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## EDUCATION

### Ph.D., Romance Languages

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2003

*Primary concentration:* Spanish Language and Literature

*Secondary concentrations:* Latin, Art History

*Areas of specialization:* Early Modern narrative, island literature, geopolitics

*Dissertation:* “Beyond Iberian Borders: Islands in Cervantes’ *Los trabajos de Persiles y Sigismunda*.”

### M.A., Spanish and Latin American Language and Literature

University of South Carolina at Columbia, 1996

*Thesis:* “Cervantes and Heliodorus: Greek Romance in ‘El amante liberal’ and ‘La española inglesa.’”

### B.A., Spanish Literature and Education, Magna Cum Laude

Columbia College; Columbia, South Carolina, 1992

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Professor of Spanish**, 2017-present, Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC

**Associate Professor of Spanish**, 2012-2017

**Assistant Professor of Spanish**, 2007-2011

- *Spanish 3033*, Issues in Spain: Epic!: The Age of Chivalry in Spain / La caballería en *El Cid y Don Quijote*. Instructor designed. Offered Fall 2015, Spring 2022.
- *Spanish 3033*, Issues in Spain: Representations of the Spanish Civil War / Representaciones de la Guerra Civil Española: cuadros y carteles de 1936-39. Instructor designed. Offered Fall 2009, Spring 2018.
- *Spanish 3021* and *3022*, Survey of Peninsular Spanish Literature, I and II.
- *Spanish 3015*, Culture and Civilizations of Spain / Historia de España.

- *Spanish 3001 and 3002*, Advanced Conversation and Composition, I and II.
- *Spanish 3000*. Introduction to Literary Genres.
- *Spanish 2002*, Intermediate Spanish, II. Via Zoom, Fall 2020.
- *Spanish 2001*, Intermediate Spanish, I.
- *Spanish 1051*, Advanced Accelerated Introductory Spanish. Via Zoom, Fall 2020.
- *Spanish 1002*, Introductory Spanish, II.
- *Spanish 1001*, Introductory Spanish, I.
- *PHRM 9001*, Spanish for Pharmacists. Spring, 2013.
- *FRST 1005*, Freshman Experience, Fall, 2013.

**Assistant Professor of Spanish**, Lander University, Greenwood, South Carolina, 2005-2007

- *Spanish 499*, Senior Project.
- *Spanish 451*, Methods of Teaching Spanish.
- *Spanish 313*, Survey of Spanish (Peninsular) Literature, I.
- *Spanish 311*, Survey of Hispano-American Literature, I.
- *Spanish 307*, Culture and Civilizations of Spain.
- *Spanish 290*, Spanish Teaching Practicum. For Secondary Education Majors.
- *Spanish 101, 102*, Elementary Spanish.
- *GEAR UP* (Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). 2006. Taught afterschool classes for high school students.

**Lecturer**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2003-2005

- *Spanish 52*, Cultural History of the Hispanic World.
- *Spanish 46*, Cervantes in English Translation.
- *Spanish 21*, Introduction to Spanish and Spanish American Literature.
- *Spanish 4*, Advanced Intermediate Spanish.
- *Spanish 3*, Intermediate Spanish.

**Teaching Fellow**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1996-2002

- *Spanish 50*, Advanced Grammar and Composition. Co-coordinator and instructor.
- *Spanish 101X, 102X*, Reading Spanish I, II. For graduate students.
- *Spanish 21*, Introduction to Spanish and Spanish American Literature.
- *Spanish 4*, Advanced Intermediate Spanish.
- *Spanish 3*, Intermediate Spanish, Honors section.
- *Spanish 2X*, Elementary Spanish for high beginners.

**Teaching Assistant**, University of South Carolina at Columbia, 1994-1996

- Masters in International Business program. Taught Spanish video component.
- *Spanish 121*, Accelerated Elementary Spanish. Course coordinator.
- *Spanish 111*, Elementary Spanish.

**Instructor**, Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina, 1994-1995

- Assistant Program Director of University of Salamanca Overseas Program.
- *Spanish 202*, Advanced Spanish.
- *Spanish 201*, Intermediate Spanish.

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Director, Quality Enhancement Plan, [Compass: Chart Your Course](#), Jan. 2018-Dec. 2022.
- Co-coordinator, [NetVUE Vocation Across the Academy Grant](#), August 2019-April 2023.
  - Primary grant writer; planned three-year faculty speaker series on the exploration of vocation and calling, from theory and practice to praxis.
- Chair, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Spring 2013-Spring 2019; Fall 2022-present.
- Chair, Curriculum Committee, Fall 2022-present.
- PC Faculty Senate Secretary, Fall 2019-Fall 2021.
- Co-chair, QEP Development Team, May 2016-August 2017.
- Acting Chair, PC Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Fall 2012-Fall 2013.
- Chair, PC General Education Committee, Fall 2012-Spring 2013.
- Director, Spanish Summer Day Camp, Lander University, Greenwood, SC. July 2006.

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- Co-presenter, “ePortfolios in a 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Course at a Small Liberal Arts College (SLAC),” Zoom panel. Primary presenter: Dr. Justin Brent, PC English Department. Jan. 24, 2022.
- “Internships from the Faculty Perspective,” Annual Conference of the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE), St. Petersburg, Florida, September 25, 2017. With Ms. Lynn Downie, Asst. Director, PC Office of Career and Professional Development.
- “Dalí in La Mancha.” Art Break series. Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, South Carolina. April 4, 2017.
- Display of my translations of selected poems from *Estampas de nostalgia* by Clinia Saffi, Greenville Writers’ Club at Presbyterian College, Fall 2016.
- “‘Uno de los más extraños espectáculos del mundo’: Sulpicia and Medusa in Cervantes’ *Persiles* (II, 14-18).” South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAML). Atlanta, Georgia. November 2015.

- “Visualizing Cervantes and Heliodorus: Snapshots of the Spectacle.” Carolina Conference on Romance Languages (CCRL). Chapel Hill, North Carolina. March 2012.
- “Money Matters: Pearls in Cervantes’ *Persiles y Sigismunda*.” Kentucky Modern Foreign Language Conference. Nashville, Tennessee. April 2010.
- “Islands and Imperialism.” PC Faculty Luncheon. Clinton, SC. February 2009.
- “Small Town, USA: A Spanish Serve-to-Learn Initiative in Greenwood, SC.” Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages and Literatures. Charleston, SC. March 2006.
- “Hapsburgian Imperial Impulse in Cervantes’ *Persiles*: Thule and the Barbarian Isle.” Modern Language Association (MLA). Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. December 2004.
- Chair, Graduate Studies in Spanish Discussion Circle. “Theory in the Classroom.” South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAML). Roanoke, Virginia. Nov. 2004.
- “Balancing Teaching and Research.” Graduate Studies in Spanish, Discussion Circle. South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAML). Atlanta, Georgia. Nov. 2003.

## PUBLICATIONS

“Hapsburgian Imperial Impulse in Cervantes’ *Persiles*.” In “*Recuerde el alma dormida*”: Medieval and Early Modern Spanish Essays in Honor of Frank A. Domínguez. Homenaje #35. Eds. Adriano Duque and John K. Moore, Jr. Juan de la Cuesta: Newark, Delaware, 2009. 153-176.

Review of Studies in Honor of Donald W. Bleznick (Newark, Delaware: Juan de la Cuesta, 1995). Hispanófila 124 (1998): 107-109.

## SUPERVISORY ROLES

### Honors Research in Spanish

- Fall 2021, Noah Burkett, “La significancia lingüística de la letra x en el neologismo *latinx*.”
- Spring 2020, Alyssa Leaman, “Eso que no puede ser censurado: el humor durante el franquismo (1936-76).”
- Spring 2020, Sarah Ramsbottom, “El caso de Cataluña: Movimientos secesionistas en España.”
- Spring 2017, Anessa Pettis, “Lo práctico y lo ético de la eliminación de los mosquitos en Sudamérica: una investigación científica e histórica.”
- Spring 2016, Brittany Beasley, “La imaginación, la historia y la identidad nacional en *Las leyendas de Bécquer*.”
- Fall 2015, Ashley Miles, “La cultura material de la España imperial: Cristóbal Colón, Garcilaso de la Vega y la voz poética.”
- Fall 2010, Katharine German, “Arabismos en las jarchas medievales.”
- Spring 2010, Melissa Whitener, “Los efectos del comunismo en la economía de Cuba.”

- Spring 2009, Lori Garvin, “La crisis intelectual de España de 1898.”

### **Instructor of Record for Capstones and Major Research in Spanish**

- Fall 2016, Deodata Rogers, “Algunos niños se quedan atrás: la preferencia cultural en el sistema educativo estadounidense.”
- Fall 2016, Anessa Pettis, “La eliminación de los mosquitos por modificación genética.”
- Fall 2016, Abby Allen, “La Hipótesis del Período Crítico y la tecnología en el aula de lengua extranjera.”
- Summer 2015, Allison Cooke, “Geocaching and Interactive Mapping in the Textile Mill Memory Project: A Digital Humanities Project.”
- Fall 2013, Andrew Canaan, “El nacionalismo español y la diversidad lingüística.”
- Fall 2013, Hannah Fulenwider, Spanish Research, “José Asunción Silva.”
- Spring 2013, Jonny Mercado, “*Més que un club*: La historia de los catalanes y el fútbol.”
- Fall 2009, Seth Hall, “Un teatro inexorable bajo un dictador opresivo: España, 1939-76.”
- Fall 2009, Myles Whitlock, “La guerra según César Vallejo en Aparte de mí este cáliz.”

### **Academic Advisor of Internships in Spanish**

- Spring 2022, Hallie Keisler, [PASOs Health Connections](#), Saluda, SC. Pending.
- Spring 2022, Noah Burkett, [GateWay Counseling Center](#), Laurens, SC.
- Fall 2020, Madison Ladines, Prisma Health, [Health Sciences Center](#), Greenville, SC.
- Spring 2018, Rubén Arroyo, Clinton High School, Clinton, SC.
- Fall 2018, Adrianna Cody, Emmanuel Upstate Church, Greenville, SC.
- Fall 2016, Abby Allen, Union County High School, Union, SC.
- Fall 2014, Rachel Grosick, PASOs, Newberry, SC.
- Fall 2013, Jasmine Hadden, PASOs, Columbia, SC.
- Summer 2013, Kimberly Saffi, Arrowhead Industries, Laurens, SC.

### **Primary Organizer of Faculty Professional Development Workshops and Training**

- QEP-related professional development, faculty seminars on problem solving, 2020-22.
  - April 12, 2019. Primary organizer for one-day workshop lead by Dr. Kate McConnell, VP for Curricular and Pedagogical Innovation and Executive Director of VALUE, Association of American Colleges and Universities.
  - *Compass* instructor training, with *Compass* Team. Fall and spring, 2019-2022.
  - Assessment of problem-solving skills in PC students, with *Compass* Team. Fall 2018 to present.
- Led *Starfish* Faculty Training Session III, September 5, 2017.
- Gave workshop on geocaching, for Textile Mill Memory Project (Andrew Mellon Grant) participants, with student Allison Cooke, Presbyterian College, June 24, 2015.

### **Faculty Leader of Short-term Study Away / Maymester Programs**

- 2010. History & Literature of Spain: Unity & Diversity. Co-director, with Dr. Laura Crary, Art Department.
- 2012. The New Spaniards: From Dictatorship to Democracy. Co-director, with Dr. Alicia Askew, Psychology Department.
- 2014. Spain: Land of Many Cultures. Co-director, with Dr. Alicia Askew.
- 2024. Spanish Immersion in Salamanca, Spain (in progress).

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Introduction to Grant Writing course, University of South Carolina, May 2019.
- Association of Departments of Foreign Languages (ADFL) Summer Seminar East, “Building and Sustaining Language Programs: Access, Articulation, and Advocacy.” Atlanta, GA, May 25-27, 2017.
- ADFL Pre-seminar Workshop, “Managing Small [Foreign Language] Programs.” Atlanta, GA, May 24, 2017.
- Consortium of Independent Colleges (CIC) NetVUE Conference, “Renewing the Theological Exploration of Vocation.” With Dr. Alicia Askew, Dean of Academic Programs, and Ms. Kim Lane, Director, Office of Career and Professional Development, , Charlotte, NC, March 23-25, 2017.
- Advising Institute, Greenville, SC, February 2017.
- Confucius Institute Global Conference, Shanghai, China, December 2015.
- BMW Plant tour for internship mentors, MFL representative, with Dr. Chad Rodekohr (Physics) and Dr. Suzie Smith (Business), Greer, SC, August 6, 2015.
- Appreciative Advising Workshop, PC Launch Program, August 2014.
- CIC Information Fluency in the Disciplines: Workshop in Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, February 14-16, 2013. With Mr. Dave Chatham, Director of Library Services, Dr. Patrick Kiley (MFL/French), and Dr. Clinia Saffi (MFL/Spanish).
- Teaching workshop on student learning styles, Presbyterian College, August 2010.
- CLA in the Classroom workshop: “[CLA]ssroom academy: Introduction to Performance Tasks” workshop, Presbyterian College, May 6, 2010.
- Workshop on safety and risk management while taking students abroad, Office of International Programs, Presbyterian College, March 2010.
- Academic Affairs Council retreat on the PC Master Plan, January 2010.
- Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference at Furman. October 2009
- Russell Program workshop, “Teaching Logic,” Presbyterian College, May 2009.
- Creating a College Course workshop, Presbyterian College, August 2008.
- Latino Immigration in the South workshop, Presbyterian College, May 2008.

- Technology Training on Smartboards, Presbyterian College, April 2008.
- Magna online seminar: “Getting Started with Student Learning Assessment,” Jan. 2007.
- Oral Proficiency Interview workshop, ACTFL Annual Convention, Nashville, 2006.
- National Network for Educational Renewal Annual Conference, October 2005.

## COMMITTEE WORK

- Curriculum Committee, Fall 2022-present.
- Academic Review Committee. Formerly: Admissions Committee, 2021-present.
- Institutional Research and Assessment Director Search Committee, Fall 2021.
- Provost Search Committee, Spring 2021.
- Faculty Senate, Modern Foreign Languages Department Representative, 2018-2020.
- Chinese Instructor Search Committee, Fall 2018.
- Alcohol and Other Substances Advisory Committee, 2015-2016.
- Multicultural Affairs and Concerns, 2014-2016.
- Textile Mill Memory Project Committee, Summer 2015-Spring 2016.
- Academic Affairs, Department Representative, 2011-2014.
- General Education. 2009-2011. Chair, 2012-2013.
- Lecture and Fine Arts. 2010-2011. Renamed: Russell Committee, 2014-2017.
- Academic Master Plan sub-committee #4, chair. 2009-2010.
- International Studies committee. 2008-2010.
- Modern Foreign Language Department French Search Committee. 2008.
- Program in Cuba Advisory and Support Group. 2008-2011.
- Modern Foreign Language Department Spanish Search Committee. 2010.
- Dept. of Religion and Philosophy Christian Education search. Outside reviewer. 2010.

## SERVICE TO COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY

- 1st Lt, [Civil Air Patrol](#), U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, Emerald City Cadet Squadron, Deputy Commander, Finance Officer. Administration Officer (Technical Rating). Search and Rescue Ground Team Level 1. Ground Team Leader Trainee. Mission Scanner. Mission Staff Assistant. TAC officer at Summer 2022 Encampment, January 2023 Cadet Training Weekend. 2019-present.
- Starfish Implementation Team, faculty liaison, 2017-2019.
- Poetry translations, bilingual edition of *Juegos de palabra* by Clinia Saffi, 2016.
- Confucius Institute, mentor to new Chinese instructors, 2015-2018.
- Honors Day Symposium, presider, 2010, 2016, 2017.
- Placed two geocaches on Presbyterian College campus and five geocaches in City of Clinton, with student Allison Cooke, July 2015.

- Hispanic Awareness Organization (HAO), formerly the Spanish Club, faculty advisor, Presbyterian College, 2008-present.
- Sigma Delta Pi, founded Psi Eta chapter, advisor, Presbyterian College, 2008-2020.
- Academic Advisor, First-year students and Spanish Majors/Minors, 2008-present.
- Sigma Delta Pi, founded Chi Omicron chapter, advisor, Lander University, 2006-2007.
- Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenwood, SC. President, 2010; Nominating Committee, 2011.
- Greenwood Council of Church Women. Member, 2010.
- Spanish translator for La Frontera, a Lutheran summer day camp. Greenwood, SC. 2006.
- Meals-on-Wheels, bilingual driver. Greenwood, SC. July 2006; June 2017.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- National Society for Experiential Education, faculty representative, 2017-18.
- Cervantes Society of America
- Kappa Delta Epsilon
- Sigma Delta Pi, National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society of America
- Modern Language Association

## **LANGUAGES**

- English, native proficiency in speaking, writing, reading
- Spanish, advanced proficiency in speaking, writing, reading
- French, basic proficiency in reading
- Latin, basic proficiency in reading