

## Curriculum Vitae

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### PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES

To teach the Spanish language and the cultures that speak it; to promote critical thinking on issues of pedagogy; to promote study abroad and service learning; to educate Florida's young citizens.

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### EDUCATION

Certificate in Teaching English to Adults  
2015

Cuenca, Ecuador

Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, MD

ABD currently  
M.A., 1997. Major: Hispanic and Italian Studies.

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

B.A., 1993. *Summa Cum Laude*.  
Major: Spanish

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### EXPERIENCE

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

2010-currently      Senior Lecturer in Spanish  
Coordinator for two-semester beginning Spanish courses  
(SPN 1130/1131)

Launched oral history film project about Spanish-speaking immigrants to Florida in SPN 3948: Service Learning. Developed

collaboration with the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program to broaden the digital literacy of students in that course.

Developed and directed International Service Learning program in the Dominican Republic, including two new courses: Accelerated Intermediate Spanish and Cultura Dominicana. Initiated a collaboration with Acción Callejera in Santiago de los Caballeros for UF students to do literacy work in poor communities there. Am currently developing a “Road to Literacy” 6-week curriculum to enhance volunteer effectiveness and satisfaction.

2001-2010      Lecturer in Spanish

Teaching first and second-year Spanish. Coordinating first and second semester Spanish exam production, lesson plans, and TA support. General problem solving, class observations, orienting and advising GTAs on teaching logistics and strategies.

2000-2001      Visiting Lecturer in Spanish

Taught first-year Spanish. Coordinated the production of exams, compositions, oral exams, and lesson plans for Computer lab and Language Learning Center. General problem-solving, class observations, editing, tutorials on Gradebook, and advising on teaching logistics and strategies, cultural events, housing and recreation.

1999-2000      Adjunct Instructor in Spanish

Taught second and third year Spanish. Wrote exams. Assisted colleagues with editing of documents in English and interviewing practice in English.

Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, MD

1993-1998      Graduate Teaching Assistant

Taught first and second-year Spanish. Coordinated teaching of second-year Spanish in Spring 1996. From 1994-95 organized inter-departmental language pedagogy workshops for teaching assistants and professors involved in language instruction. In 1995 became certified in the Rassias Method of language instruction. Translated and edited professional articles by colleagues in Spanish and Sociology.

1997-1998                      Graduate Research      Buenos Aires, Argentina

Spent five months doing dissertation research on contemporary poetry by writers who were children during the Dirty War (1976-83). Translated and published an article by Adrienne Rich in "El desierto: Revista de NUSUD," November 1998. Attended V Festival de Poesía in Rosario, Argentina.

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### SKILLS

Academic:                      Strong problem-solving, excellent research and communication skills; highly effective in accessing community and institutional resources to benefit students and colleagues; thoroughly committed to collegiality, teamwork and community service.

Languages:                      Fluent in Spanish, reading proficiency in Portuguese.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Mentor: Graduate students teaching first year language courses.  
Departmental committee work: merit pay, advisory committee, ad hoc Study Abroad committee, departmental newsletter (2008-2011, 2014);UFIC scholarship reviewer

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### HONORS

UF Superior Achievement Award for Community Service 2013  
CLAS Teaching Award nomination (declined) Nov. 2010  
CLAS Teaching Award for 2005-2006  
2005 RLL Departmental Unity Award  
Phi Beta Kappa, 1993, University of Florida.  
Two-Year Scholar Award, 1993, University of Florida.  
Undergraduate Research Award, 1993, University of Florida.  
Dean's List, 1993, University of Florida.  
Ruth McQuown Scholarship Award, 1992, University of Florida.  
Dean's Scholarship, 1992, University of Florida.  
President's Honor Roll, 1992 and 1991, University of Florida.

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### AFFILIATIONS

United Faculty of Florida

