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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Graduate Student in Learning Sciences** August 2023- Present  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC
- Master of Arts in Spanish** May 2018  
*Research focus:* 21<sup>st</sup> century Mexican novel and Disability Studies  
Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies  
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- Master of Arts in Spanish** May 2012  
Iona University, New Rochelle, NY
- Bachelor of Arts in Spanish,** December 2008  
State University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY  
Minor in Biology
- Universidad Nacional,** Heredia, Costa Rica (*Study Abroad*) August 2008
- Associate of Liberal Arts Math and Science** May 2006  
State University of New York Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Senior Lecturer of Spanish,** Clemson University, Clemson, SC

May 2023- Present

- Instructor of 4 multi-section Spanish language courses taught through the Languages Department.
- Create daily lesson plans and prepare lectures and activities for laboratories.
- Create all assessments, grade oral and written exams, and hold at least 6 weekly office hours.

Courses taught: SPAN 1010/1011: Elementary Spanish I, SPAN 1020/1021: Elementary Spanish II, SPAN 2010: Intermediate Spanish I, SPAN 2020: Intermediate Spanish II, HON 2090 Seminar- Spanish Conversation

**Lecturer of Spanish,** Clemson University, Clemson, SC

January 2018- May 2023

**Graduate Teaching Assistant (Spanish),** University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

August 2014 – December 2017

- G.T.A. of two sections of multi-section Spanish hybrid courses taught through the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies.
- Created daily lesson plans and activities to follow the communicative approach established by the department-provided syllabus
- Graded written and oral exams held at least three weekly office hours.
  - SPN 1130: Beginning Spanish 1 (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)
  - SPN 1131: Beginning Spanish 2 (Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016)
  - SPN 2200: Intermediate Spanish 1 (Summer 2017)
  - SPN 2240: Intensive Communicative Skills (Fall 2017)

**Graduate Teaching Assistant (IUF 1000: What is the Good Life?),** University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
Fall 2016- Spring 2017

- Discussion leader of three sections, each of which has 20 students and meets once per week for one period.
- Graded all student work, including Canvas Discussion Board Posts, exams, group oral presentations, one paper, Sacred Space Postcard and an Audio Essay.
- Held weekly office hours three times a week
- Attended all Supervisory Instructor's lectures twice a week
- Attended all common activities assigned and all mandatory staff meetings

**Adjunct Lecturer (Spanish),** State University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY  
August 2012 – May 2014

- Instructor for two sections of multi-section Spanish courses taught through the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.
- Designed and implemented daily lesson plans and activities to complement the department-provided syllabus.
- Graded papers and exams; held weekly office hours.
  - o SPAN 101: Elementary Spanish I (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)
  - o SPAN 102: Elementary Spanish II (Summer 2013, Fall 2013)
  - o SPAN 201: Intermediate Spanish I (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)
  - o SPAN 301: Written Communication (Spring 2014)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Espacios en conflicto: Entre el todo y la *Nada* de Carmen Laforet”. 22<sup>nd</sup> Southeast Conference on Foreign Languages, Literatures and Film. Stetson University. Celebration, Florida, 2/25/2016

## PANELS

Panelist, *Latino Voices in Clemson. The Latinx Experience of Living and Working in Clemson, SC.*, Commission on Latino Affairs, Clemson, SC, April 9, 2024.

Panelist, *Generative AI: Friend or Foe? Balancing Innovation and Ethical Concerns*, College of Education, Clemson, SC, January 25, 2024.

## GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICE (CLEMSON)

Graduate-student Host for Learning Sciences Faculty Cluster Hire, Clemson University, College of Education, Spring 2025

## SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE STUDIES (UF)

### Social Media Administrator

January 2017- December 2017

- Twitter news and updates from our department's current activities, presentations, awards, and current events from Spain and Latin America. @UF\_SpanPort ([http://twitter.com/UF\\_SpanPort](http://twitter.com/UF_SpanPort))

## SERVICE TO THE LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT (CLEMSON)

### Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) At Large

August 2024- May 2025

### Lecturer Review Committee

August 2023- present

**Faculty Advisor- Language and International Business (Spanish)**

September 2022-August 2023

**Textbook Search Committee Member**

August 2022- May 2023

- Serve as one of the faculty members to help concise the list of possible new textbooks to be used for the SPAN 1010- SPAN 2020 language courses.
- Attend committee meetings and review different textbooks from McGraw Hill, Cengage and LingroLearning publishers to narrow the search to a single textbook for the upcoming academic year.

**Placement and Exit Exam Coordinator**

August 2019- Present

- Ensure that all language students take the placement exam prior to enrolling in the chosen language course.
- Conduct oral interviews for Spanish-language students to ensure correct language-level placement.
- Order Placement and Exit Exams for the academic year
- Ensure that all graduating students from the Languages Department take the Exit exam prior to their graduation dates
- Proctor Exit exams every semester along with colleagues from the Exit exam committee.
- Send Exit exam results to all language students who took it during the current semester.

**Chapter Moderator, Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society** August 2018- May 2023

- Organized and held the annual initiation ceremony for new members of the Iota Phi Clemson Chapter.
- Prepared student recognition certificates.

**Beginning Spanish I (SPAN 1010) Sub-Coordinator**

January 2018- Present

- Serve as a coordinator for the beginning level Spanish courses (SPAN 1010)
- Create the syllabus and calendar for SPAN 1010 multi-section course
- Create all assessments and lessons required for this level according to ACTFL language standards.

**Textbook Search Committee Member**

March 2018- May 2018

- Served as one of the faculty members to help concise the list of possible new textbooks to be used for the SPAN 2010 and SPAN 2020 language courses.
- Attended meetings and met with Vista Higher Learning and Cengage Representatives to narrow down the search to a single textbook

**Spanish Reading Table Co-coordinator**

January 2018-April 2018

- Provided all Spanish language-level students with the opportunity to practice their Spanish pronunciation and enhance their reading skills outside of the classroom by choosing culturally rich reading material and holding bi-weekly one-hour meetings.

**SERVICE TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY**

**Commission on Latino Affairs Organizing Committee Member**

August 2019- Present

- Contributing member for the cultural annual event of Día De los Muertos celebration in the South Carolina Botanical Garden.
- Volunteer Coordinator for student recruitment

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Hispanic American Women's Association (AHAM)**

January 2023- Present

- Marketing co-coordinator

## HONORS

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 49, Clemson University Academic Honor Society	3/2025-Present
Alpha Mu Gamma, Foreign Language Honor Society	2012-Present
Sigma Delta Pi Iota Alpha Chapter, Spanish Honor Society	2012-Present
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society	2004-Present

## AFFILIATIONS

International Society of the Learning Sciences (ISLS)	November 2023- Present
Hispanic American Women's Association (AHAM)	January 2023- Present
Modern Language Association	September 2016-2018
Latin American Studies Association	February 2016-2018
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages	January 2013-Present

## SKILLS AND TRAINING

**Languages:** Spanish – Native, English – Fluent, Brazilian Portuguese–Intermediate/High

**Learning Management System:** Canvas Online Teaching Certification (CONCERT) by Clemson University

### **Certifications:**

- University of Pennsylvania AI in Education: Leveraging ChatGPT for Teaching December 2024
- Clemson University Mental Health First Aid Certification Course August 2024
- Google AI Essentials Certification Course July 2024

### **Oral Proficiency Interview:**

- ACTFL OPI Assessment Workshop at Clemson University May 2019
- OPI Certification for Spanish Language Level: Superior August 2019

### **ETS - Advanced Placement Exam:**

- Distributed Reader (AP Spanish Language and Culture) June 2019- Present

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