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Professional Preparation

Florida State University

2021 Ph.D. in Hispanic Literary and Cultural Studies.

Dissertation: *‘Tá feo pa’ la foto: Racialized Identities in Contemporary Dominican Texts (Too Ugly for the Photo: Racialized Identities in Contemporary Dominican Texts)*

Committee: Drs. Delia Poey (Chair), José Gomariz, Robinson Herrera, and Jeannine Murray-Román.

2015 M.A. in Hispanic Literary and Cultural Studies.

Thesis: *El arte que fue la vida: A Reflection of Aurora Cáceres (When Art Was Life: A Reflection of Aurora Cáceres)*

Committee: Drs. José Gomariz (Chair), Juan Carlos Galeano, Keith Howard, and Mark Pietralunga.

2012 B.S. Double Major in Psychology and Hispanic Literary and Cultural Studies.

Academic Interests

Literary and Cultural Studies

U.S. Latina/o/x literary and cultural production; Caribbean and Diaspora Studies; Dominican Studies; 20th & 21st century Latin American Production; Postcolonial, Subaltern, and Transnational Studies; Gender and Sexuality Studies; Performance Studies.

Language Acquisition

Heritage Language Learning; Second Language Acquisition.

Professional Experience

The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina

2021 – present **Assistant Professor of Spanish**, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures & Culture.

Courses Taught:

SPAN 101: Elementary Spanish I, 1st semester, face-to-face.
SPAN 102: Elementary Spanish I, 2nd semester, face-to-face.
SPAN 201: Intermediate Spanish I, 3rd semester, face-to-face, and online.
SPAN 202: Intermediate Spanish II, 4th semester, face-to-face.
SPAN 301: Advanced Spanish Conversation, face-to-face.
SPAN 302: Advanced Spanish Composition, face-to-face.

Courses Developed:

FSEM 101: Freshmen Seminar. Monstrous Bodies: (Re)Defining Horror in Latinx Cultural Production, face-to-face.

Florida State University

Modern Languages and Linguistics Department

2013 – 2021 **Graduate Teaching Instructor.**

Courses Taught:

SPN 1120: Elementary Spanish I, 1st semester, face-to-face.
SPN 1121: Elementary Spanish II, 2nd semester, face-to-face.
SPN 2220: Intermediate Spanish I, 3rd semester, face-to-face, and online.
SPN 2240: Intermediate Spanish II, 4th semester, face-to-face.

spring 2018 **Teaching Assistant.**

Course Assisted:

SPN 3350: Spanish for Heritage Speakers, face-to-face.

spring 2017, 2018 **Grader.**

Courses Graded:

SPN 3300: Spanish Grammar and Composition, 2 sections.
SPT 3503: Hispanic Cultural Analysis.

2015 **Interim Assistant Director**, Spanish Basic Language Program.

2014 – 2015 **Coordinator.**

Course Coordinated:

SPN 2220: Intermediate Spanish I, 3rd semester.

The Graduate School

2014 – 2015

Associate, Program for Instructional Excellence.

Educational Testing Service

2018 – 2019

Reader, College Board's 2018 & 2019 AP® Spanish Language Reading, Cincinnati, OH.

Bais Yaakov High School

2012 – 2013

Spanish Instructor, Miami, FL.

Courses Taught:

Elementary Spanish I, 1st semester, face-to-face.

Elementary Spanish II, 2nd semester, face-to-face.

Intermediate Spanish I, 3rd semester, face-to-face.

Intermediate Spanish II, 4th semester, face-to-face.

Publication

Refereed Journal Article

Méndez, J. "Pasas, "Raisins of Hair": Hair as a Racial-Marker in *Song of the Water Saints* by Nelly Rosario". *Studies in American Culture*. Vol. 43, No. 1, 2020, pp. 54-66.

Presentations

Refereed Papers at Conferences

"Skirting Definitions: Dominican Mythological Revisionism," 2023 Northeastern Modern Language Association 54th Annual Convention, University of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, New York. March 23-26, 2023. (Regional)

"Pressing Extractions: The Catharsis of Violence Embodied in the Figure of *la Ciguapa*". Modern Languages Association International Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, June 2022. (International)

"Consolidating Community Ties: How to Cultivate Graduate Engagement & Empowerment". American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, July 2021. (National)

- “*Tremenda comehombre: La Ciguapa as a Symbol of Resistance*”. Latina/o Studies Association Conference, South Bend, Indiana, USA, July 2021. (National) (canceled due to Covid-19)
- “*Flor de justicia: The Power of Performance and Spatial Reappropriation*”. CUNY Dominican Studies Association Conference, Virtual, USA, December 2020. (International)
- “Phenotype as the End All Be All: Racialization in Nelly Rosario’s *Song of the Water Saints*”. South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, November 2019. (Regional)
- “*Pasas, “Raisins of Hair”*: Hair as a Racial-Marker in *Song of the Water Saints* by Nelly Rosario”. Latino Literature Conference, John Jay College at CUNY, New York, New York, USA, April 2017. (National)
- “Marginal Features Spatializing Race”. Modern Languages and Linguistics Graduate Conference, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, USA, March 2017. (Regional)
- “*Ni aquí ni allá: El vaivén de la identidad femenina en dos textos performativos caribeños*”. The Cuban Research Institute Conference, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, USA, February 2017. (International)
- “*Mal agüero: Avian Symbolism in Cristina García’s The Agüero Sisters*”. Modern Languages and Linguistics Graduate Conference, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, USA, April 2016. (Regional)

Invited Guest Lectures, Talks, & Workshops

The Citadel

- “¡Latina Power! Talk”. The SALSA Club, The Citadel, March 2022.
- “Job Market Virtual Panel”. Spanish Graduate Student Organization, Florida State University, September 2021.

Florida State University

- “Latina/o/x Identity”. International Coffee Hour, Center for Global Engagement, November 2020.
- “Bridging the Digital Gap: Interactive Collaboration with *Nearpod & OneNote*”. Unconventional Times & Technology Symposium: Innovation & Collaboration in Remote Instruction, October 2020.

Mosquita & Mari Roundtable Discussion, Cine Forum, Sigma Delta Pi, October 2020.

“Problematic Constructions: Race Relations in Junot Díaz’s “How to Date a Brown Girl (Black Girl, White Girl, or Halfie)”. *Spanish Heritage Speakers* course, March 2017.

“Promoting and Improving Communicative Language Teaching in the Classroom”. Spanish Program, Modern Languages and Linguistics Department, March 2015.

“Creating Student-Centered Learning Environments”. Program for Instructional Excellence Coffee Hour & Teaching Workshop Series, January 2015.

Awards & Nominations

The Citadel

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| 2022 & 2023 | Research Award , The Citadel Foundation. |
| 2022 & 2023 | Conference Presentation Award , The Citadel Foundation. |
| 2022 | Freshmen Seminar Course Development Stipend , General Education. |

Florida State University

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| 2020 | Rosalina Gonzales Award Nomination , The Center for Leadership & Social Change. |
| 2015 & 2020 | Graduate Community Service Award , Modern Languages, and Linguistics Department. |
| 2014 – 2017, 2019 & 2020 | Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Nomination , The Graduate School. |
| 2013 – 2015 | Ada Belle Winthrop-King Endowed Memorial Fund Recipient , Winthrop-King Institute for Contemporary French and Francophone Studies, Modern Languages, and Linguistics Department. |

Academic Service

The Citadel, Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures Department.

University

- Spring 2023 **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Member.**
- 2022 **Multicultural Student Services Job Search Committee Member.**

Departmental

- 2021 – present **Secretary.**
- April 2022 **Admitted Students Day Department Representative.**
- March 2022 **German Summer Stipend Awards Committee Member.**
- March 2022 **Spanish Course Catalog Revision Committee Member.**
- March 2022 **French Course Catalog Revision Committee Consultant.**
- Spring 2022 **Spanish Oral Exam and Composition Committee Member.**

Student

- 2021 – present **The SALSA Club Advisor.**
- 2022 – present **Sigma Delta Pi Co-Advisor.**
- 2022 – present **Ghastly Tales of the Barracks Organizing Committee Member.**

Florida State University

- 2020 **Student Representative**, Departmental Quarterly Enhancement Review Subcommittee, Modern Languages, and Linguistics Department.
- 2014 – 2019 **Spanish Tutor**, Strozier Library.
- 2016 – 2017 **Internal Communication Committee Chair**, *Terra Incognita*: Modern Languages & Linguistics Graduate Student Conference.
- 2014 **Witness**, Academic Honor Policy Hearing.

The Spanish Graduate Student Organization

- 2020 – 2021 **President.**
- 2018 – 2020 **Secretary and Event Organizer.**

Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, Alpha Delta Chapter

- 2019 – 2021 **Initiation Coordinator.**

2016 – 2017 **Tertulias Spanish Conversation Table Leader.**

2014 – 2015 **Vice President.**

Program for Instructional Excellence

2015 **Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Committee Member.**

2014 **Program for Instructional Excellence Recognition Certificate
Committee Member.**

Trainings & Certification

The Citadel

2021-present Trainings Include:

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Title IX

Live Streaming (*Swivl, Canvas, and Zoom*)

QOT 1: *Canvas* Fundamentals

QOT 2: Best Practices in Teaching Online

QOT 3: Best Practices in Curriculum Mapping, Alignment, and Parity

QOT 4: Best Practices in Assessments (Grading)

Freshmen Seminar Course Development

Canvas Advanced: Analytics

Canvas Advanced: Quizzes

Canvas Advanced: Studio

Professional Membership

2023 Northeast Modern Languages Association.

2022-present Modern Languages Association.

2014–present Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, Alpha Delta
Chapter.

Language Proficiency

English – native in speaking, reading, and writing.

Spanish – native in speaking, reading, and writing.

Portuguese – elementary proficiency in speaking and writing, good proficiency in reading.

French – elementary proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing.

References

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