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EDUCATION		
2025 (estimated)	Ph.D., University of Georgia Romance Languages, Literature Studies, Spanish minor	
2019	M.A., Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil Literary Studies, Brazilian literature and Literary theories Dissertation title: A falácia que persiste: a busca por identidade e futuro no romance e na HQ Dois irmãos	
2016	B.A., Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil Portuguese and Lusophone Literatures, Teaching degree	

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019 – Present	Teaching Assistant, Instructor of Record Portuguese and Spanish
	Department of Romance Languages, UGA
2020 - 2021	Portuguese Tutor
	The Flagship Program, LACSI – UGA
2017 – 2019	Colégio Universitário Geraldo Reis, (COLUNI/UFF) Federal Fluminense University's School, Brazil Portuguese Language and Literature; Reading Room
	Middle and High School teacher
2012 - 2013	Yázigi English school (Brazil) English teacher

	GRANTS AND AWARDS
2024	Dolores Artau Scholarship Department of Romance Languages, UGA
2024	Nina Salant Hellerstein Professional Development fund Department of Romance Languages, UGA
2024	Brazilian Studies Travel grant Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute, UGA

2023 Outstanding Teaching Award

Center for Teaching and Learning, UGA

2021 Giving Voice to the Voiceless Program Grant

Fala Aí magazine – Special Issue: Voices of the Global South

Grady College of Journalism and Mass Comm., UGA

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Outreach Administration Committee Chair
International Student Advisory Board (ISAB)
Department of International Student Life, UGA

2024 Graduate Mentor

Thrive at Georgia Program

Office for Student Success and Achievement, UGA

2023 Class observation and school visits

Southwest DeKalb High School

Mentor Program, UGA

2023 - present Volunteer Private Tutor of Portuguese (online)

Heritage language for children ages 3-5Second Language Acquisition for adults

2022 - present Editor-in-chief of Fala Aí

Award-winning, student-run publication about the Lusophone world, Portuguese Program at UGA

2021 – 2022 Volunteer Instructor

Language Labs Program

Department of International Student Life, UGA

2019 – 2020 President of the Brazilian Student Association

Department of International Student Life, UGA

2014 - 2016 Federal Scholarship Program for Introduction to Teaching

High School level internship

PIBID/CAPES – U. Federal Fluminense, Brazil

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Contemporary Brazilian and Latin American literatures; comics and graphic narratives; women's literature and comics; narratives of displacement; (re)construction of national identities (with especial focus on Amazonian marginalized discourses); intersemiotic translation; cultural literacy and literature teaching; gender studies; representation of marginalized identities in media; TESOL, PLE and ELE; second language acquisition.

PUBLICATIONS

Book review: "Smiling in the Darkness, by Adelaide Freitas" (Tagus

Press, 2020). The Journal of Lusophone Studies, vol 7, no 1

(2022) (link)

Book chapter: "A ilustração como alternativa para o problema da

incomunicabilidade na experiência do imigrante". *Histórias em quadrinhos em diálogo*, Editora Bordô-Grená, 2019 (pp.

15-24) (<u>link</u>)

Article: "Experiência de leitura e escrita literária no ensino

médio" [Experiencing reading and writing literature in HA]. Brazil: *Querubim Journal* (2016), v. 2. Web (<u>link</u>)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

2024 "An analysis of *Daytripper* (2010) through braided

connections" 13th International Conference of the American

Portuguese Studies Association (APSA). Oct. 3-5

2024 "Indigenous thought and the environmental crisis in the

graphic novel *Os Donos da Terra* (2019)" Modern language Association (MLA) Convention, Philadelphia. Jan. 4-7

2018 "Angola Janga (2017): a graphic retelling of Brazilian

quilombos" 23rd Conference on the Americas, University of

North Georgia. Feb. 20-21

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PORT 1002 - Beginner Portuguese II

PORT 1110 - Accelerated Portuguese I

PORT 2001 - Intermediate Portuguese I

PORT 2002 - Intermediate Portuguese II

PORT 2120 - Accelerated Portuguese II

SPAN 1001 - Beginner Spanish I

SPAN 1002e - Beginner Spanish II (online)

SPAN 1110 - Accelerated Spanish I

SPAN 2001 - Intermediate Spanish I

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese (Native)
- English (Near native)
- Spanish (Near native)
- French (Intermediate)