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LUKE POUND, Asistente de Idioma Inglés (EEUU) realiza actividades en la Ciudad de Buenos Aires del **03/04/24 al 30/11/2024** (Convenio DNCI, Secretaría Educación, Ministerio de Capital Humano, Argentina - Comisión Fulbright)

Language Assistant Profile: LUKE POUND

Hello everyone! My name is Luke Pound, and I am SUPER excited to be an English Teaching Assistant here in Buenos Aires! I am American and have spent most of my life in Baltimore, Maryland, where I was born and raised. I lived there with my parents and my two younger brothers until I moved farther north on the East Coast to Worcester, Massachusetts, where I went to college at Clark University for five years. I consider both Baltimore and Worcester home!

My interest in languages goes back as far as I can remember. As a kid, I would always ask about new words and phrases I heard and eavesdrop on my grandmother's French conversations. I was enamored with the idea of learning a language and started with Spanish in middle school. An etymology class in high school sealed the deal on my linguistic interest, and I would go on to do a short exchange trip to Murcia, Spain in 2016, and a month-long human rights internship in Córdoba, Argentina in 2017. After spending a month in the Argentine Republic, I knew I had to come back someday, especially to see the capital of Buenos Aires.

In college, I studied psychology, language, and political science. I hoped to study abroad in France (theatre, language) and Argentina (psychology, linguistics, government), but the pandemic halted those efforts. Instead, I dedicated my energy to doing independent projects, such as studying the psycholinguistics behind the pronoun of singular they, translating French plays into English, and researching the efficacy of Spanish-English bilingual education programs. After graduating with a B.A. in Psychology in 2022 and Master's in Public Administration in 2023, I now have the chance to come back to Argentina (Buenos Aires no less) and apply what I learned!

Outside of academics (and languages), I keep myself busy by writing plays, singing in choir, and reading books. I stay active by biking, hiking, swimming, and dancing salsa. I also love exploring new places, so if you have any recommendations for Buenos Aires, let me know!

I am absolutely thrilled to meet you all and get started on this intercultural exchange. I look forward to us learning from each other and having some fun along the way. See you soon!

All the best,

Luke