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Education

- 2005-2012 Ph.D. Curriculum, Instruction, and Media Technology/Language Education, Indiana State University.
- 2005-2008 Additional coursework in Spanish literature with an emphasis in Latin American and Caribbean history and culture, Indiana State University.
- 2003-2005 M.A. Linguistics/TESOL certificate, Indiana State University
- 1998-2002 B.A. Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language, University of Costa Rica

Teaching Experience

- 2020-Present Associate Professor, Department of Foreign Languages, University of North Alabama
- 2013-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Foreign Languages, University of North Alabama
- 2011-2013 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Indiana State University.
- 2007-2008 Multimedia and technology developer, Indiana State University
- 2003-2006 Teaching Assistant, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Indiana State University.

Publications

Alvarado-Brizuela, Alejandra. "Promoviendo la justicia social a través de la literatura en una clase de español intermedio." Proceedings from the AATSP 12th Northeast Regional Conference held at Wellesley College, September 27-28, 2019. Edited by Joy Renjilian-Burgy and Marty-Anne Vetterling, 2022, pp. 15-26.

Alvarado-Brizuela, Alejandra. "A case study of the perceptions and reactions of Spanish-speaking students to motivators and demotivators in the English language classroom." *Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Journal*, vol. 13, no. 1, 2016.

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

"When in Doubt, Travel: How Study Abroad Increases Cultural Intelligence" (in collaboration with Dr. Claudia P. Vance), Third International Conference on Literacy, Culture, and Language Education, Indiana University; Bloomington, IN, October 2022.

"Mamá ya no amasa la masa: evolución del personaje femenino en la literatura costarricense," Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, April 2021.

"Forensic linguistics: overview and applications," Simposio Académico de Lingüística y Traducción 2020, Universidad de San Carlos; Guatemala, October 2020.

"Promoviendo la justicia social a través de la literatura en una clase de español intermedio," AATSP 12th Biennial Northeast Regional Conference; Wellesley, MA, September 2019.

- "Language Learning Beyond Borders: Costa Rica/USA College Pen Pal Exchange," TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo; Baltimore, MD, April 2016.
- "Amalgama de colores: el personaje femenino en la obra de Carmen Montañez," Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky; Lexington, KY, April 2015.
- "Best Practices in Teaching Foreign Languages Online at College Level," United States Distance Learning Association Conference; St. Louis, MO, April 2013.
- "Learning from the Experience: Reflections & Best Practices in a first-year Online Foreign Language Program," Conversations on Teaching Conference; Terre Haute, IN, April 2012.
- "Esencia de mujer: evolución sutil del erotismo a la maternidad en la poesía de Ana Istarú," The Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900, University of Louisville, KY, April 2009.
- "Using cartoons to teach culture in the Spanish class: Standard-based instruction," Indiana Foreign Language Teachers' Association Conference; Indianapolis, IN, November 2005.

Awards and Recognitions (selection)

- 2019 Academic Affairs Outstanding Advising Award, University of North Alabama (UNA)
- 2019 Honorary membership in Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society, UNA
- 2018 Nominated for the Academic Affairs Outstanding Advising Award, UNA
- 2017 Inducted in Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, UNA
- 2016 Nominated for the College of Arts & Sciences Early Career Outstanding Faculty Award (teaching), UNA
- 2015 Nominated for the College of Arts & Sciences Early Career Outstanding Faculty Award (service), UNA
- 2010 Norma Grossjean Graduate Assistantship in Education, Indiana State University (ISU)
- 2008 Bentil Award, Outstanding Doctoral Student, ISU
- 2005 Alva E. Davis Award, Outstanding Graduating Master's Student in Linguistics/TESOL, ISU
- 2004 John D. Potter Award, Service to Hispanic Community: Translation / Interpretation; ISU

Professional Development (conferences attended)

- 2022 Third International Conference on Literacy, Culture, and Language Education, Indiana University; Bloomington, IN
- 2021 Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- 2020 Simposio Académico de Lingüística y Traducción, Universidad de San Carlos, Guatemala
- 2019 AATSP 12th Biennial Northeast Regional Conference, Wellesley, MA
- 2016 IV Congreso Internacional del Español. "El español: innovación, tecnología y comunicación." Salamanca, Spain
- 2016 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo in Baltimore, MD
- 2015 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, San Diego, CA
- 2015 Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- 2013 United States Distance Learning Association Conference, St. Louis, MO
- 2013 Modern Languages Association Annual conference, Boston, MA
- 2009-2011 INTESOL Conference; IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN
- 2010 TESOL International Conference & English Language Expo in Boston, MA
- 2009 Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- 2009 Louisville Conference on Literature and Language since 1900, University of Louisville, KY
- 2004 Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference, Bloomington, IN
- 2003-2005 Indiana Foreign Language Teachers' Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN