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Lecturer of Communication | Faculty Adviser, Speech and Debate Club

Texas A&M University-San Antonio • Department of Sociology and Communication
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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA)

- Ph.D. in English (2024)

Dissertation: Revealing "La Gran Ocultadora": Frida Kahlo at the Intersection of Art and Linguistic Repertoire as Representative of the Cultivation of Identity

The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)

- M.A. in Communication (2011)

Thesis: Kandinsky's Nonrepresentational Art: Finding Meaning through Aesthetic Experience

- B.A. in Political Science, French minor (2004)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Holistic Mentoring to Advocate for Social Justice." *Threshold Conscripts: Rhetoric and Composition Teaching Assistantships*, 2023, pp. 427-432.
- "Review of Persuasive Acts: Women's Rhetorics in the Twenty First Century." *Open Words: Access and English Studies*, vol. 12, no. 1, 2019, pp. 149-154.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019-2024 Graduate Fellowship, UTSA
- 2023 Keith Thomas Memorial Scholarship, UTSA
- 2022 COLFA Experiential Learning Scholarship, UTSA

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Papers Presented:

- **2024:** "Languages in Contact: Frida Kahlo's Linguistic Repertoire & Nahuatlisms," Linguistic Association of the Southwest Conference, September 26-28.
- **2022:** "The Erasure of Latinx Identity: Corporate Whitewashing and The Frida Kahlo Barbie Doll," Dress and Body Association Annual Conference, November 5-6 (virtual).
- **2022:** "The Erasure of Latinx Identity: Corporate Whitewashing and The Frida Kahlo Barbie Doll," Northeast Popular and American Culture Association Conference, October 1-2 (virtual).
- **2019:** "American Literature Not Written in English: Isabel Allende's 'Walimai' Translated as an Act of Subversion," COLFA Research Conference and Showcase, March 20-21.

Invited Talks:

- **2023:** "The Erasure of Latinx Identity: Corporate Whitewashing and The Frida Kahlo Barbie Doll," Graduate School Research Lecture, The University of Texas at El Paso, November 8.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University San Antonio (TAMUSA)

Lecturer (Full-Time), Department of Communication

- Public Speaking (2025-Present)

Adjunct, Department of English

- English Composition 1301 (2024-2025)
- English Composition 1302 (2024-2025)

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Graduate Fellow, Research Assistant (2019-2024)

- Rhetoric and Persuasion (2023)
- Technical Writing (2020-2024)

Luther Burbank High School

English Teacher

- Dual Credit Public Speaking (2018-2019)
- Extended Essay Coordinator- IB Program (2018-2019)
- AP English III & IV (2017-2019)
- English III (2017-2019)
- English IV (2017-2019)

Sidney Lanier High School

English Teacher

- Dual Credit Public Speaking (2015-2017)
- English IV (2015-2017)
- Small Learning Communities House Coordinator for Public Service (2016-2017)

San Antonio College

Adjunct (Temp. Full Time), Department of Communication

- Public Speaking (2013-2015)
- Business and Professional Communication (2013-2015)
- Introduction to Communication Studies (2013-2015)
- Dual Credit Speech Instructor- Travis Early College High School (2013-2015)

University of the Incarnate Word

Adjunct, Department of Communication

- Public Speaking (2013-2014)

El Paso Community College (EPCC)

Adjunct, Department of Communication

- Public Speaking (2011-2013)
- Organizational Communication (2011-2013)

The University of Texas at El Paso

Adjunct, Department of Communication

- Public Speaking (2011-2012)
- Organizational Communication (2011-2012)