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AREAS OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST

Spanish Language: Beginning and Intermediate Spanish, Third-Year Grammar, Conversation, Composition, Reading; Introductory Culture

Hispanic Linguistics

Language Teaching Methodology

EDUCATION

Doctoral studies in Hispanic Linguistics, Indiana University, 1984 - 1993

Courses in syntax, phonology, historical grammar, and second language acquisition

Master of Arts, Hispanic Linguistics, Indiana University, 1984

Bachelor of Arts, Spanish, The College of Wooster, 1982

Senior thesis: "García Márquez y 'el elemento añadido' en *Crónica de una muerte anunciada*"

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Spanish. Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures, Grand Valley State University, Fall 2000 - present.

Visiting Instructor of Spanish. Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures, Grand Valley State University, Fall 1993 - Summer 2000.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish. Dept. of Classical and Modern Languages, University of Louisville, Fall 1990 - Spring 1991.

Associate Instructor. Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese, Indiana University, Fall 1982 - Summer 1990, Fall 1991 - Summer 1993.

Instructor. Continuing Studies, Indiana University, 1989 - 1990.

COORDINATING EXPERIENCE

- Coordinator, Spanish Language Program, Grand Valley State University, Summer 2014 - present.
- Coordinator, Spanish Section, Grand Valley State University, Summer 2010 - Spring 2014.
- Supervisor, Part-time Spanish adjunct instructors, Grand Valley State University, 2001 - 2009.
- Course Coordinator, Elementary Spanish I and Second-year Spanish I, Indiana University, 1984 - 1986.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (* Denotes course taught at Grand Valley State University.)

- Elementary Spanish I and II *
- Supplemental Elementary Spanish
- Intensive Elementary Spanish *
- Intermediate Spanish I and II *
- Hispanic Culture and Conversation (fifth-semester Spanish "bridge" course)
- Supplemental Spanish Grammar *
- Spanish Conversation *
- Reading Strategies in Spanish *
- Reading and Telling Stories *
- Spanish Conversation and Composition I and II *

- Advanced Spanish Grammar *
- Spanish Teaching Methods *
- Introduction to Spanish Linguistics *
- Sociolinguistics of Spanish *
- Elementary Spanish for Graduate Students
- Spanish for AT&T Operators

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Students on the Verge of L2 Proficiency Awareness?” co-authored with Michael Vrooman, American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese conference, June 2006.
- “Students on the Verge of a Proficiency Awareness: Documenting Learners’ Ongoing Awareness and Interpretation of Proficiency,” co-authored with Michael Vrooman, poster session at Georgetown University Round Table on Linguistics, March 2005.
- “Making the Transition to Higher Levels of Foreign Language Proficiency,” co-authored with Michael Vrooman, Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Columbus, Ohio, March 2005.
- “Structured Output Activities for Beginning Spanish Learners,” Michigan Foreign Language Association conference, Lansing, Michigan, October 29, 2004.
- “Structured Input Activities for Beginning Spanish Learners,” Michigan Foreign Language Association conference, Lansing, Michigan, October 24, 2003.
- “Integrating 'Homemade' Multimedia into Spanish Language Courses.” Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 1997.

SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS at Grand Valley State University

- “So, What Are You Going to Do with That? Study Abroad Basics,” MLL Teaching Workshop, August 21, 2017.
- “Mini Projects, or Fulfilling the LRC Requirement,” MLL Teaching Workshop, August 22, 2016.
- “Diversifying Activities and Assessment: Part I: Break It Down... and Build It Up!” MLL Outreach for Teachers: Addressing Diverse Needs and Learning Styles in the Classroom,” November 14, 2015.
- “Introduction to ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines,” MLL Teaching Workshop, August 18, 2014.
- “Using Short Films for Description and Narration Practice,” MLL Teaching Workshop, August 19, 2013.
- “*Nada que perder*: Student-Driven Discussion Questions,” MLL Teaching Workshop, August 20, 2012.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Workshop “From Technology Use to Technology Integration: Can I Get There from Here?” Vista Higher Learning, Phoenix, AZ, October 19-20, 2017.
- Workshop “Blended Foreign Language Learning: Where We Stand and Where We're Going,” Susan Hojnacki, GVSU, September 27, 2017.
- Workshop “Teaching Language for Transformation,” Lee Forester, GVSU, September 30, 2016.
- Workshop “La escritura se hace, no se dice,” Víctor Moreno, Spanish Section, GVSU, October 17, 2015.
- ACTFL Workshop “OPI Familiarization,” Martina Lindseth, GVSU, September 18, 2015.
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 21-23, 2014.
- Workshop “The Multiliterate Advanced Learner,” Heidi Byrnes, GVSU, October 2, 2014.
- GVSU Partnership Delegation to Universidad del Bío Bío, Chile, May 11-20, 2013.
- ACTFL Workshop “Designing Integrated Proficiency Assessments,” Bonnie Adair-Hauck, GVSU, September 16, 2011.

ACTFL Workshop “Teaching Listening: Interpersonal and Interpretive Modes,” Bonnie Adair-Hauck, GVSU, September 17, 2010.

ACTFL Workshop “Teaching and Assessing Reading,” Karl Otto, GVSU, September 11, 2009.

ACTFL Workshop “Teaching Speaking,” Chantal Thompson, GVSU, October 24, 2008.

ACTFL Workshop “Teaching Writing: Interpersonal and Presentational Modes,” Robert Vicars, GVSU, October 12, 2007.

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Nov. 19-20, 2004.

Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Dearborn, MI, April 2-3, 2004, including workshop “Strengthening Advanced Language Classes: Moving Students Toward Extended Discourse.”

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Conference, Chicago, IL, August 2-4, 2003.

Workshop “Teaching Writing in the Foreign Language Classroom,” Center for Language Education and Research, Michigan State University, June 23-25, 2003.

ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview Workshop, Mildred Rivera, GVSU, Aug. 20-23, 2001.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer reviewer, *Hispania*, 2012 - present.

Peer reviewer, *Foreign Language Annals*, 2008 - present.

Reviews and evaluations of textbooks and materials, various.

For Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Grand Valley State University

- Organizer, Annual Workshop on Teaching August 2003 - present.
- Chair, Study Abroad Committee, Spanish section, 2017 - present.
- Member, MLL Assessment Committee, 2013- present.
- Chair, Hugo Salazar Scholarship Committee, August 2011 - present.
- Co-Advisor, Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society, 2010 - present.
- Co-coordinator, Outreach to High School Teachers, Fall 2006 - Winter 2008.
- Program Director, Study abroad program in Guadalajara, Mexico, Spring 2001 and Spring 2002.
- Faculty Advisor, La Tertulia Spanish Club, 1997 - 2002.
- Member, Foreign Language Resource Center Resource Implementation Committee, 1996 - 1997.

For Grand Valley State University

- Member, Advising Task Force, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, January- October 2014.
- Member, GVSU Partnership Delegation to Universidad del Bío Bío, Chile, May 11-20, 2013.
- Member, University Curriculum Committee, Winter 2007.
- Member, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee, 2006 - 2008.
- Member, Advising Resource Center Advisory Committee, 2005 - 2006.
- Participant, Open Classrooms program, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, 2001 - 2003.
- Nominated for Pew Teaching Excellence Award, Grand Valley State University, 2000 and 2001.
- Faculty Fellow, Campus Housing, Grand Valley State University, 1995 - 1996.

In the community

- Advisory Board Member, Gary Byker Memorial Library of Hudsonville, Hudsonville, MI, 2009 - present.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

Michigan World Language Association

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Kappa Phi

Sigma Delta Pi