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Present Status

1994-present

Senior Lecturer in Spanish

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

Education

1982

Ph.D.

The University of Texas at Austin

Major: in Contemporary Spanish

Latin American Literature

Minors: French and Portuguese

Research:

Contemporary Spanish Latin American Narrative

XIX Century Spanish Latin American Narrative

XIX Century Spanish Peninsular Narrative

Dissertation:

Title: "La Narrativa de Jorge Ibarguengoitia".

Supervisor: Prof. Julio Ortega

Courses Taught:

Spanish Language, all levels

Spanish American Literature

1976

M.A.

Indiana State University

Major: in Spanish Literature

Minor: Italian

1974

Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey

Licenciado en Letras Españolas

Major: Spanish Language & Literature

Minors: Italian, Latin and Education

Honors and Awards

- 2009** **Rotunda Yearbook Outstanding Professor**, in recognition of teaching excellence, Southern Methodist University, Dallas
- 2009** **H.O.P.E. Honoring Our Professors' Excellence Award**, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 2004** **H.O.P.E. Honoring Our Professors' Excellence Award**, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 2003** **H.O.P.E. Honoring Our Professors' Excellence Award**, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 2000** **H.O.P.E. Honoring Our Professors' Excellence Award**, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 1974** **Summa Cum Laude**
Licenciado en Letras Españolas
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey
Monterrey, Nuevo León, México.
- 1974** **Lic. Luis Echeverría Álvarez, President of Mexico**,
Commendation for Best Student in Mexico
Diploma and Medal, Mexico City , México.
- 1974** **Highest Academic Honor Distintion**,
Licenciatura en Letras Españolas
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey,
Monterrey, Nuevo León, México.

List of References

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|---|---|
| Dr. Naomi Lindstrom:
The University of Texas
at Austin | Professor of Spanish American Literature
Dissertation Committee and
Teaching Supervisor |
| Dr. Carlos Solé:
The University of Texas
at Austin, | Professor of Spanish Linguistics
Spanish Language Teaching Coordinator |
| Dr. René Prieto
The University of Texas at Dallas
Dallas, Texas | Professor in Arts and Humanities and Guggenheim
Fellow Arts and Humanities Chair |

Teaching Experience

- 2002-present **Senior Lecturer in Spanish**
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 1995-2001 **Lecturer in Spanish**
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 1994- 1995 **Adjunct Instructor, Spanish**
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 1995-2007 **Continuing Education for Adults, Spanish**
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 2000-2001 **Private Group Instructor** of Spanish Language,
DDB Worldwide Communications Group Inc.,
Dallas, Texas
- 1987-2000 **Private Instructor** of Spanish Language and
Literature Survey Courses to H. Richard Pascoe,
M. D., Head Pathologist, Presbyterian Hospital,
Dallas, Texas.
- 1992-1993 **Instructor**, Spanish for Medical Personnel,
Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas, Texas.
- 1983-1987 **Teacher**, Spanish, Elementary and Middle School,
St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Austin, Texas.
- 1982- 1983 **Lecturer and Coordinator** of
Elementary Spanish Courses,
The University of Texas at Austin.
- 1978 **Instructor**, Spanish, Continuing Education,
The University of Texas at Austin.
- 1976-1971 **Teaching Assistant/Assistant Instructor**,
Elementary, Intermediate and
Advanced Spanish Level Courses,
The University of Texas at Austin.
- 1975-1976 **Teaching Assistant**, Spanish, Elementary
and Intermediate Level Courses,
Indiana State University, Terre Haute

- 1974-1975 **Assistant Instructor**, Spanish Literature and Language Courses, Preparatoria del Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Nuevo León, México.
- 1973-1975 **Instructor**, Spanish, Language and Literature Courses, Escuela Secundaria Melitón Villarreal, Monterrey, Nuevo León, México.

Other Teaching Experience

- Summer 2011-present **Director**, SMU-in-Heredia, Costa Rica
- Summer 2000-2010 **Director**, SMU-in-Xalapa, Xalapa, México
- Summer 1986 **Coordinator**, Intensive Spanish Course for St. Andrew's Middle School Students at San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, México.
- Summer 1975 **Instructor**, Effectiveness and Techniques in Teaching Spanish Language and Literature, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Nuevo León, México.
- Summer 1974 **Instructor**, Spanish, Language Courses for North American Students, Spanish as a Second Language, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Nuevo León, México.
- Summer 1974 **Instructor**, Technical Spanish to Indonesian Technicians and Engineers, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Nuevo León, México.

Other Responsibilities and Committees

- 2000-2008 **Search Committee Participation for Assistant Professors.** Visited their teaching class, read files and completed evaluations for the search committee on: Olga Colbert, Miguel López, Erick Kartchner, Luis Maldonado, Denise DuPont, Francisco Morán, Alberto Pastor and Gabriela Vokic..
- 2010-2013 **Search Committee Participation for Lecturers and/or PPO,** read files, selected and interviewed candidates for the hiring of Joy Saunders, Lourdes Molina and Rachel Hall

- 2007-2010 **Study Abroad Council Member** (now **Education Abroad**),
appointed by Associate Provost Dr. Tom Tunks, Southern
Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 2005-2010 **Spanish Area Advisor**, appointed by Foreign Languages and
Literatures Chair Dr. Gordon Birrell, Southern Methodist
University, Dallas, Texas
- 2004-present **Sorority Advisor, Kappa Delta Chi**, Southern Methodist
University, Dallas, Texas

Scholarships

- 1968-1974 **Tuition Scholarship**, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios
Superiores de Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico.
- 1981-1982 **Ph.D. Dissertation Scholarship**, Acción Cultural y
Asistencial, A.C. Private Association,
Monterrey, Nuevo León, México.

Grant Proposals

- 1979 Research Grant from The Graduate Studies
Office, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 1982 Lilia M. Casis Spanish Research Fund, Spanish
and Portuguese Department, The University of
of Texas at Austin.

Publications

Poem: “Rara Avis”, in Semblanza, A Creative and
Critical Tribute to Alexander Parker, Austin:
The University of Texas. 1979

Prologue to *Tajinoches* (Short Stories), Álvaro Brizuela Absalón,
Xalapa: Ediciones Tanasspi, A.C. 2006

Attended

- April 2008 “Forum on Education Abroad”, Participated in sessions on
ethical principles, practices and latest trends while studying
abroad, Boston, Massachusetts

Invited Lectures

- May 2010 Critical Review and Lecture of book *Antes que los borre el viento* by Mexican author Martha Elena Madero, Mexico Institute, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- October 2009 Hegi Family Career Development Center, Work Abroad Panel, Guest Panelist, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- April 2009 Film opening of *Arráncame la vida* and presentation of Mexican author Ángeles Mastretta, Mexico Institute, Dallas, Texas
- April 2008 LULAC Youth Banquet, Key Note Speaker, Dallas, Texas
- June 2007 Prologue of *Tajinoches*, Presentation and introduction of new book by Alvaro Brizuela Absalón, Departamento de Humanidades, Universidad Veracruzana, Xalapa. Mexico
- April 2004 “Homage to Jorge Ibargüengoitia”, Guest Speaker to celebrate The Day of Spanish Language, Mexico Institute, Dallas, Texas
- Fall, 1997 “La Plaza del Diamante”, Homage to Gene S. Forrest, Meadows Museum at Southern Methodist University
- Spring, 1979 “Mexican Culture: Travel in Mexico”, Spanish course, Continuing Education, The University of Texas at Austin.
- Spring, 1978 “The Political Parties in Mexico”, Spanish and Portuguese Department, The University of Texas at Austin.
- Fall, 1978 “The Mexican Woman in Contemporary Society”, Spanish and Portuguese Department, The University of Texas at Austin.

Honor Societies Sigma Delta Pi, Hispanic Society
Eta Zeta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International