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EDUCATION

- 2 graduate classes at UGA toward Ph. D, 2008 & 2009
- Masters in Spanish and Linguistics, Georgia State University, 2004
- Bachelors in French, North Georgia College and State University, 1992-95
- Associates in Foreign Languages, Gainesville College, 1992

AWARDS AND HONORS

- NISOD Excellence Award, 2011
- The Ann Matthews Purdy Outstanding GSC Faculty Member of the Year 2010, Gainesville State College
- Outstanding French student award at Gainesville College, 1992
- José Martí Spanish award at Gainesville College, 1991
- 3rd Place in poetry writing contest at Gainesville College's literary magazine, *Perceptions* 1990

TEACHING POSITIONS

- 8/2012 -- present, Assistant Professor of Spanish, University of North Georgia
- 8/2008 – 2012, Assistant Professor of Spanish, Gainesville State College
- 2005 – 2008, Instructor of Spanish, Gainesville State College
- 1996 – 1997, Instructional Lab Assistant for Basic French
- 1995 – 2005, Instructional Lab Assistant for Spanish,

COURSES TAUGHT

- Basic Spanish 100 and French 100
- Basic Spanish and 1000
- Elementary Spanish 1001
- Elementary Spanish 1002
- Intermediate Spanish 2001
- Intermediate Spanish 2002
- Intermediate Conversation Spanish 2121
- Advanced grammar and Composition Spanish 3125, (3510 UNG)
- Intro to Linguistics MLAN 2010 / Linguistics 2010
- MFLA How to Learn a Foreign Language for Spanish
- ESL 0062 (co-taught) with Professor Maluvi Martin-Kaesbeck, (fall 2001)

ADMINISTRATIVE

Gainesville State College

- Chair, Search committee for the full time French teaching position, 2012
- Co-chair, logo and publicity sub-committee for QEP, 2011
- Chair, Search committee for the full time Spanish teaching position, 2008 & 2009
- Chair, Budget Allocations Committee for student activity fee, 2007
- Administrator for Foreign Language Department scholarships 05- spring 2013
- Chair, Staff Council, 2003-2004

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Created tests and ancillary materials for target grammar structures for texts *Enfoques*, *Aventuras*, *Language: Its Structure and Use*, *Hola Amigos*, *Claro Que Sí*, *Mosaicos*, *Parallèles*, *Imagina*, and *Conversaciones Creadoras: Mastering Spanish Conversation*

PRESENTATIONS

- “Practical Transitions through Vocabulary: A bridge For Discussion” Present, The Foreign Language Association of Georgia, Atlanta Georgia, March 4-5, 2011
- “Modifying a Tutor-based FL Lab to Meet the Changing Student Needs”, Co-presented, 7th Annual Georgia Tutoring Association Conference, Macon, GA, February 24, 2007
- “Su casa NO es mi casa: Cuba and the Problem of Home”, Community College Humanities Association Southern Conference, Co-presented, Asheville, NC, October 29-30, 2006
- “Academic Discipleship: A Model Mentoring Program”, Co-presented, 13th Georgia Conference on College & University Teaching at Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, March 24- 25, 2006,
- “Lab Support for ESL Students: How to do it right!”, Co-presented, The Sixth Annual Adult ESL Education Mini-Conference, Dunwoody, GA, November 11, 2000

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- American Association for Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, “Building and Integrated to Develop Higher Language Proficiency”, Norcross, GA, September 21, 2013
- American Association for Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, “Get Your Groove On: New Technologies for the Foreign Language Classroom”, Lawrenceville, GA, September 15, 2012
- American Association for Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, “Integrating Culture into the Classroom”, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, August 24, 2011

- Foreign Language Association of Georgia, “Building Reading Proficiency Through Reading Strategies”, Oakwood, GA, September 18, 2010
- American Association for Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, Communicative focus on Language Production, Westminster Schools of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, September, 12, 2009
- American Association for Teachers Spanish and Portuguese, Collins Hill School, Suwanee, GA, September 20, 2008
- Conversations Among Partners in Learning, “Thinking Critically About Multiethnic Literature”, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, March 15, 2003
- Conversations Among Partners in Learning, “Teaching Grammar: Achieving the Standard of Critical Thinking”, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, October 20, 2001
- Georgia Teachers of English of Speakers of Other Languages, Marietta, GA, March 23-24, 2001
- “Action Research” presentation (in Second Language Acquisition) by Graham Crookes, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, October 09, 2000
- Georgia Teachers of English of Speakers of Other Languages, “Cultivating Gringo Bilingualism with limited resources”, and “Mexican and US Classrooms: Preferred Behaviors, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, May 12-13, 2000
- Mountain Academic Alliance Association, North Georgia College and State University, Dahlonega, GA, March 16, 2000
- Egyptian EFL (English as Foreign Language) Training Conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, February 8, 2000
- Mountain Academic Alliance Association, North Georgia College and State University, Dahlonega, GA, May 1998

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- Merritt, Garry. “Glass and Mirror.” *The Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture: Handbook for Students*. Sheffield Phoenix Press. 2012. Print
- Merritt, Garry. “Worm That Does Not Die.” *The Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture: Handbook for Students*. Sheffield Phoenix Press. 2012. Print
- Merritt, Garry. “Mi Único Amigo.” *Perceptions*. 11 (1992): 15. Print
- Merritt, Garry. “Acceptance.” *Perceptions*. 10 (1991): 20. Print

- Merritt, Garry. “Unconditional Regard.” *Perceptions*. 10 (1991): 22. Print
- Merritt, Garry. “Introspection.” *Perceptions*. 10 (1991): 24. Print
- Merritt, Garry. “Rain Song.” *Perceptions*. 9 (1990): 11. Print

SYSTEM AND COLLEGE SERVICE

System

- Member of University System’s America’s Council and Representative for Gainesville State College’s Americas Council, 2006-2008

College

- Judge for 3 Spanish Speech debates for communication department, October, 2012
- Member, QEP committee (for SACS preparation), 2011
- Member, Foreign Language B.A. development committee, 2010
- Captain, Faculty/Staff Campaign for the GSC foundation, 2010 and 2011
- Member, Who’s Who selection committee, 2010
- Member, Conduct committee, 2010 to present
- Member, Teaching Excellence Initiative, 2010
- Judge, Speech contest for communication Department, 3/6/2009
- Supported Professor Allison Ainsworth with her graduate studies research, 2009
- Member, Goizueta Committee, 2005 -2008
- Mentor to Adjunct faculty, 2006 to present
- Administrator of special scholarship funds budget to award deserving students, spring 2006 to present
- Member, Budget Allocation Committee for student activity fee 2006-2008
- Supported Professor Joe Lavalley with graduate studies research 2006
- Member, Foreign Language lab Advisory committee, 2007
- Visited Dr. Annette Cash of Georgia State University to gain insight about developing our 4 year multi-tract Spanish degree program (with Dale Crandall), 3/14/2006
- Member, Search Committee for fulltime tenure tract Spanish faculty position, spring 2006
- Member, panel “Vive la Difference”, “Multi-tasking”10/2004
- Member, Staff Council, July 2001- 2004
- Chair Elect, Staff Council, 2002-2003
- Mentor, Minority Males Mentor Program (Progressive Men’s Organization), 2002-2003
- Member, Master Planning Committee, 2001 and 2002
- Member, Panel on TRR Tuition Remission and Reimbursement program 9/01/2001
- Mentor to new staff members 2001- 2004
- Participant, fundraiser a Day for Gainesville College, 2000
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee fall 1997- June 2004
- Personnel, with Lingua Franca Day 1991-1995
- Facilitator, multilingual “Simon Says” Ice-breaker for GSC’s Prep program for visiting middle school students (with Mr. Juan Plazarte and Ms. Hieu Huynh), 1996-1998

- Support staff for summer scholar's program 1991-1994
- Member, Grievance Committee, 1993

TRANSLATIONS

- General Motors, factory assembly plan, (electronic document), MI, 2005
- Translated signage for Marion Darricott (GC Security) and pamphlet for Francine Dibbens (GC Theater), July 11, 2004
- Siemens VDO Automotive, QS 9000 document, Gainesville, GA, January, 2002
- Siemens VDO Automotive, Manufacturing Process Training Presentation PowerPoint, February, 2002
- Translated Croatian/English document into French for perspective Serb Croatian student, July 12, 2002

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Spanish Interpreter for LISEL Project (Steps to College through Science) at Laneir Tech (in conjunction with UGA) for West Hall middle school, November 3, 2012
- Participant, Relay for Life Walk 1999-2003, Contribution to Relay for Life 1999-2011
- Donate to Gainesville College Foundation, 1995- 2012, ...UNG (present)
- Volunteer, prison ministry at Hall County Correctional Institution, 1998 -2004
- Speaker, Fair Street Elementary School on Importance of Continuing One's Education, April 2004
- Donated, collected contributions, and helped deliver Christmas gifts to White Sulphur Elementary School students December, 2003
- Donated to State Charitable contribution fund, 2003-2004
- Interviewee, local radio station (Que Buena 101.9- on behalf of Margarita Muñoz) about GSC's ESL program, Continuing Education, and regular classes at Gainesville College, 2002
- Speaker, Diversity at North Hall High School for Paula Seabolt, September 2001
- Reader, Spanish story to students at Lyman Hall Elementary, April 2000
- Reader, Spanish story to students at White Sulphur Elementary, March, 1999
- Co-facilitator with Tonya Morrow, Rucker Memorial Project, July 1998
- Volunteered as parking attendant when GC's campus served as a parking site for nearby Olympic Venues, 1996

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Foreign Language Association of Georgia
- American Association of Teachers for Spanish and Portuguese
- Community College Humanities Association
- Georgia Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Mountain Academic Alliance Association