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### **EDUCATION**

**The University of Texas at Austin**

Ph.D.  
Hispanic Literature (Fall 1998)

Fields of Concentration:

*Golden Age Literature*

*Spanish Theater Throughout the Ages*

*Colonial Literature*

**Middlebury College, Madrid**

M.A. in Hispanic Literature (May, 1991)

**Middlebury College, Vermont**

B.A. (May, 1990)- *Cum Laude*  
Majors: English Literature  
German Literature *Honors*

### **DISSERTATION**

Title: **Calderón's Literary and Political Thought in *Duelos de amor y lealtad***

Submitted by the Spanish and Portuguese Department for the Doctoral Dissertations Award of the University of Texas, at Austin

### **AWARDS**

Nominated for the *Excellence in Teaching Award*, 1996, University of Texas at Austin

Awarded the Honorable Mention Award of the 1999 Doctoral Dissertations from the University of Texas at Austin

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Assistant and Associate Professor**

*Westmont College*

1999-present

*Courses Taught:*

Beginning Spanish (I and II);

Intermediate Spanish (III and IV);

Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition;

Survey of Spanish Literature from the Middle Ages to 1700;

Survey of Spanish Literature, from 1700 to the Present;

Hispanic Cultures: Spain;

Spanish Golden Age Literature;

Seminar on Spanish Post Civil War Literature;

Independent Study: 20<sup>th</sup> Spanish Literature;

Beginning German (I and II);

Seminar on Don Quijote

Intermediate German (I and II)

### **Lecturer**

*The University of Texas at Austin*

1999

Taught three Spanish courses; Designed and maintained the Web Site for the department's 312K section.

### **Assistant to Spanish Lower Division Coordinator of Language Instruction** 1998

*The University of Texas at Austin*

Assistant to the Spanish Lower Division Coordinator; Evaluated the Spanish classes of the new Assistant Instructors and worked closely with the Media Center on a storyboard for a pedagogical CD ROM Program to be used as a self-paced Spanish course; Evaluated the oral proficiency of students in a *Spanish for Business* class.

### **Assistant Instructor of Spanish**

1993-1996

*The University of Texas at Austin*

Taught first and second year Spanish, including accelerated Spanish courses. Editor and editorial advisor for two years for the Spanish language magazine *Dactylus*;

### **Assistant Instructor of Spanish**

1991

*The University of Texas, Pan-American*

Taught Spanish courses for bilinguals. The courses were designed to enhance the Spanish skills of heritage speakers.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Calderón’s *Duelos de amor y lealtad*: A Metaphor for Seventeenth Century Spanish Politics” *Hispanófila* (accepted to be published)

Translation of the memoirs of poet Ernesto Cardenal, “*Vida Perdida*” (“Lost Life”), unpublished manuscript being handled by Cardenal’s literary agent.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“*Duelos de amor y lealtad: Lessons in Hospitality*”

The Western Regional Meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature, 2005

“Calderón de la Barca’s Lesson’s on Government”

Conferencia Bianual de Literatura y Cine Español y Latinoamericano, Florida International University, 2004

“*Duelos de amor y lealtad* and the Catalan Revolt of 1640”

North American Christian Foreign Language Association (NACFLA) Annual Meeting, Azusa Pacifica University, 2003

“The Garden Labyrinth of the *Libro de Buen Amor*”

North American Christian Foreign Language Association (NACFLA) Annual Meeting, Westmont College, March 22-24, 2012

## **CURRENT PROJECT**

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## **ADDITIONAL SERVICE**

Student Life Committee, 2002-2004

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Westmont

German Class for the Friends of Westmont and their trip to Austria, 2002

Worked on talks with International Students, 2002

Westmont Professional Development Grant 2001, “German Studies at Westmont”

Lay Eucharistic Minister for All-Saints Day and Ash Wednesday Campus Services

Led an Alternative Chapel, 2000

Speaker in Ethnic Studies Class

Major Honor’s Student Committee, 2000 Department’s Representative for the

Recruitment of Ethnic Minorities 2003-2007

General Education Committee, Humanities, 2005-2007

Latino Cultural Organization Advisor – 2007-2009

Chair of the Department 2007-2010 and Fall 2012

Chaired Search Committee 2007-2008

Personnel Committee 2007-9

Interviewed Ambassadors for the Liberal Arts, 2008

Academic Senate 2010

Personnel Committee 2012-present

Translations into English, from German, Italian and Spanish for Faculty of Westmont

Member and participant of the yearly Sigma Delta Pi (National Spanish Honor Society) event

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### All Saint's by-the-Sea

- Lay Eucharistic Minister, 2000-present
- Bible Study, 2001
- Assisted the Altar Guild
- Sunday School Teacher 1st-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 2008-20012

### Santa Barbara Symphony Women's League:

- organized events for the Santa Barbara's Newcomer's Club with Gisèle Ben-Dor, the conductor of the Santa Barbara Symphony
- co-chaired an event for Westmont College with with Gisèle Ben-Dor
- worked on translations for the Outreach Program of the Santa Barbara Symphony for the Hispanic community
- facilitated a meeting for a future event with the Santa Barbara Symphony to be held at Westmont

### Santa Barbara Museum of Art

- helped with the translation of the David Alfaro Siqueiros Exhibit

### Girl's Inc.

- translated the Girl's Bills of Right from English to French, German, Italian and Spanish, published in a book by Advocacy Press

### Santa Barbara's Newcomer's Club, 2000-2005

- established an ongoing relationship between Santa Barbara's Newcomer's Club and Westmont College

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Modern Languages Association (MLA)

North American Christian Foreign Language Association (NACFLA)

Association for Hispanic Classical Theater (AHCT)

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

Sigma Delta Pi

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP)

## **LANGUAGES**

Native proficiency: Spanish, English, and German

Advanced reading, writing, and speaking: Italian (including completion of coursework at the Università per Stranieri di Siena in the summer of 1996)

Intermediate reading, writing, and speaking: French

