## **Curriculum Vitae**

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## EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

## **Higher Education**

2005	M.A., Hispanic Literatures, University of Minnesota.
1996	B.A., English and Spanish, Lawrence University.
Professional and Academic Positions	
2016-	Assistant Professor, Cornell College, Department of Classical and Modern Languages.
2015-2016	Visiting Assistant Professor, Cornell College, Department of Classical and Modern Languages.
2011-2014	Lecturer, Cornell College, Department of Classical and Modern Languages.
2010-2011	Adjunct Instructor, Coe College, Department of Foreign Languages.
2005-2010	Lecturer, University of Iowa, Department of Spanish and Portuguese.
2004-2005	Writing Center Tutor, University of Minnesota, Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

Ph.D., Hispanic Literatures, University of Minnesota.

## Memberships

Modern Language Association

Latin American Studies Association

American Association of University Professors

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Beginning Spanish I, II, III

Intermediate Spanish I, II

Advanced Spanish Grammar

Writing in Spanish

Introduction to Literary Analysis

Topics in Peninsular Literature

20<sup>th</sup> Century Peninsular Novel and Poetry

First-Year Seminar

Capstone

Don Quijote

Spain in Transition

The Image of the Immigrant in Contemporary Spain

### **TEACHING APPROACHES AND INTERESTS**

- Creating a relaxed and non-judgmental environment in the classroom that encourages students to learn the target language.
- Fostering individualized instruction and mentoring of students throughout their entire college experience.

• Teaching literature courses concentrating on historical perspectives, cultural studies, visual media and the arts.

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Spanish Golden-Age Theater and the novel.
- Recuperating female voices of the Golden Age in transatlantic studies.
- Contemporary marginalized voices of Spain and Spain's linguistic and cultural minorities.
- Spain's position within the European Union and issues of immigration/emigration.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- 2017 Humanities and Arts Interest Group (HAIG) Lecture. "María de Zaya's Baroque Labyrinth of Horror. Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA. November 9.
- 2017 "Building a Monster: Tortured Bodies in María de Zayas." The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. April 20-22.
- 2017 "Enfreaking the Monstrous Hybridity of the Feminine in "El juez de su causa" and "La esclava de su amante." 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Cincinnati Conference on Romance Languages and Literatures. March 31-April 2.
- 2003 "Lo grotesco en *El coronel no tiene quién le* escriba." Seventh Annual Symposium in Graduate Studies, Consuming Narratives, University of Minnesota. April 2003.

#### **BOOK IN PROGRESS**

Reconsidering the Case of María de Zayas: Readings through the Optic of the Monstrous.

# **SERVICE**

2014-	Volunteer at the Free Lunch Program (FLIP) in Iowa City, IA.
2011-	Sponsor of a child at the Lord's House of Hope Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya.
2014-2015	Chairperson of the Family Enrichment Night at Hover Elementary School, Iowa City, IA.
2012-2015	Volunteer at Hoover Elementary School, Iowa City, IA.
2001-2006	Translator in Chimaltenango, Guatemala with the Humanitarian Surgical Group, based in St. Paul, MN.
2000-2006	First Steps' Volunteer, United Hospital, St. Paul, MN.