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Her first real encounter with Aljamiado though would come later when she was invited to audit a course on Aljamiado at Stanford University taught by Vincent Barletta. Most recently she completed her doctoral studies in Spanish at the University of California, Riverside with advisor Dr. Benjamin Liu. Her dissertation is titled "Captivity, Confinement, and Resistance in Mudéjar and Morisco Literature" in which she considers not only writings by Mudéjar and Morisco authors in Aljamiado but also works about characters occurring in the traditional Spanish canon.