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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Professor of Spanish and curriculum innovator with 25+ years of university teaching experience. Specialist in Spanish language, Latin American literature, online pedagogy, Afrolatinidad studies, and culturally responsive curriculum design at HBCUs and MSIs. Experienced in study abroad leadership, interdisciplinary collaboration, and OER course development. Committed to equity, global learning, and student-centered instruction.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Spanish

Florida International University, 2007

Dissertation: *El discurso costumbrista colombiano del siglo XIX: Instrumento ideológico idealizado*

(Analysis of nation-building discourse in 19th-century Colombian literature.)

M.A., Spanish – Florida International University, 2003

Graduate Certificate, Latin American & Caribbean Studies – FIU

Graduate Teaching Certificate – FIU

B.A., Spanish, Magna Cum Laude – FIU

Coursework completed: Licenciatura en Lenguas Modernas, Universidad de La Salle, Bogotá

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Bethune-Cookman University (2016–Present)

Associate Professor of Spanish

Coordinator, Modern Languages Program (2016–2018)

- Redesigned BA curriculum in Modern Languages (Spanish & French)
- Developed OER-based online Spanish courses (MLS 131–132)
- Quality Matters Certified (2017)
- Led transition to remote learning during COVID-19
- Designed and directed Study Abroad Program to Spain (2019)
- Mentor and advisor to student organizations

Lenoir-Rhyne University (2008–2016)

Associate Professor of Spanish

Coordinator, Languages Program (2014–2016)

- Developed face-to-face, hybrid, and fully online Spanish curriculum
- Created Spanish for Business and Medical Spanish programs
- Directed Study Abroad program (Spain & Mexico)
- Trained faculty in online pedagogy (LAMP & Canvas)
- Served on CORE, Technology, Multicultural, and Convocation Committees

Florida International University (2003–2008)

- Instructor of Spanish (Online, Hybrid, Face-to-Face)
- AP Summer Institute Coordinator
- Taught language, business Spanish, grammar, and heritage speaker courses
- WebCT Course Assistant Coordinator
- AP Reader & AP Course Audit Reviewer (College Board)

Additional Appointments

- Adjunct Instructor of Spanish (2026-)
- Adjunct Faculty, Stetson University (2020–Present)
- Academic Content Translation Reviewer (English–Spanish), Saint Leo University (2021-2023)
- Adjunct Faculty, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (2019–2020)

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Book Manuscript (Under Review)

El discurso costumbrista colombiano del siglo XIX

Under academic evaluation, Editorial Universidad del Rosario (Colombia)

Curriculum Research Initiative

Afrolatinidad in Spanish Language Teaching (HSI–HBCU Collaboration)

Collaborative project with FIU & Florida Memorial University to increase Spanish-language success among Black students nationwide.

Publication

“Mercè Rodoreda and Her Discourse.” *Making Waves: Women's Studies Center*, FIU (2003).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (Recent & Representative)

- AATSP Annual Conference (2022–2023) – Afrolatinidad in Spanish Curriculum

- OLC Accelerate (2020) – Transition to Remote Teaching
- Global Studies Symposium (2021, 2024) – Internationalization at HBCUs
- INTED International Conference (Spain) – Online Spanish Pedagogy
- Southeast Coastal Conference (Multiple Years) – Literature & Teaching Innovation
(Full conference list available upon request.)

TEACHING & CURRICULUM EXPERTISE

- Spanish Language (Elementary to Advanced)
- Latin American & Peninsular Literature
- Spanish for Business & Health Professions
- Medical Spanish
- Afrolatinidad & Culturally Responsive Pedagogy
- Study Abroad Program Development
- OER Course Design
- Hybrid & Online Instruction
- Inquiry-Guided Learning & Flipped Classroom

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Selected)

- UNCF/Mellon Faculty Seminar (2022)
- Afrolatinizamos Lesson Planning Project (2023–2024)
- Online Learning Consortium Certification
- Universidad de Salamanca Faculty Training (Spain)
- Quality Matters Online Certification

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

- Faculty Senate Member, Bethune-Cookman University
- Advisor, H.O.L.A. Student Organization
- Study Abroad Director
- Faculty Mentor
- Community Translator & Advocate (WeCount!, Florida Immigrant Coalition)
- Latino Community Representative, City of Hickory

AWARDS

- Provost Award for Freshman Teacher of the Year (2017)
- Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award, FIU (2007)
- Teaching Assistant Excellence Award, FIU
- Community Service Awards (Multiple Institutions) (2012)

- Tinker Foundation Research Grant

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Modern Language Association (MLA)
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP)
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Native)

English (Near-native proficiency)

French (Intermediate)

REFERENCES (upon request)