

CARMEN Y. TORRES

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EDUCATION

Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas, December 2002

Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in English

Related History Coursework: History of the Constitution
History of Texas
History of World War II and the Cold War

Related English Coursework: Creative Writing
Advanced Written Communication

Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas, May 2011

Master of Arts in English Language and Literature

Related English Coursework: Scholarship in English
Dark Romanticism
Arthurian Literature
Language in Society

Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, Fall 2019-Present

Doctorate in Rhetoric

Related Coursework: Digital Rhetoric
Rhetoric and Disability
Composition and Theory
Rhetorical Criticism and Critical Discourse Analysis

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Texas A&M University San Antonio

Adjunct English Faculty, Department of English.

August 2021-Present

Provided direct instruction to first-year college students.

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

ENGL 1301 Composition I
ENGL 1302 Composition II
ENGL 2311 Technical Writing

Palo Alto College

Instructor of English Faculty, English, Communications, Languages and INRW.

August 2022-Present

Provided online instruction to students enrolled in the Dual-Credit/Early College High School Program and direct instruction to first and second-year college students.

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

INRW 0420 Integrated Reading/Writing
INRW 0055 Integrated Reading/Writing Refresher
ENGL 1301 Composition I
ENGL 1302 Composition II
ENGL 2322 British Literature I
ENGL 2323 British Literature II
ENGL 2333 World Literature II
ENGL 2327 American Literature I

University of the Incarnate Word

Part-time Lecturer of English, Department of English

January 2018-May 2019

Provided direct instruction to first-year college students.

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

ENGL 1311 Composition I
ENGL 1312 Composition II

Our Lady of the Lake University

Adjunct English Lecturer, Department of English, Mass Communication and Drama

August 2015- May 2018

Provided direct instruction to first-year college students.

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

ENGL 1313 Composition I
ENGL 1314 Composition II

Northwest Vista College

Adjunct English Instructor, English and INRW

October 2015-May 2017

Provided direct and online instruction to first-year college students.

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

ENGL 1301 Composition I
ENGL 1302 Composition II

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS

Palo Alto College

San Antonio, TX

Faculty Student Mentor Lead

August 2020-May 2021

As Lead of the Faculty Student Mentoring Program, I heavily promoted and recruited Faculty to serve as Mentors for the program. As a Mentor, I actively recruited student mentees for FSM, by promoting the program in my courses and throughout campus. My promotion of the program provided an awareness of how Faculty Student Mentoring could aid in the transition within college life and reviewed the multitude of resources that the college offered for the students.

Committee Member

Curriculum Committee

Attended and contributed to meetings that focused on removing and adding courses and programs to the college catalog.

August 2022-Present

Distance Learning Committee

Attended and contributed to meetings that focused on broadening Online Education Resources for Palo Alto College Students.

August 2022-Present

Technology Committee

Attended and contributed to meetings that focused on the removal and replacement of technological materials throughout the college.

August 2022-Present

English Composition Committee

Attended and contributed to meetings that focused on improving and refining 1301 curriculum.

August 2017-May 2018

Academic Assessment Committee

Attended and contributed to meetings to create and modify curriculum to assess student learning.

August 2019-May 2021

English Department Chair Hiring Committee

March 2020-May 2020

Assisted in reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and ultimately selecting the current Department Chair for the English Department.

English Co-Requisite Committee

February 2021-May 2021

Provided feedback for best practices in a co-requisite classroom. Conducted a Literature Review of co-requisite essays in order to provide feedback and guidance to the English Department.

English Composition II Committee

February 2021-Present

Reviewed major essay assignments of local four-year institutions to gauge what will be expected upon transfer from the college's current students. Compiled and provided major assignments from previous classes to create a Canvas course shell for incoming and current full-time and contingent faculty to access and utilize.

Committee Co-Chair

English Department Faculty Hiring Committee Co-Chair

May 2020

Organized and assisted in coordinating the hiring committee. Reviewed applications, interviewed candidates, and assisted in selecting a Full-time Faculty member for the English department.

Committee Chair

Promotion Committee Chair

November 2020

Organized and lead the committee. Collectively reviewed and approved the dossier for a fellow faculty member's promotion.

English Composition I Textbook Committee Chair

February 2021-May 2021

Organized the committee and obtained textbooks from publishers for review. Received and provided input from the committee to select textbooks to consider for piloting and ultimately department adoption.

English Department Faculty Hiring Committee Chair

May 2021

Organized and coordinated the hiring committee. Reviewed applications, interviewed candidates, directly communicated with hiring finalists, and assisted in selecting a Full-Time Faculty member for the English Department.

TRAININGS AND SKILL

Professional Development

Northwest Vista College

San Antonio, TX
August 2016

Online Teaching Certification

Completed a semester course to obtain Online Teaching Certificate
Certified to teach courses online for Alamo Colleges District

Palo Alto College

San Antonio, TX
June-August 2020
June-August 2021

Online Educational Resources Certification

Completed two Summer certification courses in Online Educational Resources. Special emphasis within the courses was placed on how to properly utilize OER in the classroom setting, as well as proper integration of OER within the Canvas Learning Management System.