

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Master of Arts

Literature and Languages, Spanish, Emphasis in Literature/Emphasis in Pedagogy Minor

Texas A&M-Commerce, Expected Graduation Date 12/2014

Bachelors of Arts

Literature and Languages, Spanish Major/English as a Second Language Minor

Texas A&M-Commerce, Spring 2012

Academic Appointments:

Graduate Teaching Assistant Texas A&M-Commerce, Texas Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

Graduate Research Assistant Texas A&M-Commerce, Texas Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

Courses:

ESL Method Designer/Instructor Fall 2003 – Winter 2005 **TODAY'S LANGUAGE, Garland, Texas**

- Creator of an English as a Second Language learning method by organizing English grammar for beginning, medium, and advanced levels. Plan conversational, listening, reading, and writing strategies for Spanish speakers to achieve the four skills.
- Beginning English for Spanish Speakers
- Course description: Beginning English is a course designed for English speakers who target language proficiency in the four skills (speaking, reading, writing, and listening) level through the Oral Approach and Audio-lingual Methods. Role-play activities and media are utilized for pronunciation and intonation purposes.

Spanish/English Instructor Fall 2000 - Fall 2001 **QUICK LEARNING, Dallas, Texas**

- Beginning Spanish
- Course description: Beginning Spanish is a course designed for English speakers who target a conversational proficiency level through the Audio-lingual and Silent Way methods. Media is utilized for pronunciation and intonation purposes, as well as role-play activities.
- Beginning and Intermediate English
- Course description: Beginning and intermediate English as a Second Language courses are designed for non-English speakers who target a conversational proficiency level through the Audio-lingual and Silent Way methods. Media is utilized for pronunciation and intonation purposes, as well as role-play activities.

Spanish for Native Speakers Fall 2013 - Spring 2014 **Texas A&M- Commerce, Texas**

- SPA 333.501
- Course Description: Spanish for Heritage Speakers capitalizes upon students' existing language skills, expands their knowledge base, and develops their ability to read, write and communicate more

effectively in the language. Special attention is given to building vocabulary and strengthening composition skills in Spanish. Taught exclusively in Spanish, and for heritage or native speakers only.

Spanish for Native Speakers

Spring 2013

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- SPA 334. 51R
- Course Description: Spanish for Heritage Speakers II is a continuation of Spa 333, consisting of a detailed study of advanced Spanish grammar with emphasis on written expression. Capitalizes upon students' existing language skills, expands their knowledge base, and develops their ability to read, write and communicate more effectively in the language. Exclusively for heritage or native speakers of Spanish.
- Under the direction of Dr. David Hervás

Honors and Recognition:

- Magna Kum Laude Recognition, Bachelors of Arts, May 2012, Texas A&M-Commerce

Scholarships and Awards:

- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship; Fall 2010 - Spring 2012
- Professor Mary Nelson Scholarship; Fall 2011 - Spring 2012
- Feliz Navidad Award, Department of Literature and Languages, Texas A&M-Commerce; Fall 2012
- Dollars 4 Scholars Award, Department of Literature and Languages, Texas A&M-Commerce; Summer 2012 - Spring 2013

Selected Works:

Presenter at the South Central Modern Language Association Conference, New Orleans, October 2013

Topic: Representación de la mujer en la novela de Cristina Peri Rossi, *La nave de los locos*, y sus utopías y distopías en cuanto a género y religión.