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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: 21st-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.
    - SPAN 101: Elementary Spanish I (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)
    - SPAN 102: Elementary Spanish II (Summer 2013, Fall 2013)
    - SPAN 201: Intermediate Spanish I (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)
    - SPAN 301: Written Communication (Spring 2014)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Pillcurima, R.M. (2026, February 7). *Practice Without Pressure: Undergraduate Students' Perspectives on GenAI-Gamified Spanish Language Learning* [Presentation]. College of Education Graduate Student Conference, Clemson, SC, United States.

"Espacios en conflicto: Entre el todo y la *Nada* de Carmen Laforet". 22nd 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 PARTICIPATION & SERVICE (CLEMSON)

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

Graduate Student Advisory Board (GSAB)- College of Education

- **Graduate Student Conference Committee**
    - 2025-2026 GSC Co-Chair

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)

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

- Served 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.
- Attended 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 the Exit exams every semester, along with colleagues from the Exit exam committee.
- Send the 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- May 2026

- Served as a coordinator for the beginning-level Spanish courses (SPAN 1010)
- Created the syllabus and calendar for the SPAN 1010 multi-section course
- Created 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 compile 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- May 2025

- 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- Dec. 2025

- 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- Dec. 2025
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:

- Clemson University's **T**eaching, **E**xploration, **A**nd **C**ommunity **H**ub- AI training program May 2026
- 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