
Mercedes Tejera

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BILINGUAL

Spanish as my Mother Language and Fluent in English.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Romance Languages (Spanish Iberian Literature). University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Defense Approved: Aug 12, 2019. Graduation Date: By Clear prior Dec.13, 2019

Dissertation: La mujer y la máquina: ciborgs, ginoides y replicantes en Iberoamérica (2005-2015)

Master of Arts. Spanish Literature. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. Graduation Date: May 2013

Bachelor of Arts, Spanish/Latin American & Latino Studies, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

Graduation Date: Dec. 2010

Associate Degrees in Arts, Sciences, and Applied Languages. North-West Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, AR. Graduation Date: May & Dec. 2008

EXPERIENCE

Spanish Lecturer. Clemson University. 717 Strode Tower, Clemson, SC 29634. 864-656-3393
Aug 17, 2018- Current. (Fall 2018, Spring & Fall 2021, and Spring 2022) In person and online on (Fall 2020).

- Teach four to five Spanish Classes per semester with approximately 25 students each class
- Teach one online class every summer semester with approximately 25 students each class
- Teach online since mid-Spring 2020 semester with approximately 25 students each class
- Teach Elemental, Intermediate, Advance Spanish, and Literature courses such as, Hispanic Cinema, and Medieval Literature.

Teaching assistant. University of Florida, 170 Dauer Hall Gainesville, FL 32611. 352-392-2016
August 12, 2017- Aug 12, 2018.

- Teach two Spanish Classes every semester with approximately 24 students each class.
- Take three to two Doctoral Spanish/ Latin American & Latino Literature Classes every semester.

Research assistant. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

August 23, 2015- May 2016.

- Editing adviser book: *Transgender in Latin America Science Fiction*.
- Take Research Doctoral Spanish/ Latin American & Latino Literature Classes every semester.

Teaching assistant. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

August 20, 2013- May 2015.

- Teach two Spanish Classes every semester with approximately 27 students each class.
- Take three to two Doctoral Spanish/ Latin American & Latino Literature Classes every semester.

Teaching assistant. University of Arkansas, Kimpel Hall 425, Fayetteville, AR 72701. 479-575-2951

August 15, 2011- July 2013.

- Teach two Spanish Classes every semester with approximately 27 students each class.
- Take three M.A. Spanish/ Latin American & Latino Literature Classes every semester.

Athlete's Tutor, Bogle Academic Center, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

Jan 17, 2011- August 2011

Student support specialist. Campus Life Center University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

July 2009 - August 2011.

- Serve as a primary contact for Campus Life Center, including phone calls and walk in.
- Provide Student information about campus activities, involvement, and support professional staff members.
- Perform general office tasks and complete projects as assigned

Mentor, Step by Step program, North-west Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, AR

October 2005 - July 2008

- Provided academic one-on-one/group tutoring support to ESL participants at Springdale High School.
- Assisted participants in developing competency in coursework.
- Encouraged high school program participants to seek post-secondary educational opportunities.
- Assisted High School participants with school, career exploration, college applications, financial aid and preparation for college
- Developed assessment tools for the program.
- Conduct assessment of programs participants through paper-based surveys.

PUBLICATION AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

• "La ciborg de Rosa Montero como utopía de la redención social," *Alambique:Revista académica de ciencia ficción y fantasía / Jornal acadêmico de ficção científica e fantasia*, Scholar Commons USF, Vol.7 no.1, Jan.15, 2020.

• "Ygdrasil: una humanidad desmembrada y reciclada," The Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington KY, Apr.20-22, 2017.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Scholarship: UF Graduate School Fellowship: Aug. 2013- Aug. 2017

- Graduate Student travel grant: \$400 (UF Spanish Department) Apr. 2017
- Graduate Student travel grant: \$300 (UF Graduate College) Apr. 2017

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Latino & Latin American graduate student association. University of Arkansas

- Vice President (May 2012- May 2013)
- Secretary (August 2011- May 2012)

Make a difference day, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. November 2010

- Volunteer at the pet shelter

Race for the cure Volunteer for summer 2011

Emerging Leaders, a semester course by leadership department at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

Spring Semester, 2010

Student Ambassadors, North-west Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, AR

August 2007-August 2008

- Coordinator of Game and TV Room

Volunteer for Financial Aid help, 2 weekends, North-west Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, AR Summer 2008

Service UF Spanish Department,

- Graduate Student Representative to Spanish/Portuguese Faculty, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, 2014-2015

Grace Marketplace Breakfast for 200 homeless,

- Volunteer from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Sat Nov 11, 2017.
- Volunteer from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Sat Feb 10, 2018.

Clemson University Spanish reading table).

- Facilitator for extra credit activities for Clemson University Spanish Students

Clemson University Declamation Contest (2018, 2019 and 2021)

- Supervisor, prompter and judge (2021).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Sigma Delta Pi

Member, Organización de Estudiantes Graduados de Español (AR:2011-2013) and (FL:2013-2018)

Member, Modern Language Association

Member, AATSP 2013-Present

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Power Point, Outlook, & Excel), Canvas, Zoom, and Voice Thread.

TEACHING INNOVATION AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- ACTFL Virtual Convention Nov 19-21, 2021
- *"Practical Paths for Integrating Culture,"* Webinar Vista Higher Learning, Spring 2021, March 17th at 5 pm
- *"Teaching Across and Connecting Beyond the Six-Foot Gap,"* Webinar Vista Higher Learning, Spring 2021, March 9th at 5 pm
- *"Reflecting on the Shift to Remote Teaching,"* Webinar Vista Higher Learning: Summer 2020.
- VoiceThread training. March 6, 2020: Workshop to learn a tool for recording lectures online.
- Annual Reflections Workshop for World Language Teachers' Workshop. University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg. February 17, 2020. From 8:30 – 3:00 p.m.
With the recent emphasis on the need for intercultural competency in world language learners, we are pleased to provide you the 2020 workshop titled "Intercultural Investigations and Interactions Through the Modes", facilitated by Mara S. Cobe, the World Languages Specialist for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, where she supervises World Language programs in seven languages.
- "Engagement strategies for world language classes" Vista Higher Learning. October 3, 2019. Webinar: Engagement Strategies for World Language Classes: Understanding What Works and Why. October 3rd at 7pm- 8pm EST
Presenter: Dr. Bobby E. Hobgood
Explore the construct of "engagement" Learn how to leverage simple yet powerful strategies to engage learners before, during, and after class.
- Annual Reflections World Language Teachers' Workshop University of South Carolina (Spartanburg SC): February 18, 2019. From 8:30 AM to 3:00 pm. The workshop facilitator, Dr. Leslie Baldwin. At University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg
Monday February 17, 8:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- University of Florida VoiceThread workshop: Participant. Summer 2018 by Dr. Marull Thursday, May 24th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm in Dauer Hall 240A.