

# Keynote Speaker



Tuesday  
March 4, 2025

12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.  
LSU Ballroom C

## Karla Torres, MA

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Data Labeling Specialist at Meta

Karla Torres will be speaking about how her research experiences at DH have influenced and helped her throughout her career.

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# Biography

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Karla Torres is a linguist and a proud alumna of CSUDH, where she earned a B.A. in English Education and an M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language. Her academic background in language education and linguistics shapes her work at the intersection of language, technology, and culture. Karla currently serves as a Data Labeling Specialist at Meta, collaborating with the Product Data Operations team to enhance Conversational AI. She applies her linguistic expertise to refine AI-driven language models, ensuring they reflect the complexity and diversity of human language.

Her research interests center on Chicanx language varieties, sociocultural linguistics, and second language acquisition. Under the mentorship of Dr. Iara Mantenido at CSUDH, Karla conducted various research projects exploring how language reflects identity and culture, particularly within marginalized communities. She has also worked as a research assistant on a corpus linguistics project, focusing on sentence-level labeling. Karla has presented her research at academic conferences, including the CSUDH SRC, discussing methodologies and insights that address the social and cultural dimensions of language.

In addition to her research, Karla has extensive experience as an academic tutor in higher education. She is dedicated to fostering inclusive learning environments and promoting critical engagement with language and culture. Blending her research expertise with her work in AI, Karla is dedicated to advancing more inclusive and representative language technologies that reflect the richness of diverse voices and experiences.