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Education

- 2005-2012 Ph.D. Curriculum, Instruction, and Media Technology / Language Education, Indiana State University. Dissertation title: "An Interpretative Study of the Perceptions and Reactions of Spanish-Speaking Students to Motivators and Demotivators in the English as a New Language Classroom."
- 2005-2008 Additional coursework in Spanish literature with an emphasis in Latin American and Caribbean history and culture
- 2003-2005 M.A. Linguistics / TESL, Indiana State University
- 1998-2002 B.A. TESL / TEFL, University of Costa Rica

Teaching Experience

- 2011-2013 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Languages, Literatures, & Linguistics, Indiana State University. Courses taught: Intermediate Spanish and Introduction to Linguistics
- 2007-2008 Multimedia and technology developer (developed and implemented two interactive, web-based, lower division language classes, Beginning Spanish 101 and 102, offered online through Blackboard)
- 2003-2006 Spanish Teaching Assistant, Department of Languages, Literatures, & Linguistics, Indiana State University. Courses taught: Beginning Spanish 101 and Spanish 102
- 2002-2003 Spanish Teaching Assistant, Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Cornell College, Iowa

Publication (Textbook)

Montañez, Carmen L., Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, and Fares Da Silva. *Mar y Cielo: Literatura Caribeña (Antología)*. New York: Linus Publications, Inc., 2011. Print.

Conference Presentations

- "Best Practices in Teaching Foreign Languages Online at College Level," United States Distance Learning Association Conference, St. Louis, April 2013. Forthcoming
- "Learning from the Experience: Reflections and Best Practices in a first-year Online Foreign Language Program at Indiana State University," Conversations on Teaching Conference, April 2012
- "Esencia de mujer: evolución sutil del erotismo a la maternidad en la poesía de Ana Istarú," Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, April 2009
- "Using cartoons to teach culture in the Spanish class: Standard-based instruction," Indiana Foreign Language Teachers' Association Conference, Indianapolis, November 2005

Professional Development (conferences attended)

- 2012 Conversations on Teaching Conference, Indiana State University
- 2011 INTESOL Conference; IUPUI, Indianapolis
- 2010 INTESOL Conference; IUPUI, Indianapolis
- 2010 TESOL Conference; Boston, Massachusetts
- 2009 INTESOL Conference; IUPUI, Indianapolis
- 2009 Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky
- 2009 Louisville Conference on Literature and Language since 1900, University of Louisville
- 2004 Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference, Bloomington, Indiana
- 2003 & 2005 Indiana Foreign Language Teachers' Association Conference, Indianapolis

Community Service and Outreach

- 2012-2013 Sycamore Safe Zone Facilitator, Indiana State University
- 2010-2012 Guest Speaker at West Vigo High School in West Terre Haute, Indiana
- 2006-2010 Guest Speaker at Booker T. Washington High School in Terre Haute, Indiana
- 2008 Volunteer interpreter, Ethnic Health Summit, Terre Haute, Indiana
- 2007 Team Captain, Relay for Life/American Cancer Society, Indiana State University
- 2007 & 2010 Training in Protection of Human Subjects, Indiana State University
- 2006-2007 Hispanic recruitment fair, Indiana State University
- 2004-2006 International students' mentor, Indiana State University
- 2004 Interpreter/translator in Mission Trip to Honduras
- 2003 & 2005 Training in Preventing Sexual Harassment, Indiana State University

Organizations / Affiliations

- 2010-Present Modern Languages Association
- 2009-Present Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- 2009-Present Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- 2004-Present Phi Sigma Iota: International Foreign Language Honor Society, Phi Tau Chapter
- 2003-2008 Hispanic Students Association, Indiana State University
- 2003-2008 International Students Organization, Indiana State University
- 2003-2007 Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association
- 2002-2003 Eyes of the World: International Students Organization; Cornell College, Iowa
- 2002-2003 Organization for Latino Awareness; Cornell College, Iowa

Awards

- 2012 Who's Who Among North America's Teachers
- 2010 Norma Grossjean Graduate Assistantship in Education, Indiana State University
- 2010 Distinguished Student Assistant Award, Indiana State University
- 2008 Bentil Award, Outstanding Doctoral Student, Indiana State University
- 2005 Alva E. Davis Award, Outstanding Graduating Masters Student in Linguistics/TESOL, Indiana State University
- 2004 John D. Potter Award, Service to Hispanic Community: Translation / Interpretation; Indiana State University