

ELIZABETH Z. SOLIS

SUMMARY

Elizabeth has strong pedagogical skills in the area of foreign language acquisition, literature and culture through the use of computer-assisted language learning programs and multi-media equipment. As a language instructor in higher education, she has been able to enjoy full classroom responsibility in a conventional classroom, computerized language lab, hybrid courses and on-line. As a result, she has acquired proficient knowledge of the dynamics required to engage and maintain the interest of the students in learning the subject studied.

Elizabeth has deep knowledge of multiple pedagogical styles, with focus on student-centered learning. Throughout her professional career, she has implemented different teaching and assessment methodologies in her classes, such as student-centered communicative approach in language learning and outcome-based assessment.

She also has excellent interpersonal communication skills, oral and written, in English and Spanish. Throughout her work history, she has been able to develop and maintain a system of communication with her students during and post-class, such as faculty office hours, arranging field trips each semester for language proficiency and post semester support for students who need career direction.

EXPERIENCE

Valencia College, Orlando, FL
Adjunct Instructor, 2006-Present

Teaches Elementary Spanish Classes. Prepares midterm and final tests as well participates in the process of textbook selection. Creates rubrics for oral and composition assessments. Participates in Destinations and Faculty Development courses. Earned a Faculty Association Certification. Co-coordinator of Peace and Justice Ambassadors. Created student service opportunities through engagement with community members such as The Coalition for the Homeless and Guang Ming Temple.

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Adjunct Instructor, 2010-Present
Visiting Instructor, 2008-2010
Adjunct Instructor, Fall 2001-Spring 2002
Teaching Assistant, Fall 1999-Spring 2001

Elizabeth Z. Solis • 8775 Sartori St. Unit 105; Orlando, Florida 32829 • elizabe.solis@gmail.com • esolis4@valenciacollege.edu. Cell (407) 267-2381

Teaches elementary language courses. In the past, taught Basic, Intermediate and Advanced language courses. Created on-line modules for the Elementary Spanish courses that transfer from four face-to-face credit hours to three face-to-face credit hours and one on-line credit hour. As a Visiting Instructor, served as an advisor for a group of students minoring in Spanish. As a teaching assistant, co-founded the Spanish Graduate Association and created the first annual colloquium. Hosted several sessions of “La mesa española”, a platform for students to engage in language practice in an informal and fun setting, together with other students of different Spanish courses.

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2005-July 2006

Taught Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Spanish Language courses. Selected textbooks and created midterm and final tests. Participated in division meetings. Evaluated existing courses plus created and added new courses to the curriculum.

Stetson University, Deland, FL
Visiting Instructor, Spring 2002

Taught Spanish language and civilization courses to cover Dr. Robert Sitler, the renowned author of many books on the Maya civilization, while he was on sabbatical leave to complete research in Guatamala.

CONFERENCES

December 27-30, 2010, MLA, Philadelphia, PA
Attended the Annual Convention for Modern Language Association.

November 20-23, 2008, ACTFL, Orlando, FL
Attended the Annual Convention for The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

February 2008, Presenter at SAGA’s 8th Annual Colloquium
Presented creative writing: A short story named *El chivonterizar no es reflexivo*.

July 2007, Presenter at the First International Congress for Inkanations. Lima, Perú
Essay titled: *La (re)conciliación a través de la (re)creación de un mito mediante la ideología de la escritura femenina en “La Malinche” de Laura Esquivel*.

February 23-25, 2006, 5th Biennial Conference on Spanish and Latin American Cultural Studies
Florida International University; Miami, FL

Elizabeth Z. Solis • 8775 Sartori St. Unit 105; Orlando, Florida 32829 • elizabe.solis@gmail.com •
esolis4@valenciacollege.edu. Cell (407) 267-2381

April 2001, Session Chair at the First Graduate Annual Colloquium of SAGA (SpAnish Graduate Association) and the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department of UCF.

March 2001, Carolina Conference on Romance Literatures.

March 2001, Volunteer for CALICO Conference held at UCF.

March 2000, Presenter at the Southeast Conference on Foreign Languages and Literatures. Essay titled: *La muerte de Vicente como la expiación del pecado en "El tragaluz" de Antonio Buero Vallejo.*

PUBLICATIONS

La (re)conciliación a través de la (re)creación de un mito mediante la ideología de la escritura femenina en "La Malinche" de Laura Esquivel.

<http://www.hispanetjournal.com/2PrimLareconciliacion.pdf>

EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

Developed a concept for a video series that takes students on the road to interesting locations to improve vocabulary and listening skills.

<http://dlc-hosting.com/spanish/>

WORKSHOPS

June 9-14, 2013

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

Teaching Peace in the 21st Century

March 16-17, 2012

Healing the Heart of Democracy

Elaine Sullivan

Valencia's Peace and Justice Initiative

September 10 and October 1, 2011

Crucial Conversations

This is a high quality, professional development opportunity to further our work in conflict transformation. It is also a great opportunity to strengthen the bonds within the group as we continue to collaborate and deepen our work.

March 21, 2011

Culture and Conflict: Building Bridges

Dr. Alma Jadallah

Elizabeth Z. Solis • 8775 Sartori St. Unit 105; Orlando, Florida 32829 • elizabe.solis@gmail.com • esolis4@valenciacollege.edu. Cell (407) 267-2381

February 4-5, 2011
Living a Peaceful Life
From the Center for Renewal and Wholeness in Higher Education, Dallas, TX.

January 25-27, 2011
The Science of Nonviolence: Principles and Practices with Dr. Nagler
Peace and Justice Initiative
Valencia College, Orlando, FL

October 15-17 2010
Conflict Transformation Training with Dr. Alma Jadallah
Peace and Justice Initiative
Valencia Community College, Orlando, FL

Summer 2008
Summer Conference for Teaching and Learning
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Created on-line modules for Elementary Spanish courses that were transferring from four face-to-face credit hours to three face-to-face credit hours and one on-line credit hour.

Fall 2003
Collaborative Classroom Series
Redesigned course to integrate modern technology into the classroom.

Spring 2000
Foreign Language Professional Development Program

October 2000
Web CT Workshop
Course Development created to provide faculty training to design and develop fully on-line courses.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Spanish
Florida International University, Miami, FL
2007-Current

M.A., Spanish
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
1999-2001

B.A., Spanish
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
1997-1999

Elizabeth Z. Solis • 8775 Sartori St. Unit 105; Orlando, Florida 32829 • elizabe.solis@gmail.com • esolis4@valenciacollege.edu. Cell (407) 267-2381

Certificate in Peace Studies
U-Peace, Costa Rica
2011

AWARDS

April, 2013-2014
Valencia College
Matador Spirit Award

Circa 2010
University of Central Florida
First Year Advocate
Outstanding Faculty Award

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Fall 2013-Present
Co-coordinator for P&JI Peace Ambassadors

January 23-27, 2012
Presenter of Mindfulness and the Non-Self
Valencia College
Conversation on Compassion based on Karen Armstrong's work
Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life

October 6, 2011
Presenter / Co-Moderator
How We Treat Each Other
Café Conversations

July 2000
Presenter at the International Student Orientation at UCF

1999-2000
America Reads
Helped K-12 students and senior citizens acquire reading and writing competency in the English language.

1998-1999
Laubach Literacy League: English and ESOL tutor.
Helped with Adult literacy acquisition.

Elizabeth Z. Solis • 8775 Sartori St. Unit 105; Orlando, Florida 32829 • elizabe.solis@gmail.com •
esolis4@valenciacollege.edu. Cell (407) 267-2381

MEMBERSHIPS

- Peace and Justice Studies Association
- Valencia College Peace and Justice Initiative
- Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society
- Latin American Spanish Association
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

REFERENCES

Dr. Consuelo Stebbins
Interim Director of Latin American Studies
University of Central Florida
407-823-1179

Rachel Allen
Dept. of Humanities and Foreign Languages
Valencia College, Orlando FL
407-582-2291

Yolanda Gonzalez
Dept. of Humanities and Foreign Languages
Valencia College, Orlando, FL
407-582-2477

OTHER

- Fluent in Spanish and English, some Italian
- Volunteer for Peace Education in Haiti
- Likes Latin dancing (Salsa, Merengue, Cha-Cha)