

Education

University of Georgia; Dept. of Romance Languages – Athens, GA **August 2017 – present**

- PhD: Romance languages (in progress)
 - Major: Hispanic linguistics
 - Major Professor: Dr. Margaret Quesada
- Research interests: second-language acquisition of morphosyntax, semantics, and pragmatics; morphosyntactic theory and variation; applied linguistics; lexical and semantic variation and change; pedagogy; transitivity; collective and distributive interpretations of possessives; past-tense verbal aspect; language attitudes; color terms; linguistic analyses of literature

Middlebury College – Middlebury, VT **June – August 2016**

- Summer Language Institute, School of Portuguese
- Studied Portuguese at the beginning level.

Baylor University – Waco, TX **May 2016**

- MA: Spanish
- Thesis: “Teaching Verbal Aspect of Spanish and French Past Tenses.”
 - Thesis Chair: Dr. Linda McManness
 - Committee Members: Dr. Michael Thomas and Dr. Cristian Bratu

Southern Methodist University – Dallas, TX **May 2014**

- BA: Spanish
- BA: French
- Minor: art history
- Honors in liberal arts

Vanguard College Preparatory School – Waco, TX **May 2010**

- High school

Experience

University of Georgia – teaching assistant **August 2017 – present**

- Instructor of Record
 - Courses taught: Spanish 1110: Accelerated Elementary Spanish (2 sections, fall 2017; 2 sections, spring 2019); Spanish 1002: Elementary Spanish II (2 sections, spring 2018); Spanish 1110E: Online Accelerated Elementary Spanish (1 section, summer 2018); Spanish 2001: Intermediate Spanish I (2 sections, fall 2018; 1 section, summer 2019; 2 sections, fall 2019)

Baylor University Continuing Education Program – Spanish instructor **January 2017 – March 2017; June 2017**

- Two six-week sessions; taught beginning Spanish

Calvary English Classes (Calvary Baptist Church) – English as a second language volunteer teacher **September 2016 – January 2017**

- Co-taught a beginning-level English class.

Baylor University – temporary full-time lecturer **August 2016 – present**

- Courses taught: Spanish 1401: Elementary Spanish I (1 section, fall 2016); Modern Languages and Cultures IV99: Special Studies in Spanish I (modified Spanish, 1 section, fall 2016); Spanish 2310: Intermediate Spanish I (1 section, fall 2016); Spanish 1402: Elementary Spanish II (2 sections, spring 2017); Spanish 2320: Intermediate Spanish II (1 section, spring 2017)

Baylor University – graduate assistant **September 2014 – May 2016**

- Departmental tutor in Spanish – September 2014-May 2015
- Teacher of Record – August 2015-May 2016
 - Course taught: Spanish 1401: Elementary Spanish I

Waco Independent School District – substitute teacher **December 2014 – May 2016**

- Classes taught: elementary levels; middle school English, math, science, and reading; high school English, languages, and special education
- Special education aide: elementary and middle school levels; 18-21 transition

South Waco Library, Waco, TX – bilingual story hour interpreter **February – May 2015**

- Interpreted for the children’s bilingual story hour

- Readers 2 Leaders – reading tutor** **September 2013 – April 2014**
- Tutored elementary school students in reading
- McLennan Community College – adult ESL class volunteer** **June – July 2013**
- Worked with Spanish-speaking students to improve their English language skills and study for the citizenship examination
 - Worked with an English-speaking student to improve his reading skills
- Vickery Meadow After School Program – volunteer** **September 2012 – April 2013**
- Led language arts activities for elementary school students

Publication

- C. Samples. (2016). “Un análisis aspectual de ‘La vida con la ola’ por Octavio Paz”** **Volume 2, Fall 2016**
- *Spanish and Portuguese Review*

Conference Presentations

- “Semantic Changes among the Basic Color Terms in Iberian Romance”** **March 2, 2019**
- VI Brazilian Student Association Symposium, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
 - An earlier version presented as part of the U of Georgia Dept. of Romance Languages Graduate Student Association Colloquium Series: Hispanic Linguistics Symposium practice talks (October 18, 2018)
- “Inclusive Language in Twitter”** **February 21-23, 2019**
- Crossroads Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- “Cambios semánticos entre los términos de colores básicos del romance ibérico”** **October 25-27, 2018**
- Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- “Hybrid Art, Hybrid Faith: Teaching Latin American religious practices and perspectives through art”** **June 25-28, 2018**
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese conference, Salamanca, Spain
- “Palabras coloridas: Los cambios semánticos entre los términos de colores en cinco lenguas románicas”** **February 9-10, 2018**
- Crossroads Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- B. Hulke, G. Keeton Rodríguez, K. Samples, “Channeling All Your C’s and Modes through Music and Video”** **July 6-9, 2017**
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese conference, Chicago, IL
- “Los famosos: Using figures from popular culture to reinforce grammar concepts”** **July 6-9, 2017**
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese conference, Chicago, IL
- “El aspecto verbal como marcador de la agencia femenina en *Mujeres de ojos grandes* por Ángeles Mastretta”** **April 20-22, 2017**
- Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- “Representations of the Stranger in Three Second-Year Spanish Textbooks”** **April 6-8, 2017**
- Christian Association of World Languages conference, Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA
- “The Spanish Subjunctive Made Simple: Strategies for Teaching Mood”** **February 17-18, 2017**
- University of Alabama Languages Conference, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- “Past Perspectives: Ways of Teaching Spanish Preterite-Imperfect Distinctions”** **November 3-5, 2016**
- South Central Modern Language Association conference, Dallas, TX
- “Teaching Culture in the First-Year Spanish Classroom”** **July 8-11, 2016**
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese conference, Miami, FL

“Using Christian Art in the Spanish Classroom to Illustrate Hybridity in Latin American Catholicism” **April 14-16, 2016**

- Christian Association of World Languages conference, Houghton College, Houghton, NY
- First-place winner of the Emerging Scholar Award

Honors and Awards

Full scholarship for 2014-2016, Baylor University **September 2014**

Graduate School Fellowship, Baylor University **September 2014**

- Awarded to top 4-5% of applicants

Diplôme de français professionnel, affaires C1 avec bien mention **2014**
(Diploma of Professional French, business C1 with honors) – Chambre du commerce et de l’industrie de région Paris Île-de-France

- Level C1, advanced (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

Meadows Scholars – Meadows School of the Arts, Southern Methodist University **August 2010**

- Achievement in academics and the arts

Mustang Scholars – Southern Methodist University **August 2010**

- Merit-based scholarship

SMU Distinguished Scholars – Southern Methodist University **August 2010**

- Merit-based scholarship

Veritas Scholarship – Southern Methodist University **August 2010**

- Merit-based scholarship

Organizations and Activities

Graduate Student Organization, Dept. of Romance Languages, U. of Georgia **fall 2018 – present**

- Vice-president: fall 2019 – present
- Treasurer: fall 2018 – spring 2019
- Colloquium Series Committee Chair: fall 2018 – present
- Mentoring Program Organizer: fall 2019 – present

Eta Iota Sigma Christian Sorority **fall 2011 – spring 2014**

- Treasurer: spring – fall 2013
- Technology chair: spring – fall 2012
 - Prepared the PowerPoint presentations for the meetings

SMU South-of-France program **May – June 2011**

- Study abroad program
 - Studied French language and culture

Languages

- English – native
- Spanish – advanced
- French – intermediate
- Portuguese – intermediate