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Education

Master of Arts – Spanish

August, 2017

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

GPA: 3.5

Master's Thesis:

“Conversion, abyección y Zombis filosóficos: aspectos del colonialismo moderno y ciencia ficción en la literatura de Puerto Rico del siglo XX y de lo que va del XXI”

- Examines the psychologically suffering subjects at the heart of Puerto Rican SF literature.
- Considers issues with prison conversion, comparing the figures of “Black Muslims” in the works of Newyorican authors Piri Thomas and Miguel Piñero with the *Autobiography of Malcolm X*.
- Considers the impact of poetic characteristics of the novel *Exquisito Cadáver* by Rafael Acevedo on the work's Science Fiction qualities.
- Examines the varied types of Zombies, with a focus on the “philosophical Zombie”, as Science Fiction in the work of Pedro Cabiya.

Related Coursework:

Special Topics in Span American Literature: Post-Colonial Malady & Genius, Seminar: Modern Spanish Poetry: The Prose Poem, Political Identity in Latino US Literature,

Bachelor of Arts – International Studies and Spanish

May, 2012

Allegheny College, Meadville, PA

GPA: 3.5 Major GPA (Spanish): 3.9, (International Studies): 3.5

Independent Senior Thesis:

Fall 2011-Spring 2012

“Caudillos with Electoral Legitimacy: The Consequences of Personalism in Latin American Politics”

- Examined the regimes of Benito Juárez in Mexico and Hipólito Yrigoyen in Argentina.
- Determined effects of personal ties to leadership in regards to democratization.
- Chapter in Spanish that compared the political regimes with the dictator novel *El señor presidente* by Miguel Ángel Asturias was honored by the Department of Spanish.

Related Coursework:

Spring 2010-Spring 2011

Dictatorship and Development in Latin America, International Institutions, Latin American Civilization II, Comparative Latin American Politics, Latin American Short Story, Student Teaching.

Honors:

Member of the International Foreign Language Honor Society, Phi Sigma Iota

2012-Present

Alden Scholar (Dean's List)

2009-2012

Harald Robert Sauer Prize Recipient

2012

Experience

Spanish Tutor

Fall 2016-2017

Vanderbilt University, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Nashville, TN

- Aided undergraduate students through grammar, listening exercises and paper editing.
- A service for students in Spanish courses from true beginners to intermediate writing.

Teaching Assistant

Vanderbilt University, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Nashville, TN

Fall 2015-2016

- Taught a section of Spanish for true beginners (Fall 2015) and of Elementary Spanish II (Spring 2016).
- Responsible for daily lesson planning and activities as well as grading for 15 to 17 students per course.

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Teaching Assistant for Professor Veronica Dantán

Fall 2011

Allegheny College Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Meadville, PA

- Organized and taught a special class (“Live Lab”) to aid students in the development of conversational skills in Spanish.

Teaching Assistant for Professor Nancy Smith

Spring 2011

Allegheny College Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Meadville, PA

- Organized and taught a special class (“Live Lab”) to aid students in the development of conversational skills in Spanish.

Other Work Experience

Swim Coach/Head Guard/Learn to Swim Coordinator

2006-2014

City of Cleveland Heights, Cleveland Heights, OH

- Coach children, ages 8-11, in swimming as part of the “Sea Serpent” summer swim team and the “Team Tigershark” club team.
- Supervise other lifeguards, manage patron complaints and handle incidents of any nature.
- Organize classes and allocate staff to teach swimming lessons, monitor classes while in progress, resolve any disputes in regards to swimming lessons.

Lifeguard/Assistant Swim Coach

Fall 2012-2014

Cleveland Skating Club, Cleveland Heights, OH

- Maintain patron safety at an indoor pool.
- Teach aquatic skills to member children.

Swim Team Manager

Fall 2009-Spring 2012

Allegheny College Department of Athletics, Meadville, PA

- Analyzed High school swimming state championship meet records in order to compile a database of possible recruits. Aided coaches as necessary during practices and meets.

Lifeguard

Fall 2008-Spring 2009

Allegheny College Department of Athletics, Meadville, PA

- Maintain patron safety at collegiate indoor pool.

Lifeguard/WSI

Fall 2006-Summer 2008

Beachwood Board of Education, Beachwood, OH

- Maintain patron safety at a High School indoor pool.
- Teach Learn to Swim classes as a Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructor.

Activities and Skills

Certifications: Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR/AED, Water Safety Instructor, USA Swim Coach

Personal Skills: Fluency in spoken and written Spanish and Italian. Lived 3 years in Mexico and 6 years in Italy as a child.