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Education

- 2005-2012 Ph.D. Curriculum, Instruction, and Media Technology/Language Education, Indiana State University.
2005-2008 Additional coursework in Spanish literature with an emphasis in Latin American and Caribbean history and culture, Indiana State University.
2003-2005 M.A. Linguistics/TESOL certificate, Indiana State University
1998-2002 B.A. Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language, University of Costa Rica

Teaching Experience

- 2013-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Foreign Languages, University of North Alabama
2011-2013 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Indiana State University.
2007-2008 Multimedia and technology developer, Indiana State University
2003-2006 Teaching Assistant, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Indiana State University.
2002-2003 Teaching Assistant, Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Cornell College, Iowa

Publications

- Alvarado-Brizuela, Alejandra. "A case study of the perceptions and reactions of Spanish-speaking students to motivators and demotivators in the English language classroom." *Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Journal*, vol. 13, no. 1, 2016.
- Montañez, Carmen L., **Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela**, and Fares Da Silva. *Mar y Cielo: Literatura Caribeña (Antología)*. New York: Linus Publications, Inc., 2011. Print.

Conference Presentations

- "Forensic linguistics: overview and applications," Simposio Académico de Lingüística y Traducción 2020, Universidad de San Carlos, Guatemala, October 2020.
- "Promoviendo la justicia social a través de la literatura en una clase de español intermedio," AATSP 12th Biennial Northeast Regional Conference, Wellesley, MA, September 2019.
- "Language Learning Beyond Borders: Costa Rica/USA College Pen Pal Exchange," TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo, Baltimore, MD, April 2016.
- "Amalgama de colores: el personaje femenino en la obra de Carmen Montañez," Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, April 2015.
- "Best Practices in Teaching Foreign Languages Online at College Level," United States Distance Learning Association Conference, St. Louis, MO, April 2013.
- "Learning from the Experience: Reflections and Best Practices in a first-year Online Foreign Language Program at Indiana State University," Conversations on Teaching Conference, Terre Haute, IN, April 2012.

“Esencia de mujer: evolución sutil del erotismo a la maternidad en la poesía de Ana Istarú,” The Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, April 2009.

“Using cartoons to teach culture in the Spanish class: Standard-based instruction,” Indiana Foreign Language Teachers’ Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN, November 2005.

Awards and Recognitions

- 2019 Academic Affairs Outstanding Advising Award, University of North Alabama
- 2019 Honorary membership in Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society, University of North Alabama
- 2018 Honorary membership in the National Society for Leadership and Success, University of North Alabama
- 2018 Nominated for the Academic Affairs Outstanding Advising Award, University of North Alabama
- 2017 Inducted in Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of North Alabama
- 2016 Nominated for the College of Arts & Sciences Early Career Outstanding Faculty Award (teaching), University of North Alabama
- 2015 Nominated for the College of Arts & Sciences Early Career Outstanding Faculty Award (service), University of North Alabama
- 2010 Norma Grossjean Graduate Assistantship in Education, Indiana State University
- 2010 Distinguished Student Assistant Award, Indiana State University
- 2008 Bentil Award, Outstanding Doctoral Student, Indiana State University
- 2005 Alva E. Davis Award, Outstanding Graduating Master’s Student in Linguistics/TESOL, Indiana State University
- 2004 John D. Potter Award, Service to Hispanic Community: Translation / Interpretation; Indiana State University

Professional Development (conferences attended)

- 2020 Simposio Académico de Lingüística y Traducción, Universidad de San Carlos, Guatemala, October 2020.
- 2019 AATSP 12th Biennial Northeast Regional Conference, Wellesley, MA, September 2019.
- 2016 IV Congreso Internacional del Español. “El español: innovación, tecnología y comunicación.” Salamanca, Spain
- 2016 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo in Baltimore, MD
- 2015 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, San Diego, CA
- 2015 Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- 2013 United States Distance Learning Association Conference, St. Louis, MO
- 2013 Modern Languages Association Annual conference, Boston, MA
- 2012 Conversations on Teaching Conference, Indiana State University
- 2009-2011 INTESOL Conference; IUPUI, Indianapolis
- 2010 TESOL International Conference & English Language Expo in Boston, MA
- 2009 Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- 2009 Louisville Conference on Literature and Language since 1900, University of Louisville
- 2004 Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference, Bloomington, Indiana
- 2003-2005 Indiana Foreign Language Teachers’ Association Conference, Indianapolis