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EDUCATION

- 2008 **Ph.D. Latin American Literature**; Purdue University,
West Lafayette, IN
Dissertation Title: “La experiencia del exilio: la clase social, el idioma y
los géneros sexuales en textos seleccionados de Julia Álvarez, Loida
Maritza Pérez y Junot Díaz: escritores dominico-americanos.”
- 2002 **M.A. Latin American Literature**; Purdue University,
West Lafayette, IN
- 1999 **B.A. Psychology**; University of Puerto Rico,
Río Piedras, PR

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2009- **Assistant Professor of Spanish, University of Texas-Pan American**
- 2007-09 Adjunct Lecturer, University of Texas-Pan American
- 2000-07 Teaching Assistant, Purdue University
- 2002 Lecturer, Purdue University
- 2002 Teacher, New Community School

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Texas-Pan American

Introduction to Latin America Studies
Introduction to Latin American Literature
Spanish Literature (1750 to the present)
Intermediate Spanish for Native Speakers
Introduction to Spanish Literature
Beginning Spanish
Spanish-American Short Story
Spanish-American Novel
Business Spanish

Purdue University

Spanish Level I
Spanish Level II
Elementary Spanish Conversation I
Elementary Spanish Conversation II
Elementary Spanish Conversation III
Spanish Level III
Spanish Level IV
Spanish Level V
Spanish Level VI
Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literature
Business Spanish

New Community School

First Grade – Introduction to Spanish
Fifth Grade – Basic Spanish I
Sixth Grade – Basic Spanish II

COURSES RELEVANT TO TEACHING

- Natural Need Exceptional Learner
- Psychology of Human Learning
- Teaching College Spanish

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Caribbean Literature / Latino Literature
- Post-Colonial Theory / Afro Hispanic Literature
- Cultural Studies / History and Film
- Women Studies / Business Spanish

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

1. “*La imagen del negro en El Lazarillo de ciegos caminantes.*” *Negritud: Revista de Estudios Afro-Latinoamericanos*. Vol. II. 1 (2008): 27-43. **(Peer-reviewed)**. United States of America.

Creative Writing

4. “*Me llama..., Madre, and Me Resisto...*” *Negritud: Revista de Estudios Afro-Latinoamericanos*. United States of America. [Forthcoming] 2009.

3. “Afro-Dominicana...”, “Libre”, “Lo que te crees”, “¿Cómo me ven?” and “Ponte pa’ ese número.” PALARA: Publication of the Afro-Latin/American Research Association. 13 (2009): 119-121. Dartmouth College, United States of America.
2. “Me despojaron de..., No te calles, Tu sangre, and Sin Patria.” Afro-Hispanic Review. 28. 1 (2009): 215-216. Vanderbilt University, United States of America.
1. “La amenaza.” Archipiélago: Revista Cultural de Nuestra América. 62 (2008): 32. CIALC de la Universidad Autónoma de México.

ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER AWARDS

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| 2009 | Recognized by Women Together/Mujeres Unidas for her contributions to several programs for women and children in Hidalgo & Starr Counties. |
| 2008 | Wang Center for International Business Scholarship. \$ 200.00. University of Memphis. |
| 2007 | CIBER Faculty International Travel Award. \$ 3,000.00. Purdue University. |
| 2006 | Purdue Research Fund (PRF). \$ 3,000.00. |
| 2004-05 | Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Excellence in Teaching Award. Purdue University. |
| 2003-05 | Purdue Doctoral Fellowship. \$15,105.00 per year. |
| 2004 | Honorable mention in the Literary Analysis Foreign Language category for the 73 rd Annual Literary Awards Competition, Dept. of English. Purdue University. |
| 2000-01 | Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, nominated as an outstanding T.A. Purdue University. |
| 2000-01 | Finalists for the Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures Teaching Award in the T.A. category. Purdue University. |
| 1999 | Social Sciences Department, Honors Cum Laude. University of Puerto Rico. |

CONFERENCE AND UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS

8. “The Afro-Mexico: La Costa Chica.” FESTIBA. University of Texas-Pan American. Faculty Presentations. March 23, 2009.

7. “*Libertad, identidad y exilio en “Geographies of Home” de Loida Maritza Pérez*” Sixty-Ninth Annual Convention & Seventy-Second Anniversary of the College Language Association. University of Maryland Eastern Shore, March 25-29, 2009.
6. “*Lo que te crees*”, “*¿Cómo me ven?*”, “*Ponte pa’ ese número*”, “*Afro-Dominicana*”, “*Libre*” and “*La amenaza.*” 1st Annual Conference Negritud: Revista de Estudios Afro-Latinoamericanos. Clark Atlanta University, March 12-14, 2009.
5. “*La memoria como puente creativo en obras selectas de Julia Álvarez, Loida Maritza Pérez y Junot Díaz.*” The 58 Annual Conference MALAS: The Midwest Association for Latin American Studies Conference. San Juan, PR, November 20 – 22, 2008.
4. “*El merengue como un espacio cultural de resistencia.*” Sixty-fifth Annual College Language Association Convention. Athens, GA, April 2005.
3. “*La negra Angustias sujeto transgresor en la Revolución Mexicana.*” Sixty-fourth Annual College Language Association Convention. Nashville, TN, April 2004.
2. “*La imagen del negro en El Lazarillo de ciegos caminant.*” Fifty-seventh Annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference. Louisville, KY, April 2003.
1. “*El merengue y la identidad nacional: El merengue como espacio de resistencia y transgresión en la República Dominicana.*” Twenty-Third Annual Cincinnati Conference on Romance Languages And Literatures. Cincinnati, OH, October 2003.

TEACHING, ONLINE LEARNING AND GRANT WORKSHOPS

13. Dr. Beatrice Mendez Newman. Writing in Every Discipline: Realities, Challenges, and Opportunities. University of Texas-Pan American, October 20, 2009.
12. Dr. Barbara J. Millis. “Teaching Effectiveness.” University of Texas-Pan American, October 10, 2009.
11. Dr. Barbara J. Millis. “Developing Critical Thinking Through Structural Group Work.” University of Texas-Pan American, October 9, 2009.
10. Ms. Liana Setti. “Budgeting 101.” University of Texas-Pan American, October 6, 2009.
9. Mr. Chance Heinsohn. “Disabilities in the classroom.” University of Texas-Pan American, October 8, 2008.

8. Beverly Ashley-Fridie. "Champions for Online Learning." University of Texas-Pan American, January 29, February 22, 2008.
7. Estellita Young. "Wimba Live Classroom & Wimba Voice Tools Presentation." University of Texas-Pan American, November 20, 2007.
6. Beverly Ashley-Fridie. "Champions for Online Learning on Blackboard." University of Texas-Pan American, September 25 and November 27, 2007.
5. Dr. Marne Helgesen. "The 7 Principles of Undergraduate Teaching." Purdue University, January 25, 2007.
4. Dr. Bill Pete. "Motivating Yourself and Your Students." Purdue University, January 18, 2007.
3. Dr. John Kirby. "Teachers in Film." Purdue University, October 26, 2006.
2. Dr. Emily Allen, and Dr. Kristina Bross. "Object Lessons: Teaching (with) Things." Purdue University, October 5, 2006.
1. Dr. Mary Sadowski. "Preparing Students for the Marketplace." Purdue University, September 28, 2006.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| 2009 | Member of the Advisory Committee for the II International Conference on Caribbean Studies (ICCS). |
| 2009 | Member of Purdue Latino Alumni Organization, Purdue University |
| 2009 | Panel moderator for the 1st Annual Conference Negritud: Revista de Estudios Afro-Latinoamericanos session Poetry. Clark Atlanta University |
| 2009 | Interviewed by Bruno Gaston, the interview was part of The Caribbean-American Heritage Moth on the show <i>The Tambor</i> broadcast on the Radio Station WRFG-FM. Atlanta, Georgia. |
| 2009 | Panel moderator for the I International Conference on Literature, Culture and Religion in the Hispanic World sessions <i>Literatura y religiosidad popular</i> and <i>Literatura y Religión en la escritura hispana</i> . The University of Texas-San Antonio and UTPA |
| 2005-07 | Organized with Nahyrs Rovira the Poetry Night called "Bomba Café" Purdue University |
| 2006 | Presented the movie <i>Nueba Yol</i> and led discussion during <i>Semana de la Raza</i> , Purdue University. |

- 2004-05 Organized the 7th Annual Graduate Conference, Border Crossing: From Oppression to Nation, of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Purdue University
- 2004-05 Panel moderator for the 7th Annual Graduate Conference, Border Crossing: From Oppression to Nation, session Changes in Latin American Literature of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Purdue University.

PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX.

- 2009-10 Search Committee
- 2009-10 Curriculum Committee
- 2007-08 Festiva Committee

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX

- 2009 Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Faculty Senate
- 2009 Scholarship Committee appointed by the International Office
- 2007-08 College Council representative

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

- 2005 Recruitment Trip to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Served as Assistant in initiating Graduate Student Recruitment in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
 - Promoted Purdue University and the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures through lecturing, radio and television.
- 2003 Division of Housing and Food Services
- Lectured about my experience as an international student in Puerto Rico and the United States with the purpose of helping them better understand and serve the international population

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX

- 2009 Participated in Semana de la Hispanidad on “Panel de Profesores de Escritura Creativa de UTPA. October 12, 2009.
- 2009 Presented at The University of Texas-Pan American 2009 Parent Orientation. July 9 and 23.
- 2009 Participated on Graduate Orientation on August 27, 2009.
- 2008 Requested funding (174.30 from the UTPA Bookstore), and made arrangements in conjunction with José M. Martínez, for the flyers and binders of the I International Conference on Literature, Culture and Religion in the Hispanic World to be held at The University of Texas-San Antonio on February 19-21, 2009.
- 2008 Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Judge for the first short story contest.

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

- 2004-07 Puerto Rican Student Association
- 2006-07 Latino Graduate Student Organization
- 2004-05 Senator for the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at the Purdue Graduate Student Government Senate
- 2004-05 Graduate Student Representative for Spanish at the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
- 2002-04 Black Graduate Association

SERVICE AND OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 2008- **Women Together / Mujeres Unidas, McAllen, TX**
- 2006 –07 **Latino Cultural Center, West Lafayette, IN**
- 2001-07 **International Center, West Lafayette, IN**

2005 **Dior Publishing**, Lafayette, IN
Narrated the two main characters in the Audio-CD of “Las Puertas Retorcidas,” (The Twisted Doors: The Scariest Way in the World to Learn Spanish!)

LANGUAGES

- Spanish: native language
- English: second language
- Portuguese: good level of listening and reading comprehension
- Certified in Modern Languages, French and Italian

PROFESIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Afro-Hispanic Review
College Language Association
Modern Language Association of America
Publication of the Afro-Latin/America Research Association