Summer 2014 Fieldwork: Alexis Pala

This summer I completed my second round of fieldwork in Santiago, Chile. My thesis research looks at opportunities offered to adults with intellectual disabilities in Spain and in Chile, with a specific interest in how society perceives this population and how people with intellectual disabilities in return feel about society. I am trying to better understand the social experience of people with disabilities and why they are often discriminated against and excluded from society. This summer I was also able to attend and present at a conference in Vienna, Austria about research on people with intellectual disabilities.