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Education:

- **Ph.D. Candidate in Rhetoric and Composition**
The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), 2016- Current
Estimated Date of Graduation: 2018
Dissertation: "Using Spanish in English Language Spaces: Identifying Bilingual Composition Students' Negotiating Practices"
Department of English, Rhetoric and Composition
Committee: Kate Mangelsdorf (Chair), Theresa Donovan, Reynaldo Reyes.
- **Master of Arts**
Department of English, Professional Writing and Rhetoric
The University of Texas at El Paso
Date of Graduation: May 2018
Practicum: "El Paso Southern Union Gas: A Breakdown in Communications"
- **Bachelor of Arts**
Department of Communications, Journalism
The University of Texas at El Paso
Date of Graduation: May 1990
- **Associate of Arts**
Mass Communications
El Paso Community College
Graduation Date: May 1987

Teaching Experience:

Assistant Instructor

University of Texas at El Paso

Fall 2015- Present

- Rhetoric and Writing Studies 1301: Rhetoric and Composition

Adjunct English Professor

El Paso Community College, El Paso, Texas

August 2001- 2015

Taught in a traditional class setting as well as online, classes included:

- English 2341- Introduction to Literature
- English 1302- Research Writing and Literary Analysis
- English 1301- Expository English Composition
- English 0310- Basic English Composition
- English 0309- College Prep Writing

Adjunct English Professor

August 2011 – December 2012

Dona Ana Community College, New Mexico

Taught classes in a tradition classroom setting, classes included:

- English 203G: Business and Professional Communication
- English 111G Rhetoric and Composition

Adjunct English Professor

January – May 2010

Howard Payne University, El Paso, Texas

Taught classes in a tradition classroom setting

- English 1311: Composition I

English and Spanish Instructor

1990-1996

Language Plus, El Paso, Texas

Taught English as a Second Language courses; including:

- Spanish Immersion courses
- General Educational Development courses (El Paso County Jail)

Languages

- Proficient in speaking, reading and writing in English and Spanish

Conference Presentations

- “Multilinguals’ Resources: Using Spanish in English Language Spaces”, Qualitative Research Network roundtable workshop – a part of the *Conference on College Composition and Communication* in Portland, Oregon, March 15, 2017.
- “Bridging the Gap between First-Year Composition Instructors and Technology”, Inaugural *Conference Association of Rhetoric & Writing Studies*. El Paso, Texas, October 13, 2016.
- “Negotiating the Culture of Monolingualism in Composition Studies”, *Cultural Rhetorics Conference*. East Lansing, Michigan, September 30, 2016.
- “Negotiation of Language Ideologies in the Classroom: A Study along the U.S.-Mexico Border,” *Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference*. Las Vegas, Nevada, February 10, 2015.

Professional Work Experience

Media Buyer/Public Relations Officer

1996-2000

The Laster Group Advertising, El Paso, Texas

- Purchased media (advertising time and space) for clients: Thomason Hospital, Bank of the West, Texas Tech, Sunland Park Pontiac Buick GMC, La Feria, and Memorial Medical Center
- Wrote and distributed press releases for clients

Media Buyer/Promotions Director/Production Director

1993-1996

Mithoff/Lopez Hispanic Communications, El Paso, Texas

- Purchased Media (time on radio/TV) and space (billboards/newspapers) for clients: McDonald's, Pepsi-Cola, Food City, and Quaker Oats
- Wrote commercials in Spanish
- Directed commercials for radio and television
- Developed and generated public relations material for clients

Awards and Scholarships:

Nuestra Gente Award

- \$750 – Spring 2017

Department of English: Baker-Hernandez Grants for Graduate Student Research

- \$1,200 – Spring 2017
- \$1,200 – Fall 2016
- \$1,200 – Spring 2015

College of Liberal Arts Grants: Dodson Travel Grant

- \$500 – Spring 2017

UTEP Graduate School Travel Grant

- \$850 – Spring 2017

Adjunct Faculty Achievement Award, April 2013, El Paso Community College

Advertising Federation of El Paso Scholarship, May 1990, University of Texas at El Paso

Cabeza de Baca Spanish Scholarship, May 1984, El Paso, Texas

Professional Development and Certifications

- Teaching Online Academy, Fall 2016, UTEP
- First-Year Composition Graduate Student Research, 2014, UTEP
Conducted ethnographic research in first-year composition course on the linguistic practices at a Hispanic-Serving Institution (PI: Dr. Kate Mangelsdorf and Dr. Char Ullman)
- Southwest Seminar for Great Teaching, October 2012 and October 2013, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Teachership Academy Certification, 2010-2011, El Paso Community College

Workshops Attended

- Winter Dissertation Studio, December 12-16, 2016, University of Texas at El Paso
- Writing the Dissertation Prospectus in the Humanities, February 19, 2016, University of Texas at El Paso
- iMovie, March 2, 2015, University of Texas at El Paso
- English Core Assessment Training Workshop, February 2015, El Paso Community College
- Building Bridges: The First Annual EPCC Dual Credit Instructional Conference, November 2014, El Paso Community College

- Using English Beyond the Basics (Formerly Progress Markers) in Developmental Writing, August 2014, El Paso Community College
- Bullying of Faculty by Students, April 2014, El Paso Community College
- How to Implement the QEP into Your Classes! January 2014, El Paso Community College
- Composing Beyond the Pages: Teaching with Technology, January 2014, El Paso Community College
- Keeping Abreast of Scholarly Literature, September 2013, University of Texas at El Paso
- The Curriculum Vitae, September 2013, University of Texas at El Paso
- Accessing Norton Field Guide to Writing Student Resources Online for English Instructors, August 2013, El Paso Community College

Community Service:

Volunteer

- Tutor elementary students at Roberts Elementary in reading and math, November 2013 to December 2013, Harvest Christian Center, El Paso, Texas
- Take care of newborns during church services, January 2009 to present
Harvest Christian Center, El Paso, Texas
- Assisted in the office and helped teachers with classroom projects, January – May 2013
Mt. Franklin Christian Academy, El Paso, Texas
- Planned and executed a used uniform swap/sale, May 2011 to present
Mt. Franklin Christian Academy, El Paso, Texas
- Volunteered as group leader at Vacation Bible School, Summer 2010 to present
Harvest Christian Center, El Paso, Texas

Committees: *Served on the following committees at El Paso Community College*

- Online/Dual Credit
- Grammar Skills
- Exit Exam Committee
- Special Projects

Professional Memberships

Frontera Retorica

2016 - Present

University of Texas at El Paso chapter of Rhetoric Society of America

References

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