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I am an enthusiastic explorer of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture. I've been sharing my passion and expertise with students for over 10 years in the classroom and during study abroad experiences.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Spanish (Language Teaching), Minor in International Development
University of Missouri, Columbia
Graduated May 2002; GPA: 3.8

Coursework for Certification in Spanish K-12
University of Missouri, Columbia

Graduate level courses in Spanish,
University of North Texas, Denton; GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Latin American Studies, Minor in Sociology
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth
Graduated *Cum Laude*, December 1998; GPA: 3.64

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, *Clemson University*; Clemson, South Carolina Fall 2012

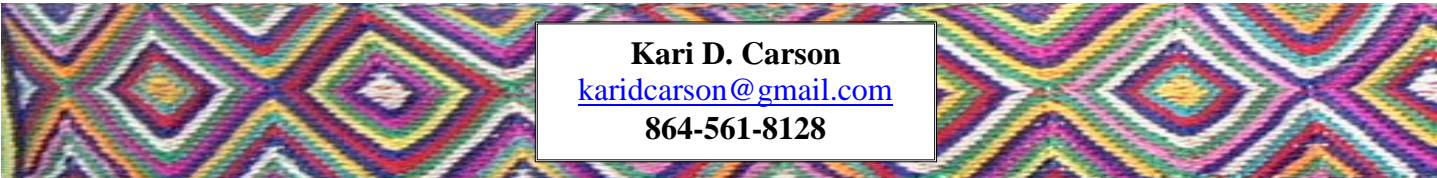
- Instructed Beginning and Intermediate Spanish courses
- Created a class blog for Beginning Spanish II class
- Implemented a class wiki project for Intermediate Spanish I class
- Enhanced Spanish courses with Blackboard and online textbook materials

Instructor, *Tri-County Technical College*; Pendleton, South Carolina 2004-2012

- Instructed Beginning and Intermediate University Transfer Spanish courses
- Developed College's first Study Abroad Program
- Coordinated Study Abroad Program in Cuernavaca, Mexico (Summers 2006, 2008 & 2010)
- Enhanced Spanish courses with Blackboard and Pearson's MySpanishLab online components
- Created and evaluated Spanish Placement Tests and Exemption Exams
- Planned campus activities as member of Multicultural Committee
- Coordinated student events as advisor of Spanish Club and Environmental Club
- Advised and registered students each semester
- Assisted Head of Humanities Department with administrative duties as Coordinator of Instructional Activities (2006-2007)

Instructor, *University of Missouri*; Columbia, Missouri 2000-2003

- Instructed Spanish I, II and III at the university level
- Prepared lesson plans, designed and evaluated assignments and exams, and assigned students' grades
- Mentored new graduate students and first-time instructors



Pre-service Teacher and Student Aide, Columbia, Missouri Fall 2003

- Assisted in two high school Spanish III classes & two junior high school Spanish II for 14 weeks
- Developed and implemented various lessons in the classroom and tutored students
- Assessed teaching methods and classroom management techniques

Graduate Instructor and Research Assistant, *University of North Texas*, Denton, Texas Spring 1999

- Taught Spanish II course and conducted language lab activities

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

English Teacher, Littlejohn Community Center; Clemson, South Carolina 2008-2011

- Created a program to teach English to adult native Spanish speakers
- Taught English classes to students of different proficiency levels

Interpreter, Clemson Free Health Clinic; Clemson, South Carolina 2007-2008

- Interpreted for Hispanic patients and American doctors
- Assisted patients at the pharmacy

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Peru, Chile & Argentina Fall 2009

- Volunteered teaching English to children in Arequipa, Peru
- Lived with a host family for a month in Arequipa
- In Peru, hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and visited Lake Titicaca
- Hiked in Torres del Paine National Park in Chile and in Glacier National Park in Argentina
- Toured Buenos Aires

Spain Fall 2009

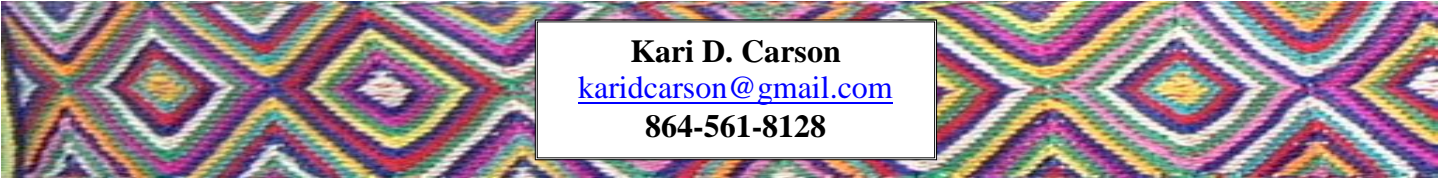
- Took Spanish language and culture classes at Letra Hispánica in Salamanca
- Lived with a host family
- Explored Madrid, Toledo, Sevilla, Granada, Arcos de la Frontera, Valencia, Barcelona and Cadaqués

Costa Rica May 2008

- Attended Spanish language and culture classes at two language institutes
- Lived with two local Costa Rican families
- Learned about rain forests while visiting them with local guides

Mexico Summers 2006, 2008 & 2010

- Accompanied university students to Cuernavaca, Mexico, as the co-director of Tri-County's Study Abroad Program
- Arranged accommodations and classes at Experiencia Language and Cultural School for students
- Attended classes at Experiencia



Guatemala

Summer 2003

- Attended classes at the Escuela Bio-Itza in San José, Peten
- Learned about Mayan history and civilization at the ruins of Tikal, Uaxactún and El Mirador
- Traveled throughout the country and learned about Guatemalan culture, politics and history

Guarjila, El Salvador

March 2000

- Chaperoned and interpreted for a group of American high school students in El Salvador

Universidad de las Américas, Puebla, Mexico

Summer 1998

- Enrolled in 6 hours of university credit coursework in Spanish and mentored impoverished children

Institute of European Studies, Salamanca, Spain

Spring 1997

- Employed as an office assistant for IES, while carrying 16 hours of university credit in various subjects, all taught in Spanish