

CARMEN Y. TORRES

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EDUCATION

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

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Lecturer of English Faculty, Department of English.

August 2023-Present

Instructor of Record for English Composition courses, (1 and 2). Provide instruction in a traditional, (face to face,) and non-traditional, (online,) college classroom setting to College and Dual Credit/ Early College High Students.

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

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

Palo Alto College, San Antonio, Texas

Instructor of English, Department of English, Communications, World Languages and INRW. August 2019-July 2023

Instructor of Record for English Composition courses, (1 and 2), as well as various literature courses, (British Literature 1 and 2, World Literature 1, and American Literature 2). Provided instruction in a traditional, (face to face,) and non-traditional, (online,) college classroom setting to College and Dual Credit/ Early College High 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 II

University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas

Part-time Lecturer of English, Department of English

January 2018-May 2019

Instructor of Record for English Composition Courses, (1 and 2). Provided instruction to college students in a traditional face to face college classroom setting.

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

ENGL 1311 Composition I
ENGL 1312 Composition II

Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas

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

August 2015- May 2018

Instructor of Record for English Composition Courses, (1 and 2). Provided instruction to college students in a traditional face to face college classroom setting.

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

ENGL 1313 Composition I
ENGL 1314 Composition II

Northwest Vista College, San Antonio, Texas

Adjunct English Professor, English and INRW

October 2015-May 2017

Instructor of Record for English Composition courses, (1 and 2). Provided instruction to college students in a traditional, (face to face,) and non-traditional, (online,) college setting.

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

ENGL 1301 Composition I
ENGL 1302 Composition II

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

San Antonio, TX

First-Year Composition Committee

January 2023-Present

Active member of a committee that focuses on creating and modifying FYC curriculum. This committee reevaluates and modifies program requirements to ensure students educational needs are met.

First-Year Composition Pilot Study Faculty Member Participant

Piloted new Composition 1 and Composition II curriculum for the 2024-2025 academic year.

August 2024-Present

Co-Requisite Faculty Fellow

Member of an academic year-long training that will provide development seminars in classroom management, technology integration, as well as various pedagogical strategies.

August 2025-Present

Palo Alto College

San Antonio, TX

Faculty Student Mentor Lead

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.

August 2020-August 2021

Committee Member Appointments

Curriculum Committee

Attended and contributed to meetings that focused on removing and adding courses and programs to the college catalog. August 2022-May 2023

Distance Learning Committee

Attended and contributed to meetings that focused on broadening Online Education Resources for Palo Alto College Students. August 2022-May 2023

Technology Committee

Attended and contributed to meetings that focused on the removal and replacement of technological materials throughout the college. August 2022-May 2023

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

Assisted in reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and ultimately selecting the current Department Chair for the English Department. March 2020-May 2020

English Co-Requisite Committee

Provided feedback for best practices in a co-requisite classroom. Conducted a Literature Review of co-requisite essays to provide feedback and guidance to the English Department for the coming academic year. February 2021-May 2021

English Composition II Committee

Reviewed major essay assignments of local four-year institutions to gauge what would 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. February 2021-May 2023

Committee Co-Chair

English Department Faculty Hiring Committee Co-Chair

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. May 2020

Committee Chair

Promotion Committee Chair

Organized and lead the committee. Collectively reviewed and approved the dossier for a fellow faculty member's promotion. November 2020

English Composition I Textbook Committee Chair

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. February 2021-May 2021

English Department Faculty Hiring Committee Chair

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. May 2021

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 2020-2021

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.