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EDUCATION:

57 hours of graduate work- Ph.D. (ABD) TX A&M University. (Fall 2005-Fall 2010)
M. A. Spanish – University of California Santa Barbara. (August 2004)
B. A. Spanish major and Sociology minor – East Texas Baptist University. (May 2000)

ADMINISTRATIVE & TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor of Spanish, East Texas Baptist University. (Fall 2020 – Present)
Learning and Leading Instructor-East Texas Baptist University (Fall 2023)
Spanish Adjunct Instructor. School of Education. LeTourneau University. (Spg. 2018- Spg. 2019)
Spanish Dual Credit Instructor. Global Program. LeTourneau University. (Spg 2018- Spg 2019)
High School Spanish Teacher. East Texas Christian School. (2015-2019)
Spanish Adjunct Instructor. East Texas Baptist University. (2016 – 2017, 2019-2020)
Director of Modern Languages Division. East Texas Baptist University. (2011 – 2014)
Spanish Assistant Professor. East Texas Baptist University. (2011 – 2014)
Spanish Instructor. East Texas Baptist University. (Fall 2003 – Spring 2008 & Fall 2009-Spring 2011)
Distance Learning Spanish Teacher. Avinger Independent School District. (2001 - 2002)
High School Spanish Teacher. Hughes Springs Independent School District. (2000 - 2003)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Consultant- Updated 8880 & 8890 online Spanish curriculum guides. Letourneau University (May 9797)
Spanish Language Advance Placement Reader. (Summer 9774- 978 and 9792)
Spanish STAAR writing reader- Educational Testing Services. (9784- 9785)
Freelance Interpreter-Master Word Services, Inc. (9771-present)
Texas LOTE (Languages Other than English) Reader-Educational Testing Services. (Summer 9780-9783)
Study Abroad Coordinator- Oaxaca, Mexico. (9773 and 9775) and Quito, Ecuador. (9787)
Educational Consultant- Education Service Center Region 4. (August 977 -August 9787)

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

Texas Folklife Community Fellow (2003-2004)
Spanish Courses Abroad-Oaxaca, Mexico (2006 & 2008), Quito, Ecuador (2010) & San Raymundo,
Guatemala (2024)

Graduate Teaching Assistant- TX A&M University. (2008-2009)

Spanish Tutor- East Texas Baptist University. (1998-2000)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATION:

“Roadside Memorials and Their Religious Folk Significance in East Texas”. East Texas Historical Association. (September 2024)

“Roadside Memorials in East Texas” at the American Folklore Society Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. (October 2024)

“The Folklorist Next Door” Podcast Preview Event. Texas Folklife. Austin, Texas (May 2024)

“Descansos: Roadside Memorials in East Texas” Texas Folklife. Marshall, Texas (April 2024)

“Descansos: Roadside Memorials in Texas” Texas Folklore Society. Waco, Texas (Spring 2023)

“Dual Credit Conference” (panelist). LeTourneau University, Longview, TX. (July 2019)

“3-d graphic organizers in the Foreign Language Classroom”. Conference on Second Languages and Cultures: Theory, Practice and Instructional Strategies, (Summer 2016).

“Barbacoa” Short story- Border Lines, Journal of the Latino Research Center at the University of Nevada, Reno, (Fall 2014).

¡Sí! Cuaderno de Trabajo. Editorial Assistant. (Fall 2014).

“Stone Under Water” poetry collaboration with Michael Shewmaker. The Journal- Ohio State University, (July 2013).

“End and Beginning, Prayer to live well, and Feat” Poetry translations. The Beacon; the Literary Journal for East Texas Baptist University. Volume IX, No. 1 2012-2013. Marshall, TX, (May 2013).

Para Siempre, second edition. Textbook Reviewer. Cengage Learning, (Spring 2013).

“Afro-Peruvian Literature: A Steady Journey against the Literary Trend” Callaloo Journal-The Johns Hopkins University Press. Co-translation, (June 2011).

“The Role of Culture in Engaging Parents of ELLs in Schools”- Region 7 Education Service Center. LeTourneau University, Longview, TX. (August 2009) and Tyler, TX, (2010).

CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Secondary Spanish Teacher by the State Board of Educator Certification. (2001-2026).

Certified EC-12 Languages Other than English-Spanish. (2017-2026).

Certified Prepare and Enrich Facilitator.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

Keep Marshall Beautiful Board Member (2025)

4-H Volunteer. (2017-present)

Longview Chamber of Commerce- Raising Highly Capable Kids™ Spanish Facilitator. (2018-2019).

Longview Chamber of Commerce- Spanish video script translator for Partners in Education. (Spg 2019).