUR DEGREE FROM IU SERVE YOU WELL IN THE JOURNEYS TO COME!

Viajar es...

Viajar es marcharse de casa,
es dejar los amigos
es intentar volar
volar conociendo otras ramas
recorriendo caminos
es intentar cambiar.

Viajar es vestirse de loco
es decir "no me importa"
es querer regresar.
Regresar valorando lo poco
saboreando una copa,
es desear empezar.

Viajar es sentirse poeta,
es escribir una carta,
es querer abrazar.
Abrazar al llegar a una puerta
añorando la calma
es dejarse besar.

Viajar es volverse mundano
es conocer otra gente
es volver a empezar.
Empezar extendiendo la mano,
aprendiendo del fuerte,
es sentir soledad.

Viajar es marcharse de casa,
es vestirse de loco
diciendo todo y nada con una postal,
Es dormir en otra cama,
sentir que el tiempo es corto,
viajar es regresar.

Gabriel García Marqués

Viajar pela leitura

Viajar pela leitura
sem rumo, sem intenção.
Só para viver a aventura
que é ter um livro nas mãos.
É uma pena que só saiba disso
quem gosta de ler.
Experimente!
Assim sem compromisso,
você vai me entender.
Mergulhe de cabeça
na imaginação!

Clarice Pacheco

CELEBRATING THE IU SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE CLASS OF 2020

Saturday, May 9th

- 2:00 LOG ON*: All meet via Zoom <https://iu.zoom.us/j/95823928422>.
Meeting ID: 958 2392 8422
- 2:05 WELCOME: Compilation video congrats from undergraduate team (Chair Manuel Díaz-Campos, Director of Undergraduate Studies Laura Gurzynski-Weiss, Academic Advisor Natalie Techentin, and Department Outreach Coordinator Israel Herrera), valedictorian speech from Outstanding Graduate Neha Srinivasan, and pictures of graduating seniors
- 2:15 STUDENT INTROS: Opportunity for each student to share their name, degree, and introduce anyone celebrating with them, in person or in spirit
- 2:25 DEGREE CONFERRAL: Students invited to put on their undergraduate caps (with tassels to the right) and stand; Chair Manuel Díaz-Campos “confers” degrees and invites students to switch their tassels to the left, signaling their new status as IU grads!
- 2:30 CELEBRATION: Opportunity to move into rooms dedicated to degree concentrations:

Hispanic linguistics (hosted by Prof. Steven Alcorn):

<https://iu.zoom.us/j/94480532818>

Meeting ID: 944 8053 2818

Hispanic literature (hosted by Prof. Patrick Dove):

<https://iu.zoom.us/j/6454967888>

Meeting ID: 645 496 7888

Hispanic studies (hosted by Prof. Olimpia Rosenthal):

<https://iu.zoom.us/j/92599385443>

Meeting ID: 925 9938 5443

Portuguese (hosted by Prof. Luciana Namorato):

<https://iu.zoom.us/j/92265874900>

Meeting ID: 922 6587 4900

* Please log-in first with your IU credentials at zoom.iu.edu, then join the meeting.

DEGREES IN PORTUGUESE

de Sa Neves, Amanda, Major in Sociology, minor in Portuguese

Duchette, Caroline, Majors in Portuguese and International Studies, minor in Global Health Promotion.

Plans after graduation: While things remain uncertain, I have been offered a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant grant in Brazil, and given that travel remains safe I will work at a university in Brazil for one year teaching English and practicing my own language skills through immersion!

Favorite memory: Participating in Teatro Vida with the wonderful Lais Lara Vanin as our director had such an amazing impact on my language confidence! The whole experience was so fun, and the cast quickly became friends. Teatro Vida is a gift!

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Take advantage of opportunities to connect with the strong community at IU! Attend as many events and cafezinhos as you can, it will do so much to enhance your experience!

Dolz-Lane, Alexandra, Majors in International Studies and Global French Certificate, minor is Portuguese

Plans after graduation: I hope one day to work in Brazil or somewhere else in Latin America. As things are on hold right now, I don't have any plans but I will be using my languages as a central part of my work in the future.

Favorite memory: Teatro Vida Fall 2019- Ópera do Malandro

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Join Teatro Vida and find plenty of music in the language you study!

Gonzalez-Diaz, Maria, Majors in Portuguese and International Studies

Plans after graduation: I also have a degree in International Studies and I plan to use both of my majors together in an international setting where I can connect to people in a professional setting.

Favorite memory: I was in Teatro Vida for two semesters; Spring 2018 and Fall 2019. While both semesters were incredible, our production of Ópera do Malandro will always hold a piece of my heart.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Practice your language skills!! You will always make mistakes while speaking a new language so embrace those future mistakes and learn from them. You will learn regional and generational syntax and grammar through speaking with native speakers.

Outlaw, Trever, Majors in Finance and Journalism, minor is Portuguese

DEGREES IN SPANISH

Alamo, Maria, Majors in Hispanic Literature and History, minors in Latino Studies and Law and Public policy

Plans after graduation: Currently I plan on taking a gap year to study for the LSAT or look into masters programs. I don't know what the next step is but that is okay.

Favorite memory: Studying abroad in Madrid through WIP as well as working with La Escuelita para todos.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Immerse yourself in the language, learning a new language truly opens up a whole new world.

Aldrich, Rhianna Sunny, Majors in Hispanic Studies and International Studies

Alwine, Abigail, Majors in Hispanic Literature and Computer Science, minor in Linguistics

Plans after graduation: I will be working as a software engineer, but I intend to maintain my skills by writing, hearing, speaking, and reading Spanish.

Favorite memory: I enjoyed presenting a paper I'd written at the Diálogos conference.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Study abroad, if you can.

Ansari, Zaid, Majors in Hispanic Literature and Biology, minor in Chemistry

Barker, Elizabeth, Major in Hispanic Studies

Plans after graduation: Nursing school! I hope to volunteer at Spanish-speaking medical clinics in my community and become a certified translator within the hospital (hoping to improve the experience the patient has with the translator and the physician with the cultural understanding I have from my courses at IU!)

Favorite memory: I started my Spanish journey with the IUHPFL Program when I was a Junior in High School!

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Let it shape you! My love for Spanish has most definitely impacted my life in the most positive ways. I wouldn't have had some of the most incredible experiences connecting with others without it.

Barraza, Alexia, Majors in Hispanic Literature and Media Advertising, minor in Sociology

Plans after graduation: I am unsure of my path following graduation, but my Spanish education will be useful in whatever direction I go.

Favorite memory: Being able to study abroad in Spain and develop my language skills.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Find as many opportunities as you can to speak the language, watch Spanish shows and listen to Spanish podcasts and music, it helps you learn faster!

Bender, Joshua, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Human Resources Management

Plans after graduation: I will be moving to Chicago to be a recruiter and hope to be able to connect Spanish speakers with jobs.

Favorite memory: Being a part of the Spanish and Portuguese song festival was a very special cultural experience

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Take an active role in class discussions. Even if you feel like what you say might be wrong, you'll never learn if you don't make mistakes.

Birch, Madeline, Majors in Hispanic Studies, Chemistry, and Biology

Boggs, Taylor, Major in Hispanic Literature

Plans after graduation: I am going to medical school and plan on using my Spanish background to become certified as a medical translator.

Favorite memory: Conducting an independent research project for the class "acquisition of Spanish."

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Take as many classes as you can! There are so many interesting courses and you will learn so much.

Bryan, Sarah, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Human Biology

Caicedo, Bambi, Majors in Spanish and Political Science

Connelly, Julianna, Majors in Hispanic Studies and English, minors in Environmental and Sustainability studies

Plans after graduation: I will be working as an ESL teacher with the Peace Corps in Colombia for two years. My IU Spanish experience has made this dream of mine come true. I could not be more appreciative of all the incredible support I have received from the Spanish Department (and all of IU) over the past four years.

Favorite memory: Every teacher I had in the Spanish department was so passionate about what they taught, which always made me excited to come to class. Plus, it was really fun to take R. Andrés Guzmán's class my first semester back after studying abroad in Quito, Ecuador, since Guzmán was born there!

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Study abroad! You can read as many books as you want and talk to tons of Spanish speakers on campus, but nothing compares to being fully immersed in the native culture abroad (wherever you choose to go). It is crucial for becoming a fluent Spanish speaker.

Cornejo, Patricia, Majors in Hispanic Literature, English, and Political Science

Davis, Hannah, Major in Hispanic Studies, minor in Human Sexuality

Davisson, Hailey, Majors in Hispanic Studies and History

Desmarais, Rachel, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and Sociology, minor in Psychology, certificate in New Media and Interactive Storytelling.

Plans after graduation: I currently plan to teach English in Spain during the 2020-2021 school year, which will allow me to live in a Spanish speaking country and speak Spanish daily. This is contingent on the COVID-19 situation of course, but I really hope I am able to go.

Favorite memory: Experiencing the community in the department, whether it be through making friends in my Spanish classes, getting inducted into Sigma Delta Pi, or having conversations with my professors- I was so happy to be part of that community throughout all of my undergraduate career.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Take advantage of the enriching opportunities offered- study abroad if you can, go to conversation groups, meet your professors in office hours...I know everyone says this, but your undergraduate career truly flies by, so take advantage of these opportunities while you can.

Dreyer, Louise Ivette, Majors in Hispanic Literature and German

Plans after graduation: I will pursue a Master's degree in Germanic Studies. I will continue to take some classes in the Spanish Department

Favorite memory: Completing my Honors Thesis

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Always do your best, even if you think nobody is looking (because they are).

Dyar, Cassie, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and English

Plans after graduation: Teaching English and Spanish in a high school in Indianapolis

Favorite memory: I loved all of my linguistics classes. The professors were so knowledgeable and helpful.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Stick with it! I know it can be hard but having a major instead of a minor is so worth it! Having that on a resume and as a life skill is so important and helpful.

Evans, Robert, Major in Hispanic Studies, minor in International Studies

Fierst Garcia, Diego, Majors in Hispanic Studies and International Studies, minor in Business

Forberg, Julia, Majors in Hispanic Studies and International Studies, minor in Env & Sustainability

Gordon, Breanna, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Psychology, minor in African American & African Diaspora Studies

Graham, Lucas, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and Mathematics/Economics

Granskog, Lauren, Major in Hispanic Studies

Plans after graduation: Premedical Master's Program

Favorite memory: Just all of the connections formed through the years. You really begin to know people when you get to these upper level classes.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Actually do the readings, they may seem tedious but you get so much more out of the classes when you are actually engaged and can participate. You will learn things that will completely change the way you look at the world.

Houlihan, Tess, Majors in Hispanic Literature and History

Jarman, Christopher, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and Marketing

Johnson, Sarah, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and Biochemistry

Plans after graduation: I will be attending the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso, Texas. It is the only medical school in the entire United States that requires conversational and medical Spanish of all graduates. Outside of school, I plan on using Spanish in my day-to-day life!

Favorite memory: When I took HISP-S328, Profe. Dinverno went out of her way to help me find opportunities to enrich my Spanish experience, including spending two extra weeks in Ecuador after my internship which was an incredible experience!

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Learn Spanish because you want to. If you are only taking Spanish classes because you think a Spanish minor/degree will look good, it's going to show. There are a million reasons to fall in love with Spanish and/or Portuguese, so find one!

Karstensen, Rebecca, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and Environmental and Sustainability Studies

Kudla, Megan, Major in Hispanic Literature

Plans after graduation: I would love to continue to travel to Spanish-speaking countries to do work abroad.

Favorite memory: My trip to Cuba with the Spanish Department!

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Don't be afraid to speak up and reach out in every class and wherever you may travel. You'll be surprised by how much you'll learn about yourself and others.

Lee, Victoria, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Psychology, minor in Anthropology

Plans after graduation: I hope to move to Arizona and become an immigration social worker for Latino immigrants

Favorite memory: Teaching Spanish to preschoolers in the Bloomington community

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Always do your best to practice the language, and study abroad!!!

Littell, Christian, Major in Hispanic Linguistics

Lobdell, Sam, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Economics, minor in Financial Literacy

Mark, Alexandra, Majors in Hispanic Studies and International Studies, minor in Env & Sustainability Studies

Mathers, Kayden, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and History

Plans after graduation: I am taking a year off from school before applying to law school programs.

Favorite memory: Both of the classes I took with Professor Melissa Dinverno, Hispanic Cinema and Gender in Hispanic Literature, were amazing and really opened my eyes to arts and perspectives I had never thought of before.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Don't be afraid to speak up and participate, that's the whole point!

Meadows, Lauren, Majors in Hispanic Studies, Political Science, and History, minor in Law and Public Policy

Mernoff, Kayla, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and Trumpet Performance, minors in Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management

Plans after graduation: I will hopefully be heading into the field of hospitality. Knowing another language is always a huge benefit when working with a variety of people, so I hope to be able to work with guests from all over the world!

Favorite memory: Definitely my study abroad in Barcelona, Spain. Studying abroad was an incredible experience in terms of friendships, exploring a new place, and learning a lot about the language and culture.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Take the time to do things outside the classroom in the Spanish-speaking realm, whether that be volunteering, studying abroad, a club, or anything else.

Millikan, Laura, Majors in Hispanic Studies and International Studies, minors in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

Plans after graduation: I plan on taking a gap year and then pursuing a graduate degree.

Favorite memory: My entire time in Spain was such an important year of growth for me and I will cherish that time for ever

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Definitely seek opportunities outside of the classroom to engage with Spanish as well there are so many opportunities

Miner, Molly, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Speech & Hearing Sciences

Moricz, Maria, Major in Hispanic Studies

Plans after graduation: I plan on taking a couple gap years where I will scribe in a hospital and volunteer in my community with groups similar to La Escuelita where I will be able to keep bettering my speaking abilities so I can one day be a bilingual medical professional.

Favorite memory: I will always cherish my memories at La Escuelita where I was able to work with little kids in Spanish who at times challenged me and my tutoring abilities, but we always overcame every difficulty and learned together while always having some fun.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Make sure you get involved with the outreach programs because you will meet great people and mentors and be able to continue practicing Spanish in such a unique and valuable way.

Neely, Courtney, Major in Hispanic Linguistics, minor in Near Eastern Language & Cultures

Nelson, Sarah, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Journalism

Oser, Alexis, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and Sports Media

Favorite memory: I studied abroad in Spain. It was life changing.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Ask for help when you need it. Learning in a foreign language is challenging, but rewarding when you have the appropriate support.

Patel, Meera, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Neuroscience

Pfingston, Olivia, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and Computer Science

Rebein, Alexandra, Majors in Hispanic Studies, International Studies, and English

Favorite memory: Studying abroad in Chile and Spain

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Take interesting classes even if they seem challenging! It is worth it.

Ritter, Kira, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and Economics, minor in Psychology

Plans after graduation: After graduation, I will be attending law school and a Master's in Business Administration program. I am still deciding on which school to attend, but I am excited about the opportunities I have. I am hoping to practice corporate healthcare law. My background in Spanish will make me a more versatile attorney with the ability to speak with and advocate for a large variety of clients.

Favorite memory: I studied abroad in Salamanca the summer after my junior year. It was an experience of a lifetime and I met great people along the way.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Study abroad and make friends with your classmates! I have made so many meaningful friendships through my time in the Spanish department; the close knit community is something I value greatly. Also, get to know Natalie! She is an absolute gem.

Rusk, Olive, Major in Hispanic Linguistics

Plans after graduation: I have been accepted to be an English Teaching Assistant through Fulbright in Mexico. It has unfortunately been delayed until at least January, but I hope to gain experience in teaching English with Spanish-speakers regardless. Eventually, I hope to work with immigrants and refugees at a non-profit or NGO as a Community Outreach Coordinator.

Favorite memory: My entire year living and studying in Lima, Peru was one of the best experiences of my life thus far!

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Take advantage of as many opportunities as possible! There's so many cool things happening all the time and it's so worth it to get involved.

Saberi, Shahin, Majors in Hispanic Studies, Neuroscience, Biology, and Liberal Arts & Mgt, minor in Chemistry

Satterly, Ramey, Major in Hispanic Linguistics

Plans after graduation: I hope to be a translator at my local district court!

Favorite Memory: Special thank you to Profesora Vila-Belda, Profesor Giles, and Profesor Herrera! These three made my experience in this program fun, and helped me the most to expand my vocabulary and ability to speak Spanish comfortably!

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Don't be afraid to speak and be wrong! It will help your ability to speak confidently in the long run!

Skaggs, Hannah, Major in Hispanic Linguistics

Sparks, Addison, Major in Hispanic Studies

Plans after graduation: I plan to attend medical school and become a physician. I will use Spanish to connect with patients by communicating in their native language.

Favorite memory: Studying abroad in Alcalá de Henares, Spain and learning to navigate Madrid on my own

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Study abroad, even if it's only for a summer or a few weeks! It's an incredible experience that you'll remember fondly for the rest of your life.

Srinivasan, Neha, Majors in Hispanic Studies and International Studies, minor in Business

Plans after graduation: I plan to be working in D.C. for some years before applying to graduate school. Both in my job and through the lifelong process of language learning, I will continue to use the Spanish language.

Favorite memory: The best part of my undergraduate Spanish learning experience has been meeting several of my phenomenal peers whose love for the language is both inspiring and commendable!

Advice for HISP/PORT students: The language will lead you places you did not know existed. Go there with confidence. That experience, which may feel as unknown to you as the Spanish language once felt, will one day feel like home.

Sterne, Joshua, Majors in Hispanic Studies and International Studies

Stinson, Calvin, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Sport Marketing & Management, minors in History, Business, and Marketing

Sykes, Jessica, Major in Hispanic Studies

Taylor, Thalia, Majors in Hispanic Literature, International Studies, and Arabic

Plans after graduation: I got a job as an Associate Grant Writer at The Language Conservancy, where I will focus on grants for developing projects in Latin America.

Favorite memory: Studying abroad on the WIP program in Madrid

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Have fun! Don't be afraid of Spanish literature--it's really cool!

Tellus, Kathleen, Majors in Hispanic Studies and International Studies, minor in Italian

Plans after graduation: I have secured a professional job and look to continue volunteer interpreting services in Spanish and speak Portuguese at home

Favorite memory: My trip to Cuba was incredible and a once-in-a-lifetime experience

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Take advantage of as many study abroad opportunities as you can

Tiffany, Evan, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics and Statistics, minors in Mathematics and Economics

Vanderwielen, Aspen, Major in Hispanic Literature, minor in Psychology

Vrooman, Ann, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Journalism

Wilson, Haley, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

Plans after graduation: I will attend the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and I hope to use Spanish throughout my legal career.

Favorite memory: Participating in VIDA Teatro helped me grow more confident.

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Enjoy your time with this wonderful department and take classes that reflect its diversity.

Yauger, Zachary, Majors in Hispanic Linguistics, Law, and Political Science

Zapfen, Samantha, Majors in Hispanic Studies and Apparel Merchandising, minors in Psychology and Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management

Plans after graduation: I am hoping to move to Mexico for a year or two and start a business in my hometown there!

Favorite memory: Being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and taking a photo with the other inductees from Span/Port!

Advice for HISP/PORT students: Every single course you take will somehow be interconnected to another; find those connections & I promise you will love that feeling!



CONGRATULATIONS!
¡FELICIDADES!
PARABÉNS!
FELICITATS!