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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. (ABD)	TX A&M University	2005-2010
M. A. Spanish	University of California Santa Barbara	2004
B. A. Spanish	East Texas Baptist University	2000

ADMINISTRATIVE & TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor of Spanish, East Texas Baptist University	2020 – Present
Learning and Leading Instructor, East Texas Baptist University	2023
Spanish Adjunct Instructor, LeTourneau University	2018–2019
Spanish Dual Credit Instructor, LeTourneau University	2018–2019
High School Spanish Teacher, East Texas Christian School	2015-2019
Spanish Adjunct Instructor, East Texas Baptist University	2016–17,2019–20
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	2003–09, 2011
Distance Learning Spanish Teacher, Avinger ISD	2001–2002
High School Spanish Teacher, Hughes Springs ISD	2000–2003

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Spanish Instructor Abroad, Quito, Ecuador	2010
Spanish Instructor Abroad, Oaxaca, Mexico,	2006 and 2008
Graduate Teaching Assistant, TX A&M University	2008–2009
Spanish Tutor, East Texas Baptist University	1998–2000

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Spanish Consultant, LeTourneau University, 2020
Spanish Language Advance Placement Reader, 2007–2019
Spanish STAAR writing reader, Educational Testing Services, 2017–2018
Freelance Interpreter, Master Word Services, Inc., 2004–2018
Texas LOTE (Languages Other than English) Reader, Educational Testing Services, 2013–2016
Study Abroad Coordinator, Quito, Ecuador, 2010
Study Abroad Coordinator, Oaxaca, Mexico, 2006 and 2008
Educational Consultant, Education Service Center Region 7, 2009–2010

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES:

“Igniting Growth and Sustaining Proficiency in Texas” Texas Foreign Language Association meeting, Dallas, 2022

Fronteridades Lectura Series Webinar: Dr. Norma Elia Cantú. Trinity University, San Antonio, 2021

“Introducción a la interpretación médica” Webinar by the National Center for Interpretation at the University of Arizona, 2021

Sor Juana Ines de La Cruz Virtual Symposium hosted by the Esperanza, Peace, and Justice Center in San Antonio, 2020

Dual Credit Conference, Letourneau University, College of Education, Arts, and Sciences, 2019

Dynamic Online Learning in the 21st Century: Guiding Principles for Online Language Learning, Vistas Higher Learning, 2019

Peace of Mind Conference, The Samaritan Counseling Center of East Texas, 2018

Partners in Education Conference, Longview Chamber of Commerce, August 2017

Using Folded Graphic Organizers in the ELAR classroom, Region 7 ESC, 2016

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATION:

“Mourning in the Time of Social Media”. Texas Folklore Society. San Marcos, Texas, 2026

“Roadside Memorials and Their Religious Folk Significance in East Texas”. East Texas

Historical Association, 2024

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

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

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

“Descansos: Roadside Memorials in Texas” Texas Folklore Society Presenter, 2023

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

“Barbacoa” Short story- Border Lines, Journal of the Latino Research Center at the University of Nevada, 2014

¡Sí! Cuaderno de Trabajo, Editorial Assistant, 2014

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

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

Para Siempre, second edition. Textbook Reviewer, Cengage Learning, 2013

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

“Understanding and Using CATs: Classroom Assessment Techniques for the Diverse Classroom.” Region 7 Education Service Center, 2010

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

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

Longview Chamber of Commerce, Raising Highly Capable Kids™ Spanish Facilitator, 2018-2019

Longview Chamber of Commerce, Spanish video script translator for Partners in Education, 2019

4-H Volunteer, 2017-2022