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EDUCATION

Degrees

- 2009
Ph.D. University of Florida, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies.
Dissertation title: “Colombia imaginada 1850-1930: Novela fundacional, tecnología y nación.” Advisor: Professor Emeritus Andrés Avellaneda.
- 2005
M.A. University of Florida, Department of Spanish and Portuguese. Thesis Title:
“Blanqueamiento y provincialización del negro en Manuela de Eugenio Díaz Castro.”
Advisor: Dr. Álvaro Félix Bolaños.
- 1992
M.S. Nova Southeastern University. Department of Teaching and Education.
Practicum: “The Development of Word Processing Skills in Middle School Students:
Coming One Step Closer to Creative Writing”.
- 1979
B. A. Southern Illinois University. History Department. Minor in Psychology.

PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011- present
University of Florida, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies.

Senior Lecturer (2016), Courses taught SPN 3520 (Culture and Civilization in Spanish America), SPN4314 (Advanced Composition & Syntax for bilinguals).

Lecturer, Courses taught: SPN 1134 (Accelerated Spanish), SPN 1131 (Beginner’s Spanish II), SPN3392 (Conversation, film and culture), SPN4420 (Composition & Syntax), SPN4314 (Advanced Composition & Syntax for bilinguals), SPW 4190 (Colombian Literature and Film).

Level coordinator, SPN 1134 (Accelerated Spanish Review); SPN1131 (Beginner’s Spanish II). Duties include preparation of syllabus, calendar, on-line homework and

materials for tests and compositions, and general supervision and observation of instruction.

- 2009 - 2011

University of Florida, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies. (Formerly Romance Languages and Literatures).

Adjunct Lecturer, Courses taught: SPN 1134 (Accelerated Spanish), SPN3300 (Grammar & Composition I), SPW3031 (Survey of Spanish- American Literature from Independence to the Present), SPN 1131 (Beginning Spanish II)

Coordinator First Year Accelerated Spanish Program. Duties include preparation of syllabus, calendar, on-line homework and materials for tests and compositions, and general supervision and observation of instruction.

- 2009

Santa Fe College.

Adjunct Lecturer, Courses taught: SPAN1121 (Intermediate Spanish I), SPAN1122 (Intermediate Spanish II)

- 2005-09

University of Florida, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. **Graduate Assistant**, Courses taught: SPN 1182 (Elementary Spanish: Review and Progress), SPN 3224 (Spain and the European Union), SPN3300 (Grammar & Composition I), SPN3301 (Grammar & Composition II), SPW3030 (Survey of Spanish- American Literature from Discovery to Independence).

- 2006

University of Florida, University Athletic Organization

Instructor/Tutor, Beginning and Intermediate Spanish.

- 2002-05

University of Florida, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.

Teaching/Research Assistant, Courses taught: SPN 1130 (Beginning Spanish I)

- 1998-2000

Colegio Bolivar (International School)

Dean of Students (High School), supervised students' academic progress, advised students on academic and disciplinary issues, collaborated with counseling department in student welfare, and advised the school's headmaster and high school principal on student related issues. Courses taught: Current Issues

- 1995-1998

Colegio Gimnasio la Colina.

Headmaster and Academic Director, Supervised all administrative and instructional aspects of the school (K-12). Developed and implemented Bilingual Spanish-English

program in cooperation with the language department of the Universidad del Valle del Cauca. Courses taught: European History, Introduction to English.

- 1992-1995
Colegio Bolivar (International School)
Head of Social Studies Department (K-12) developed a comprehensive curriculum for the school's social studies program.
High School Teacher, Courses taught: World History, Colombian History and Geography, Social Sciences.
- 1991
Nova Southeastern University
Instructor, assisted on computer mediated instruction to Middle School students.
- 1987-1990
Colegio Bolivar (International School).
Middle School Teacher, Courses taught: World History, Colombian History and Geography, Social Sciences.
- 1986
Instituto Colombo Británico.
Instructor, Courses taught: English for beginners and intermediate English for adults.
- 1984-1987
Colegio Jefferson.
Middle School Teacher, Courses taught: History, Social Sciences.
- 1982
Instituto San José.
Academic advisor, supervised students' academic progress.
- 1981-1984
Colegio Bennett.
Elementary School Teacher, Courses taught: Social Sciences.
- 1979-1980
Southern Illinois University.
Teacher /Research Assistant, Introduction to European History.

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

- **Member (2016)**, Revision of Merit Pay Guidelines Committee; Undergraduate Committee, Search committee.
- **Member**, Merit Pay Committee 2014-15.

- **Member**, Revision of Merit Pay Guidelines Committee 2014 -15
- **Member**, faculty search committees, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- **Member**, Advisory Committee, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Florida, 2011.
- **Senior Spanish Copy Editor**, THE ANOLE: Hispanic Communicators Association Multilingual Magazine, University of Florida, 2008-2010.
- **Webmaster**, 4th Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Florida, 2007.
- **Webmaster**, Graduate on-line magazine SIN FRONTERA, University of Florida, 2007.
- **Advisor**, Steering Committee, *3rd Graduate Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Hispanic/Latin American Literatures: El arte de (con)vivir / the Art of (co)existence*, University of Florida, 2006.
- **Member**, Steering Committee, *First Graduate Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Hispanic/Latin American Literatures, Linguistics and Cultures: Language, Nation & Globalization*, University of Florida, 2004.
- **Co-coordinator**, *Indigenous Knowledge and Academic Curricula Development in the Americas: Academic Responses to Indigenous Activism and Cultural Revival in Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, and Florida conference*, University of Florida, 2004.
- **Consultant**, Fundación las Casitas, 2000-02.
- **Member**, Board of Directors, Colegio Gimnasio la Colina, 1995-2000.
- **Member**, Consejo Directivo, Colegio Bolívar, 1998-2000.
- **Presenter**, Workshop: Preparing for Life after High School, Colegio Bolívar, 1999.
- **Co-coordinator**, Workshop: The adolescent, growing up issues, Colegio Bolívar, 1999.
- **Proofreader**, *Kiosko*, School's yearbook, Colegio Bolívar, 1998 – 2000.
- **Judge**, Senior Projects 1998 – 2000.
- **Speaker**, Commencement ceremony, Colegio Gimnasio la Colina, 1998.

- **Advisor**, *Abraxas*: School newspaper, Colegio Gimnasio La Colina, 1997.
- **Chair**, Search Committee, Colegio Gimnasio la Colina, 1997.
- **Editor / Consultant**, School Handbook, Colegio Gimnasio La Colina, 1996-7.
- **Editor**, PEI (Institutional Educative Plan), Colegio Gimnasio La Colina, 1996.
- **Coordinator**, Committee for Environmental Education, Colegio Bolívar, 1994-6.
- **Editor**, *Vida Verde*: Newsletter Committee for Environmental Education, Colegio Bolívar, 1994-6.
- **Co-editor**, *Tribuna*, School magazine, Colegio Bolívar, 1994-6.
- **Examiner**, Research projects of Graduating class, Colegio Bolivar, 1995.
- **Coordinator**, Office of Institutional Planning, Colegio Bolivar, 1995.
- **Chair**, Social Sciences Committee. Bolivar 1994-5.
- **Co-Chair**, Steering Committee, School Reaccreditation (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), Colegio Bolivar 1994-5.
- **Chair**, Environmental Studies Committee, 1994.
- **Judge**, Social Sciences Fair, Colegio Bolivar 1994.
- **Coordinator**, Enrichment Program for Talented Students. Colegio Bolivar, 1989
- **Editor**, INK: Student-teacher literary magazine, Colegio Bolívar, 1988-89
- **Advisor / Consultant**, Curriculum Development, Colegio Alejandria, 1988.
- **Founder / Editor**, *El Foro*: teacher's newspaper, Colegio Jefferson, 1986-7
- **Representative**, Parents and Teachers Association, Colegio Jefferson, 1986.
- **Coach**, Colegio Jefferson, 1985-6.
- **Director**, Intercollegiate Science Fair, Colegio Jefferson, 1985-6
- **Moderator**, Social Studies Committee, School Reaccreditation (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), Colegio Jefferson 1985.

- **Judge**, Intercollegiate Science Fair, Colegio Jefferson, 1984
- **Volunteer / Consultant**, Institución San José, 1983-5.

PUBLICATIONS / READINGS

- Re/fracciones (Cantos y cánticos desde acá), poetry, forthcoming, November 2016.
- Provocaciones: relatos breves, short stories, 2015, ISBN: 978-1-329-54060-6
- AMORES (De la pasión a la nostalgia), poetry collection, 2014, ISBN: 978-0-578-13317-1.
- “Halcón y Cascabel.” Short story published in *Divergencias: revista de estudios lingüísticos y literarios*, Volumen 8, número 1, verano 2010, Universidad de Arizona.
- Short story reading at “Wild Iris Books.” Gainesville, spring 2010.
- “The way of the cross.” English translation, published in *The Mangrove: Literary Review*, Aftermath Edition, 2008, Universidad de la Florida.
- TREMORES, poetry collection, 2008.
- “La vía de la cruz.” Short story, published. PEGASO (refereed journal). Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma, 2007.
- “Poetry reading at “Wild Iris books.” Gainesville, spring 2007.
- “Geométrica tú.” Poem, published in PEGASO (refereed journal). Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma, 2006.
- Short story reading at “Wild Iris Books.” Gainesville, spring 2006.

HONORS / AWARDS

- Undergraduate teacher of the year nominee 2015
- Anderson Scholar Nominee 2015
- Anderson Scholar Nominee 2014
- Outstanding M.A. Student (Honorable Mention) 2004-5.
- Certificate of Achievement, University of Florida International Center, 2003.
- Fellowship, University of Florida, 2002-3.

- Recognition for Service, Colegio Bolivar, 2000.
- Recognition, graduating class, Colegio Bolivar, 1993.
- Plaque (outstanding teacher), PTA, Colegio Jefferson, 1986.
- Fellowship, Southern Illinois University, 1980 -81.
- Dean's List, Southern Illinois University, 1976 -79.

LANGUAGES

- Spanish: native
- English: fluent
- Portuguese: reading proficiency

REFERENCES

Dr. Gillian Lord, glord@ufl.edu

Dr. Luis Alvarez-Castro, lacastro@ufl.edu

Dr. Efraín Barradas, barradas@latam.ufl.edu