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## **Education**

2012-Present **PhD**, Latin American Literature  
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, State College, PA

2012 **Master of Arts** in Hispanic Studies  
University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus, Mayagüez, PR

2009 **Bachelor of Arts** in *Hispanic Studies*, **Cum Laude**  
University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

\*Puerto Rico Department of Education High School Spanish Teachers Certificate

## **Distinctions and Honor Societies**

2012 Bunton-Waller Fellowship. Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. The Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania.

2009 Outstanding Teacher Practitioner. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.

2012 Golden Key International Honor Society

## **Publications**

2007 "Muertos a tu lado". *El Relicario: Revista Cultural y Literaria*. Año 12. No 2. Oct. 2007: p. 21. (Poema)

2011 "Sermón Homofóbico". *80grados.net*. 25 mar. 2011. Web. N.d. <<http://www.80grados.net/sermon-homofobico/>>. (Ensayo)

2012 "Erase una vez un celular, ahora son las teclas y las redes sociales". *(Id)entidad*. Joel D. Rodríguez Rivera, Ed. May 2012: 43-46 pp. (Ensayo)

2012 "La taquigrafería contemporánea". *(Id)entidad*. Joel D. Rodríguez Rivera, Ed. Dec 2012: 74-79. Print. (Ensayo)

## **Conferences and Presentations**

- 2012      “*La poesía como elemento regenerador y transformador en “No hay que repetirse” y “Le hablo a las rejas” de Raquel Rivera Salas*”. Presentación del libro *Canecas de Anhelos turbios* por la Dra. Carmen Rivera Villegas. 14 de febrero.
- 2011      “*Borderland/La Frontera: The New Mestiza: A life Narrative that Emerges from the Contact Zone*” en College English Association-Caribbean Chapter’s 2011, Popular Culture in the Caribbean and the Caribbean in the Popular Culture. Centro Sila Marie González, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. 16 de abril de 2011.
- 2010      “Tradición y modernidad: de la casa familiar, luego la casa cultural, a la casa de studio” en el Panel *La Generación del 30’ en documentales. Semana de Puerto Rico*. Auspicio del Departamento de Estudios Hispánicos, 15-19 de noviembre.

## **Organizations**

- 2008-2009      Asociación de Futuros Maestros (Member). University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.
- 2007-2008      Organización de Estudiantes Subgraduados de Estudios Hispánicos (President). University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.
- 2006-2008      Organización de Estudiantes Subgraduados de Estudios Hispánicos (Member). University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.

## **Work Experience**

- 2012      Basic Spanish Professor. Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Mayagüez Campus.
- 2010-2012      Teaching Assistant. Basic Spanish I y II Instructor. Hispanic Studies Department, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus  
Library Graduate Student Assistant. Josefina y Manuel Álvarez Nazario Collection. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus General Library.
- 2009      Spanish Writing Center Tutor. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.
- 2008-2009      Tutor (Spanish, History, Religion and English). Learn Language Center, Mayagüez P.R.
- 2008      Basic Latin Instructor. Learn Language Center, Mayagüez Puerto Rico  
Spanish as a Second Language Instructor. Learn Language Center, Mayagüez, P.R.
- 2007      Spanish as a Second Language Instructor. Ad-Honorem. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, Mayagüez Campus.

## **Professional Development and Other Extracurricular Activities**

- 2012      *Adquisición de vocabulario a través de la poesía* Workshop. Hispanic Studies Department. Professional Enrichment Center. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. 8 de febrero.
- 2010-2012      Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Representative. Graduate School Council. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.
- 2010      Speech Contest Judge. Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito de Moca. Moca, Puerto Rico. 7 de octubre.
- Blog Educativo: Word Press* Workshop. Hispanic Studies Department. Professional Enrichment Center. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. 30 de septiembre.
- Cómo hacer un registro electrónico* Workshop. Hispanic Studies Department. Professional Enrichment Center. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. 28 de septiembre.
- Adiestramiento para Estudiantes Graduados con Ayudantía de Cátedra*. Professional Enrichment Center. School of Graduate Studies. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. 15 de septiembre.
- Construcción de “blogs” efectivos* Workshop. Centro de Enriquecimiento Profesional. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. 9 de marzo.
- Estrategias, métodos y técnicas de enseñanza* Workshop. Professional Enrichment Center. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. 23 de febrero.
- Construcción de pruebas* Workshop. Hispanic Studies Department. Professional Enrichment Center. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. 11 de febrero.

## **Languages**

- Spanish (Native Language)
- English (Fluent)
- French (Basic oral and written communication)
- Latin (Translation, reading)

## **Interests**

- Literature
  - Poetry, narrative and essays
  - Puerto Rican and Caribbean Studies
  - Autobiographical Studies
  - Gender and Sexual (Gay/Lesbian) Identities
- Linguistics
  - Critical Discourse Analysis; bilingualism
- Pedagogy and teaching Spanish as a Second Language