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## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Present-August 2018 Interim Director

English Department Faculty of Humanities

University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras

July 2018-Spring 2009 Associate Professor

Associate Director/Interim Associate Director

Site-Director MayaWest Writing Project (MWWP)

English Writing Center (EWC)

Department of English

University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

2009-2003 Supervisor Pre-service teachers/Graduate Lecturer

World Languages Education (WLED)

Department of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I)

College of Education

The Pennsylvania State University

2003-2000 Instructor

Department of English College of Arts and Sciences

University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

2000-1997 Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of English College of Arts and Sciences

University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

1997-1996 Seventh Grade Teacher

Pedro N. Colberg Middle School

Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico

1996-1995 Elementary School Teacher

Severo Colberg Elementary Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico 1995-1994 High School Teacher

Pablo Casasus Presbyterian School

Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

**EDUCATION** 

2009 PhD. Curriculum and Instruction

Minor in Latino Studies

The Pennsylvania State University

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Myriam Espinosa-Dulanto Dissertation: *El Despertar*: A Journey into Colonial

Experience

1997-2000 Master of Arts in English Education

Department of English College of Arts and Sciences

University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez Thesis Advisor: Dr. Olga Padilla-Falto

Title: The effect of political affiliation on motivation to

learn English in Puerto Rico

1994-1990 Bachelor of Arts in English

Department of English College of Arts and Sciences

University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

Mayagüez, PR 00680

**CERTIFICATIONS** 

2013 Advanced ED Lead Educator Certification

Advanced ED San Juan, PR

2005 ESL Specialist

Certified by: The National Council for Accreditation of

Teacher Education (NCATE)

The College of Education at The Pennsylvania State

University

## TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES/COURSES TAUGHT

University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (UPRM)

Undergraduate Level

INGL 0066-0067 Pre-basic English INGL 3101-3102 Basic English I & II

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entation of Gender in Hollywood
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ldren's and Young Adult
opment (UTD)-supervised all
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## The Pennsylvania State University

Language	Teaching	Methodol	logy Courses
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CI 498F	Summer Institute in Puerto Rico			
WLED 444	Language, Culture and the Classroom: Issues for			
	Practitioners (Required for ESL Certification)			
WLED 400	Foundations of Second Language Learning (Required for			
	ESL Certification)			
WLED 300	Introduction to First Language Acquisition (Required for			
	ESL Certification)			
World Languages Education (WLED) Teacher Preparation Program				
WLED 495B	Field Experience for WLED Pre-service Teachers			
	(Elementary)			
WLED 295A	Field Experience for WLED Pre-service Teachers (Early			
	Childhood)			
WLED 495C	Field Experience for WLED Pre-service Teachers			
	(Secondary)			
WLED 495B/C	Field Experience for WLED Pre-service Teachers (K-12)			
CI 495 C	Field Experience for Elementary Pre-service Teachers (K-			

## Department of Education- Puerto Rico-both public & private schools

Elementary and Secondary English (K-12)

#### AREAS OF SERVICE

Spring 2018

Studies Weekly Diversity Board

Reviewer Elementary School Textbooks-Studies Weekly

Coordinator-Comite de Apelacion de Asistencia Economica (Decanato de Estudiantes)

Coordinator English Writing Center (EWC) (Decanato de Asuntos Academicos)

CIVIS Project Outreach Co-Director

Site-Director MayaWest Writing Project

Personnel Committee

Writing and Communication Collective

Instructor: INGL 3345H

INGL 3345H-Topics in Cinema (4 sections)

INGL 6040-The Practice of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)
INGL 6999-Thesis

#### Fall 2017

Coordinator-Comite de Apelacion de Asistencia Economica (Decanato de Estudiantes)

Coordinator English Writing Center (EWC) (Decanato de Asuntos Academicos)

CIVIS Project Outreach Co-Director

Site-Director MayaWest Writing Project

Personnel Committee

Writing and Communication Sector

**INGL 3103-Course Coordination Committee** 

Instructor: INGL 3103-Intermediate English I (2 sections)

INGL 3231-Expository Writing (2 sections)

INGL 6040-The Practice of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)

INGL 6999-Thesis

## 2017-2016 Academic Year

Coordinator-Comite de Apelacion de Asistencia Economica (Decanato de Estudiantes)

Site-Director MayaWest Writing Project

CIVIS Project Outreach Co-Director

Orientation Committee

Personnel Committee

Writing and Communication Sector

Academic Counselor of four student associations on campus: Bandas PR, Popular Culture Student Association (PCSA), English Department Student Association (EDSA), Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

Instructor: INGL 3238-Creative Writing

INGL 3345H-Topics in Cinema

INGL 3201-Reading and Composition I (Summer 2017)

INGL 6030-The Theory of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)

INGL 6040-The Practice of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)

INGL 6999-Thesis

## 2016-2015 Academic Year

Coordinator-Comite de Apelacion de Asistencia Economica (Decanato de Estudiantes)

Site-Director MayaWest Writing Project

CIVIS Project Outreach Co-Director

Associate Director-Department of English

Chair Orientation Committee

Writing and Communication Sector

Academic Counselor of four student associations on campus: Bandas PR, Popular Culture Student Association (PCSA), English Department Student Association (EDSA), Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

Instructor: INGL 3231-Expository Writing

INGL 3345H-Topics in Cinema

EING 6005-Foundations of English Education

INGL 6030-The Theory of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)

INGL 6040-The Practice of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)
INGL 6999-Thesis

## 2015-2014 Academic Year

Coordinator-Comite de Apelacion de Asistencia Economica (Decanato de Estudiantes)

Site-Director MayaWest Writing Project

CIVIS Project Outreach Co-Director

Interim Associate Director-Department of English

**Chair Orientation Committee** 

Writing and Communication Sector

Academic Counselor of four student associations on campus: Bandas PR, Popular Culture Student Association (PCSA), English Department Student Association (EDSA), Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

Instructor: INGL 3300-Paranormal Romance

INGL 3345H-Topics in Cinema

INGL 6030-The Theory of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)

INGL 6040-The Practice of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)
INGL 6999-Thesis

Nominated for Dean of Arts and Sciences-declined

## 2014-2013 Academic Year

Site-Director MayaWest Writing Project CIVIS Project Outreach Co-Director

Interim Associate Director-Department of English

Chair Orientation Committee

Curriculum Committee

Writing and Communication Sector

Assessment Committee Representative at the Faculty level Academic Counselor the student organization: Bandas PR

Instructor:

INGL 3345-Topics in Cinema

INGL 6030-The Theory of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)

INGL 6040-The Practice of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)
INGL 6999-Thesis

## <u>2013-2012</u> Academic Year

In-Service Co-Director MayaWest Writing Project

CIVIS Project Outreach Co-Director

Orientation Committee Curriculum Committee

Writing and Communication Sector

Academic Counselor the student organization: Bandas PR

Instructor:

INGL3103-3104

INGL 3345-Topics in Cinema

INGL 6996-University Teaching Development-Supervisor of Graduate

**Assistants** 

INGL 6999-Thesis

## 2012-2011 Academic Year

In-Service Co-Director MayaWest Writing Project

CIVIS Project Outreach Co-Director

Orientation Committee Curriculum Committee

Writing and Communication Sector

Academic Counselor the student organization: Bandas PR

Instructor:

INGL3103-3104

INGL 3345-Topics in Cinema

INGL 6996-University Teaching Development-Supervisor of Graduate

Assistants

INGL 6999-Thesis

2011-2010 Academic Year

Site-Director MayaWest Writing Project

Orientation Committee Curriculum Committee

Writing and Communication Sector

Instructor: INGL 3103-3104

INGL 6030-The Theory of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)

INGL 6040-The Practice of Composition (Ad Honorem for MWWP

participants)

INGL 6055-Studies in Literature: Theory and Practice of Children's

Literature

INGL 6996-University Teaching Development-Supervisor Graduate

Teaching Assistants INGL 6999-Thesis

2010-2009 Academic Year

In-Service Co-Director MayaWest Writing Project

Orientation Committee

Curriculum Committee

Writing and Communication Sector

Academic Counselor the student organization: Bandas PR

Instructor: INGL 3101-3104

INGL 3300-Gender in Paranormal Romance

INGL 6996-University Teaching Development-Supervisor Graduate

**Teaching Assistants** 

Fall 2008

Boricua Grads at Penn State Association (representative)

President Mujeres Grandes y Bellas de State College (Latina Organization)

Instructor: WLED 495a/b Supervisor: WLED 495c

2008-2007 Academic Year

Boricua Grads at Penn State Association (representative)

President Mujeres Grandes y Bellas de State College (Latina Organization)

Instructor: WLED 495a/b Supervisor: WLED 495c

2007-2006 Academic Year

Instructor: WLED 300

WLED 400 WLED 444

Boricua Grads at Penn State Association (representative)

Secretary Mujeres Grandes y Bellas de State College (Latina Organization)

Summer 2006

Instructor: WL ED 400

Secretary Mujeres Grandes y Bellas de State College (Latina Organization)

2006-2005 Academic Year

Supervisor: WLED 295c

WLED 495b/c

Secretary Mujeres Grandes y Bellas de State College (Latina Organization)

2005-2004 Academic Year

Supervisor: CI 495c

Spring 2004

Supervisor: WLED 295c

Fall 2003

Research Assistant Dr. Daniel Hade (Children's Literature)

2003-2002

**Chair Orientation Committee** 

Academic Advisor for Undergraduate Students

Secretary Grievance Committee

**Technology in the Classroom Committee** 

Grievance Committee (Mediator)

Course Coordination Committee INGL 3103-3104

Course Coordination Committee INGL 3201-3202

Instructor: INGL3103-3104

INGL 3201-3202

2002-2001

**Orientation Committee** 

Academic Advisor for Undergraduate Students

**Activities Committee** 

Library Committee

Grievance Committee (Mediator)

Course Coordination Committee INGL 3103-3104

Course Coordination Committee INGL 3201-3202

Instructor: INGL3103-3104

INGL 3201-3202

2001-2000 Academic Year

Supervisor Pre-basic English (0066-0067) Tutoring Program

**Activities Committee** 

Library Committee

Course Coordination Committee INGL 0066-0067

Course Coordination Committee INGL 3103-3104 Course Coordination Committee INGL 3201-3202

Instructor: INGL 0066-0067

INGL 3103-3104 INGL 3201-3202

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Decolonizing Research and Methodologies

Post-colonial theory, literature

Paulo Freire in the ESL/EFL context

Teaching English as a second/foreign language

The Non-Native Speaker as a teacher of English

Narrative Research Autobiography/auto-ethnography as methodologies

Women's Studies/gender and education issues

Qualitative Inquiry in TESOL

Qualitative Research Methods

Teaching as Inquiry

Narrative Inquiry

Popular Culture

Latina/os in the Media

Latina/o Cultural Studies

Film Theory & Criticism

Children's Literature

Adolescent Literature

Critical Discourse Analysis

Critical Applied Linguistics

Language Policy & Plann ing

Language and Literacy

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

## A. RESEARCH

El Despertar: A Journey into Colonial Experience Supervised by Dr. Miryam Espinosa Dulanto The Pennsylvania State University (2008-2006)

La teacher: the role of the Puerto Rican English teacher in Puerto Rico

Supervised by Dr. Miryam Espinosa-Dulanto The Pennsylvania State University (2008)

El Despertar: a Latino studies intervention project

Supervised by Dr. Jane Juffer

English Department/Latino/a Studies

The Pennsylvania State University (2007)

Reggaetton: Representations of Shame and Pride: Is it the new West Side Story?

Supervised by Dr. Jane Juffer

English Department/Latino/a Studies The Pennsylvania State University (2006)

The "Other" teacher of English Supervised by Dr. Miryam Espinosa-Dulanto (2006) The Pennsylvania State University

The Awakening: Challenging Colonial Pedagogy/ies Supervised by Dr. Miryam Espinosa-Dulanto Curriculum and Instruction Department The Pennsylvania State University (2005-2006)

Colonization and the non-native teacher of English in Puerto Rico Supervised by Dr. Karen Johnson Applied Linguistics Department The Pennsylvania State University (2004)

La Operacion: Birth Control or Genocide? Supervised by Dr. Lourdes Diaz-Soto Higher Education Department The Pennsylvania State University (2004)

Telenovelas: Reproducing Male Social Fantasies Supervised by Dr. Jeanne Hall The Pennsylvania State University (2004)

The History of Children's Literature Publishing Supervised by Dr. Daniel Hade The Pennsylvania State University (2003)

The successful language learner and the study abroad experience Supervised by Dr. Celeste Kinginger The Pennsylvania State University (2003)

The effect of political affiliation on motivation to learn English in Puerto Rico Master Thesis
Supervised by Dr. Olga Padilla-Falto
University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (2000)

How anxiety affects motivation to learn English Supervised by Dr. Olga Padilla-Falto University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (1999)

Active Learning in a first-grade classroom in Winnie's Active Learning School Supervised by Dr. Mary Martin-Betancourt University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (1997)

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

## **Fall 2018**

Banned Books University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico October 2018

## Fall 2017

Reflective Writing in a Post-Maria World: Community Service Learning University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico November 2017

YouTube videos as writing prompts for prewriting exercises University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico September 2017

## **Spring 2017**

Defronterizate: Challenging your teaching to elevate your practice University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
March 11, 2017

## **Spring 2016**

Removing the veils of colonialism Performance University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo Arecibo, Puerto Rico April 2016

Taller de Presentaciones Efectivas Lecture for INGE 4008 students Industrial Engineering Department University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico February 2016

How to make successful presentations Industrial Engineering Department University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico February 2016 How to prepare an effective Statement of Purpose Industrial Engineering Department University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico January 2016

## Fall 2015

The Summer Institute as a space of transformation: (Re)Designing our Bilingual Site National Writing Project Annual Meeting Minneapolis, Minnesota November 2015

"I don't want to be Mina or Bella! I rather be Carmilla, Lucy or Sookie"
2015 Annual Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Popular & American Culture Association
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
October 2015

The Hero's Journey in Star Wars Lecture for High School students M.A.S.I.S. Anasco, Puerto Rico October 2015

## Spring 2015

Lecture: *Bregando el Dificil* Columbia Central University Yauco, Puerto Rico March 2015

"More Powerful than you can possibly imagine": Using the Star Wars Saga for meaningful life learning in a college writing class Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana March 2015

#### Fall 2014

Children's Banned Books as a tool to examine teacher's assumptions about gender roles Fun with Dick and Jane: Children's and Young Adult Literature Conference University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana
December 2014

Using Children's Banned Books to explore gender roles in the English classroom PR TESOL Annual Conference Ponce, Puerto Rico November 2014

Identifying your power bases for effective classroom management MayaWest Writing Project Continuity Meeting University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico November 2014

Exploring Understanding by Design MayaWest Writing Project Continuity Meeting University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico October 2014

## **Spring 2014**

Embracing the "Other" within through children's banned books Coloquio Del Otro La'o
University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
March 2014

More powerful than you can possibly imagine: Star Wars in the English classroom Southwestern Popular and American Culture Associations Annual Conferences Albuquerque, New Mexico February 2014

#### Fall 2013

Exploring beyond the map: activities for a liberating education MayaWest Writing Project Open Institute University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico November 2013

## **Spring 2013**

Soltando el control: Creating spaces for critical reading and writing in the ESL classroom Western TESOL Interamerican University at Aguadilla Aguadilla, Puerto Rico April 2013

#### Fall 2012

La escritura creativa como herramienta para identificar y trabajar relaciones de poder en la sala de clases
Ramon Power Giralt Secondary School
San Juan, Puerto Rico
September 2012

Aligning my lesson planning to standards W.A.L.K.S. Mayaguez, Puerto Rico July 2012

## Spring 2012

Becoming a reflective teacher MayaWest Writing Project Continuity Meeting University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico March 2012

Empowering yourself through self-reflection MayaWest Writing Project Continuity University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico February 2012

Explorando estilos de comportamiento mediante la escritura Workshop: MayaWest Writing Project Immaculate Conception Academy Mayaguez, Puerto Rico January 2012

#### Fall 2011

Responding to Literature
Workshop
Open Institute MayaWest Writing Project
University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
November 2011

La Misi mastica el dificil: Reflections on teaching English in Puerto Rico
Guest Speaker at Speaker Series sponsored by the Social Sciences Department and the
Political Sciences Student Association
Interamerican University in San German
San German, Puerto Rico
October 2011

#### Spring 2011

Decolonizing English Teaching in Puerto Rico Guest Speaker at Speaker Series sponsored by the Social Sciences Department and the Political Sciences Student Association Interamerican University in San German San German, Puerto Rico April 2011

Alternative ways of responding to Literature Workshop Western TESOL Interamerican University in San German San German, Puerto Rico April 2011

"I don't want to be Bella, I rather be Sookie!"
Southwest Texas Popular & American Culture Associations Conference
San Antonio, Texas
February 2011

## Fall 2010

El Despertar: A Journey into Colonial Experience Lecture INGL 6006-Research Methods Course University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico December 2010

## Spring 2010

Children's Literature Speaker Series Moderator Mayaguez Children's Library Mayaguez, Puerto Rico February-May 2010

#### Fall 2009

Graduate Studies Opportunities at Penn State
Panel Presenter
RUMEGA Colloquium
University of Puerto at Mayaguez
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
November 2009

## Spring 2009

Keynote Speaker
Redefining Bilingual Education for the 21st Century
Western TESOL
University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
April 2009

Women: Let your voice be heard

Open Mike Presenter

University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

March 2009

#### Fall 2008

Using Performance to theorize racial, cultural and gender issues Performer/Guest Speaker Arts Education Department The Pennsylvania State University University Park, Pennsylvania November 2008

Culture and Language Issues in Puerto Rican Education

Guest Speaker

The Urban Teaching Collaborative The Pennsylvania State University University Park, Pennsylvania October 2008

## **Spring 2007**

The Other teacher of English Penn-TESOL-East Penn State Abington Abington, Pennsylvania April 2007

Multiple Literacies in English Education Conference Keynote Speaker University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla Aguadilla, Puerto Rico March 2007

Balancing the creative and the academic in the English classroom Optika 2: Visual Narrative Conference University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico February 2007

#### Fall 2006

The effect of colonization on the colonized Caribbean Studies Conference
University of Texas PanAmerican
South Padre Island, Texas
November 2006

## Spring 2006

Paradoxical Invisibility in Educational Research: Doctoral students' complicated illusions and identity/ies struggles
American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2006 Annual Meeting
San Francisco, California
April 2006

Narrative Inquiry Workshop Women's Studies Annual Conference The Pennsylvania State University April 2006

Creating room for the Non-native teacher/speaker in TESOL 22<sup>nd</sup> Penn-TESOL-East Conference
The Pennsylvania State University
Abington, Pennsylvania
March 2006

Challenging Colonial Pedagogies in TESOL Poster presentation Achievement Conference The Pennsylvania State University University Park, Pennsylvania January 2006

## Spring 2005

Telenovelas: Reproducing Male Social Fantasies 25th Southwest/Texas Popular & American Culture Associations Meeting February 2005 Albuquerque, New Mexico

Reflections on Puerto Rican identity Department of Spanish March 2005 Juniata College Juniata, Pennsylvania

The Politics of Transition in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> wave Feminism: Has it evolved? Women's Studies Annual Conference April 2, 2005
The Pennsylvania State University

Workshop: Getting to know your students New Jersey TESOL Conference May 2005 New Jersey, USA

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Puerto Rico TESOL
Western TESOL
Popular and American Culture Associations
National Writing Project Directors
Southwest Texas Popular and American Culture Associations

#### **AWARDS**

Burdett E. Larson Graduate Fellowship in Education College of Education The Pennsylvania State University University Park, Pennsylvania 2007-2008 Academic Year

Eva Diefenderfer Scholarship College of Education The Pennsylvania State University University Park, Pennsylvania 2006-2007 Academic Year

Bunton-Waller Fellowship
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania
2003-2004 Academic Year

#### **GRANTS**

Invitational Leadership Institute Grant National Writing Project Amount: \$15,000 2017-2018

Teacher Leadership Development Grant National Writing Project Amount: \$20,000 2014-2016

SEED Leadership Grant Amount: \$15,000 2013-2014

Continued Funding Grant Amount: \$56,000 with matching funds from UPRM 2008-2013

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Vicente, N.V. (2017) The "American" Doctor. Sabanas Magazine.

Vicente, N.V. (2006) The Language Issue in Puerto Rico in The Praeger Handbook of Latino Education in the U.S. edited by Dr. Lourdes Diaz-Soto, Professor, Program Advisor, & Program Coordinator Bilingual Education, University of Texas-Austin

## **CONSULTING WORK**

Advanced ED Puerto Rico Present-2013

G.E.O.O. San Juan, PR 2012-2014

W.A.L.K.S. Bilingual School Mayaguez, PR 2013-2009

Project Scholastic RED in collaboration with the PR Department of Education Guayanilla, PR Spring 2006