

ALEXANDER TOUGH  
*Curriculum Vitae*

**Ph.D. Candidate in Hispanic Languages and Literatures**-prospectus defended fall 2022-  
 Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures (DHL&L)  
 University of Pittsburgh (UP)  
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Certificates in Latin American Studies, Cultural Studies, Digital Studies and Methods  
 (UP)

## 1. EDUCATION

2020. *M.A. in Hispanic Linguistics*, University of Toronto (UT), Toronto, ON, CAN.

2019. *Honours B.Sc. in Computer Science with High Distinction, Specialist in Computer Science, Minor in Spanish*, UT, Toronto, ON, CAN.

## 2. PUBLICATIONS

(Under Review) Tough, A. Who listens when urban ruins speak? The spectral turn in ‘El ascensor’ (2015) by Mercedes Franco and ‘Emunctories’ (2018) by Rodrigo Blanco Calderón”. *Modern Language Notes*.

2020 Pérez-Leroux, A.T, Tough, A., Pettibone, E. & Chen, C. “Restrictions on ordering of adjectives in Spanish”. *Borealis - An International Journal of Hispanic Linguistics*, 9(1): 181-208

## 3. PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

### 3.a. Session Organizer/Chair

2022 “Living Urban Ruins in Contemporary Latin American Literature, Film and Media.” *53<sup>rd</sup> North East Modern Language Association (NeMLA) Convention*, Baltimore, MD.

### 3.b. Conference Papers and Roundtable Participation

2023 *41<sup>st</sup> LASA Meeting*, Vancouver, Canada: “The Monkey’s Photo and other anecdotes: Processes of racialization in the making of maps of the oil camps of Zulia (1911-1917).”

2022 *15<sup>th</sup> Andean Workshop of Latin American Literature*, Rafael Landívar

University, Guatemala: “Oil as the ‘blood of all’: Reconfiguring the commons from U’wa thought.”

- 2022 40<sup>th</sup> LASA Meeting, (originally Vancouver, CAN; then Virtual): “Who listens when urban ruins speak? The spectral turn in ‘El ascensor’ (2015) by Mercedes Franco and ‘Emunctories’ (2018) by Rodrigo Blanco Calderón”.

#### 4. GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (ALL AMOUNTS IN USD)

- 2022 NeMLA Graduate Student Travel Award. Amount: \$270  
 2022 DHL&L Travel Grant, UP. Amount: \$400  
 2022 LASA Travel Grant. Amount: \$500  
 2021 *Humanities Engage Summer Immersive Fellowship*, UP. Amount: \$4000  
 2020 *Departmental Award*, Department of Spanish and Portuguese (DS&P), UT, Amount: \$2200  
 2019 *University of Toronto Fellowship*, UT, Amount: \$7000

#### 5. TEACHING

- 2020 - *Instructor* (since fall 2020), DHL&L, UP.  
 Courses taught/teaching:  
     Span 0101    Beginner Spanish I  
     Span 0103    Intermediate Spanish I  
     Span 0104    Intermediate Spanish II  
     Span 0120    Conversation  
     Span 1323    Medical Spanish
- 2019 *Instructor*, DS&P, UT. Introduction to Python for its application in the digital humanities and linguistic research.
- 2017-2018 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Computer Science, UT.  
 Courses taught:  
     Csc 108        Introduction to Computer Programming  
     Csc 324        Principles of Programming Languages

#### 6. SERVICE

##### 6.a. Professional

- 2021-2022 *Organizer*, Speaker Series “Poiesis and Thinking from the Spanish and Portuguese speaking Global South”, DHL&L, UP. Speakers invited: Ignacio López-Calvo, Adriano Mafra, Santiago Acosta.
- 2021-2022 *Graduate Student Representative*, DHL&L, UP

##### 6.b. Other

- 2017-2018 *Associate News Editor*, Data Journalism Section, The Varsity, UT.

#### 7. LANGUAGES

English (native tongue) / Spanish (bilingual proficiency) / Portuguese (reading)