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Place of Birth: Havana, Cuba. United States Citizen.
Marital Status: Married, two children.

EDUCATION: B.A. in Home Economics, Havana, Cuba, 1954.
ABD in Pedagogy, Univ. of Villanova, Havana.
Doctorate course work completed except Dissertation.
M.A. in Spanish, Univ. of Illinois-Urbana, 1970.
ABD in Spanish, Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1970-76. Doctorate requirements completed, except the Diss.
Michigan Teaching Certificate, K-12.
North Carolina Teaching Certificate, K-15 additional credits in Spanish.
Indiana Teaching Certificate, K-12.
NTE (National Teachers Examination) passed 1999, Spanish and Professional Knowledge.
Endorsed as a Bilingual Spanish teacher

EXPERIENCE: Thirty-five years of experience as a certified teacher.
Spanish Teacher, Colegio San Pablo, Havana, 1959-63.
Spanish Instructor, First and Second year, Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1970-76.
Spanish Instructor, First and Second year, Wayne State Univ., Detroit, 1976-77.
Instructor of Spanish, Advanced Spanish Conversation, Syntax, Intro. to literature, Mercy College of Detroit, 1977.
Bilingual Spanish Teacher, Detroit Public Schools, 1977-1982.
Instructor of Spanish, Detroit Country Day School, 1982-1987. First-Fourth levels, High School,
Intensive preparatory course for Advanced Placement Test and Intl. Baccalaureate.
Watauga County Public Schools-North Carolina, FLES Program, Grades K-5, 6th, 7th and 8th, 1987-92.
Resource Instructor, Governor's Institute for Spanish Teachers. Assisted as native resource person with phonetic drills and honing the conversation skills of 25 teachers of Spanish. Appalachian State Univ. Summers of 1989 and 90.
Spanish Teacher, High School level and Advanced Placement courses (Intro. to Spanish literature), St. Joseph H. S., South Bend, IN, 1992-1995
Adjunct Faculty (Spanish) Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN, 1995-1999.

Lecturer, Department of Curriculum and Instruction,
University of Texas-Pan American, Supervision of
Student Teachers and Instructor. 1999 to 2001

Part-time Spanish Instructor, Dept. of Mod. Lang., Univ. of Texas-Pan Am.,
2001.

Lecturer in Spanish, Dept. of Mod. Languages, Univ. of Texas Pan American,
2002-present.

HONORS: Member, Sigma Delta Pi Honorary Society.

MEMBERSHIP:

American Assoc. of Teachers of Span. and Port.

Modern Lang. Association of America

National Education Association.

Executive Committee Member, Foreign Languages Alive in Michiana Education.
1987-1992

Michiana Alliance for Foreign Language Programs. 1987
1992.

Hispanic Association of the Wabash Valley, 1995-99.

WORKSHOPS "Bilingual Education," Detroit Board of Ed., 1978

ATTENDED

FOR "Language Development," Detroit Board of Ed., 1978

CREDIT

"Bilingual Methods," Detroit Board of Ed., 1979

"Computer Assisted Language Instruction," Detroit
Country Day School, 1983.

"The Foreign Language Renaissance," Foreign Lang. Assoc. of North Carolina,
Oct. 24-25, 1987.

"The Well Stocked FLES Classroom," Northwest Region Ed.
Center, July 10-14, 1989.

"Teacher Performance Appraisal Instrument," Caldwell Community College,
4/11 to 5/4, 1989.

"Teaching Second Language in the Elementary School,"
Northwest Regional Ed. Center, Nov. to Dec., 1988.

"Mentoring," Caldwell Comm. College, June 19-22, 1989.

"Oral Proficiency," Appalachian State Univ. 4-16-1988.

"Newspapers in Education," NC State Dept. of Public Instruction, June 28, 1988.

"Second Language Acquisition," NC State Dept. of Public Instruction, 4-21 to 4-22, 1988.

"ETTP," Watauga Co. Schools, Jan.4-April 15, 1988.

"Regional Foreign Language," Region 7 and Watauga Co. Schools, April,1989.

"SACS: Preparing for the Ten Year Review," Watauga Co. Schools, June 1-5, 1989.

"SACS: Preparing for the Ten Year Visitation," Watauga Co. Schools, May 2, 1990.

Faculty Consultant,ETS and The College Board, Advanced Placement Program in Spanish, Trinity University. From 1997 to date

*I have received a total of 116 additional units of professional credit for workshop study, and more than fifty (50) hours of graduate work beyond the MA degree.

PAPERS.

"El personaje unanímista en las obras de Sastre," North East Modern Language Assoc., 1975.

"Student-Centered Instruction in the Spanish Classroom," Intl. Spanish Symposium, Univ. of Texas, Pan-Am, April, 2002.

"El realismo mágico en los cuentos de Lino Novás Calvo." Conference on Popular and American Culture, New Orleans, April 2003.

"Soñar en Cubano y el nuevo Realismo Mágico en la narrativa cubanoamericana." Fourth Biennial Conference on Spanish and Latin American Literature at Florida International University, Feb.26-28, 2004.

"Reafirmación de la identidad cultural en las novelas de Cristina García." Internacional Conference on Cuban Studies, Cuban Research Institute, Florida Internacional University, October 2005.

“On the Importance of Children’s and Adolescent Literature, and its Didactical Importance.” Circulo de Cultura Panamericano, University of Miami Koubek Center, Miami, Fl., July 2007.

ARTICLES.

“ Exilio y reafirmación de la identidad en *Soñar en cubano* de Cristina García.” Co-authored with Hector R. Romero. Refereed, *Sinalefa: Revista Internacional de Arte y Literatura*, Fall, 2005.

“On the Importance of Children’s and Adolescent Literature: Examples from José Martí.” Accepted for publication by *Sinalefa: Revista Internacional de Arte y Literatura.*”