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EDUCATION

North Carolina State University

M.A. in Spanish Language and Literature

2006

Project: Research paper "Dynamic Assessment"

Honors: Dean's List; Phi Kappa Phi

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

National Board Certification

2002

World Languages Other Than English, Early Adolescence/Young Adult

North Carolina State University

B.A. Spanish Language and Literature

1996

Area of Concentration: Teacher Education

North Carolina Licensure, K-12 Spanish

Honors: Dean's List; Phi Sigma Iota

AWARDS

- FLANC Higher Education Teacher of the Year **2008**
- FLL Outstanding Graduate Student **2006**
- IDEA Grant for development of FLS 102 online **2006**
- Food for Thought Grant (\$2496) **2004**
- FLL Distinguished Alumni Award for Teacher Education **2002**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

North Carolina State University – Dept. of FLL

Program Coordinator – French and Spanish Teacher Education Program

2008-present

Teach ECI 423 undergraduate methods course; supervise student teachers; coordinate program revisions, practicum, and accreditation.

Lecturer – Spanish courses: FLS 102-601, FLS 201, FLS 202, FLS 332

2007-present

Developed online course for FLS 102; Collaborate on curriculum for FLS 331-332

Adjunct Instructor – "ECI 473: Online Methods for Foreign Language."

2006-2009

Developed syllabus and overall course structure, including monthly meetings, and administered all grades for NC Teach lateral entry program

Wake Tech Community College

2003-2005

Instructor – "Spanish for Educators" and "Beginning Spanish"

Developed curriculum; taught Spanish to adult learners

1996-2007

Wake County Public School System

Spanish Teacher – Davis Drive Elem; Davis Drive Middle; Wakefield High

Collaborated on curriculum and exam development, developed new courses;

served as Department Chair from 2001-2007; served as a mentor for new

teachers and a cooperating teacher for students teachers.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

North Carolina State University

Adviser – for undergraduate Spanish Teacher Education majors (LTA)

2007-present

Meet with students regularly to advise regarding coursework, curriculum, teacher education program, educational issues.

Universidad de Cádiz

Student – summer program

2002

Graduate courses on methodology and languages in Cádiz, Spain.

Centro de Estudios de Inglés

Instructor – English for Professionals

1995-1996

Prepared curriculum, taught English individually and in small groups to adults

Universidad Iberoamericana and Technological Institute of Monterrey

Student – summer/semester

1995-1996

Attended courses on marketing, literature, and history in Mexico City, Mexico

PRESENTATIONS

- “The 5 W’s of Writing” Workshop with V. Wust
FLANC Annual Conference (2009) and SCOLT annual Conference (2010)
- “What Should a Foreign Language Test Look Like” Workshop for teachers
Cumberland County Staff Development, 2009
- “Taking Elementary Spanish Online” with L. Gillen
Session presented at TLTC (Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference) (2009)
- “Assessment” and “Project Based Learning” workshops
FLANC Annual Conference (2008)
- “Technology in the Foreign Language Classroom”, “Assessment – What Should a Foreign Language Test Look Like?”, “Authentic Tasks to Promote Conversation” and “Reviving the Foreign Language Classroom” workshops
Moore County Staff Development for teachers (2007)
- “The Ideal Cross-Curricular Classroom” with C. Scoggins
WRESA Annual conference (2005)
- “Shared Reading in the Foreign Language Classroom” with C. Scoggins
FLANC Annual Conference and NC Department of Public Instruction Summer Institute (2004)
- “National Board Certification for WLOE”
NC Department of Public Instruction National Board Support Workshop (2003)
- “Translation in the Classroom – Making it Work” session
Wake County Foreign Language Collaborative (1998)

PUBLICATIONS

“Buen Viaje”. Textbook software review, *Hispania* (2006)

“Navegando 1”. Textbook software review, *Hispania* (2005)

“Los Pequeños Aventuros”. Software review, *Hispania*, 87(3): 516-518 (2004)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages
- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- Southern Council on Language Teaching
- Foreign Language Association of North Carolina
- North Carolina Distance Learning Association