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## **SUMMARY**

Elizabeth is an experienced language instructor with strong pedagogical skills in foreign language acquisition, literature, and culture. She is well-versed in utilizing computer-assisted language learning programs and multimedia equipment to enhance the learning experience. Elizabeth has taught in various educational settings, including traditional classrooms, computerized language labs, hybrid courses, and online platforms. This diverse classroom experience has provided her with a deep understanding of the dynamics required to engage and motivate students in their language studies.

In addition to her expertise in teaching methodologies, Elizabeth possesses a comprehensive knowledge of different pedagogical styles, with a particular focus on student-centered learning. She has successfully implemented student-centered communicative approaches in language learning, allowing her students to actively participate and engage in the learning process. Moreover, Elizabeth has utilized outcome-based assessment methods to evaluate her students' progress and ensure effective learning outcomes.

Elizabeth's excellent interpersonal communication skills, both oral and written, extend to both English and Spanish languages. She has effectively communicated and connected with her students throughout her career, utilizing various communication channels such as faculty office hours. Additionally, she has organized field trips to enhance language proficiency and provided post-semester support to guide students in their career paths.

Overall, Elizabeth's strong pedagogical skills, knowledge of different teaching methodologies, and exceptional communication abilities make her a valuable asset in the field of language instruction.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **University of West Georgia**

1601 Maple St.

Carrollton, GA 30118

Spanish Instructor 2020 – present

### **West Georgia Technical College**

4600 Timber Ridge Dr.

Douglasville, GA 30135

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2015 – 2023  
Adjunct Instructor

Omega Institute  
150 Lake Drive  
Rhinebeck, NY 12572  
Production, 2019

**University of West Georgia**  
1601 Maple St.  
Carrollton, GA 30118  
Adjunct Instructor, 2014 - 2019

**Valencia College**, Orlando, FL  
701 N Econlockhatchee Trail  
Orlando, FL 32825  
*Adjunct Instructor*, 2006-2014

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.

**Nova Southeastern University**, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
3301 College Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314  
*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.

**University of Central Florida**, Orlando, FL  
P.O. Box 161348  
Orlando, FL 32816-1348  
*Adjunct Instructor*, 2010-2014  
*Visiting Instructor*, 2008-2010  
*Adjunct Instructor*, Fall 2001-Spring 2002

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*Teaching Assistant, Fall 1999-Spring 2001*

Teaches elementary language courses. Teaches 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.

## **CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS**

May 18 – 23, 2014

CRWHE Team Facilitation Preparation Retreat  
Center for Renewal and Wholeness in Higher Education  
Comfort, Texas

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

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

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

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.

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.

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 Inkantations. 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

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

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.

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

Spring 2000  
Foreign Language Professional Development Program

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/>

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Spanish  
Florida International University, Miami, FL  
2007- Completed all course work, not dissertation

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

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

Certificate in Peace Studies  
U-Peace, Costa Rica  
2011

## **AWARDS**

May, 2022  
ALG Grant R22  
University of West Georgia

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April, 2013-2014  
Valencia College  
Matador Spirit Award

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

## **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2013-2014  
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.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Peace and Justice Studies Association
- Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society
- Latin American Spanish Association

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- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

## REFERENCES

Dr. Consuelo Stebbins  
Interim Director of Latin American Studies  
University of Central Florida  
407-823-1173

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

Dr. Aida Diaz  
[adiaz@valenciacollege.edu](mailto:adiaz@valenciacollege.edu)  
Valencia College  
407-582-1258

## OTHER

- Fluent in Spanish and English, some Italian
- Volunteer for Peace Education in Haiti