

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2022** Ph.D. in Hispanic Studies, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
Dissertation: *Fictions of Nazism in 21st-Century Colombian Literature: Global Literary Markets.*
Committee: Dr. Nicolas Lucero (chair), Dr. Lesley Feracho, Dr. Alberto Villate-Isaza.
- 2015** Master of Arts in Spanish, Department of World Languages.
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
- 2015** Master of Arts in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies, The Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (ISLAC). University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
Master's Thesis: *Todo tiempo pasado fue peor: la representación literaria del nazismo en Vázquez, Pardo, Borges y Bayer.* Committee: Dr. Pablo Brescia (chair), Dr. Madeline Cámara, Dr. Heike Scharm, Dr. Bernd Reiter, Dept. of World Languages and The Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 2012** Bachelor of Arts: Humanities and Spanish Language
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

20th- and 21st-century Latin American literature and culture; Latin American colonial literature; politics and literature, cultural studies, and historical memory in Latin America; collaborative international online learning.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022-present** **University of Alabama in Huntsville, AL.**
Lecturer of Spanish
WLC 101S: Intro Foreign Language I: Spanish / in-person & Online
WLC 202S: Intermediate Foreign Language II: Spanish
WLC 301S: Conversation in Spanish
WLC 302S: Composition
WLC 303S: Life and Professions in Spanish

WLC 304S: Civilization and Culture
WLC 305S: Introduction to Literature in Spanish
WLC 404S: Seminar in Literature — Narratives of Historical Memory

2016- University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

2022 Instructor of record
SPAN 1001: Elementary Spanish I / in-person & Online.
SPAN 1002: Elementary Spanish II.
SPAN 1110: Accelerated Elementary Spanish.
SPAN 2001: Intermediate Spanish I.
SPAN 2002: Intermediate Spanish II.
SPAN 4090S: Practicum in Service Learning.
SPAN 3030: Introduction to Literature in Spanish.

2019 Mentor for the Undergraduate Writing Intensive Program

2013- University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

2016 Instructor of record
SPN 1120: Beginning Spanish I.
SPN 1121: Beginning Spanish II.
SPN 2200: Intermediate Spanish I.

2005- Universidad de La Salle, Bogotá, Colombia.

2006 College Spanish/English Tutor.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2025 ACTFL OPI Certificate

OPI Tester Certification (Full Certification)

2024 Medical Interpreting Workshop.

40 Hours of Training as Medical Interpreter

2023 ACTFL- Virtual OPI Assessment Workshop.

30-Hour (completed)

2023 Enhanced Teaching & Learning Center - Instructional Design

QEPO certification

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

2019 Program Assistant for UGA in España's Valencia Summer 2019 program (May 14 – July 1).

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Alfonso, Cristhian. "El laberinto de la soledad: detrás de la máscara del mexicano." *Revista Surco Sur*. vol. 5, no. 8, 2015, pp. 19-20.

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Alfonso, Cristhian. "Oda al Messias." *Cal: Revista de Poesía*, no. 7, 2018, pp. 5-6.

Alfonso, Cristhian. "Invitación abierta para estudiar español." *Centro Tampa Newspaper*. [Tampa: FL] April 30th, 2015, p. A3.

Alfonso, Cristhian. Review of *Fuera de lugar*, by Pablo Brescia. *Suburbano*, 16 Mar 2022.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT/PANEL CHAIR

2025, October 9th–11th. **Conference Participant / Organizing Committee-UAH.** "El nazismo como metáfora: reflexiones de crisis globales en *Diario de fin del mundo*." MIFLC, 75th Annual Conference.

2024, April 4th-6th. **Conference participant.** "De McOndo a la Colombia nazi: ficciones sobre nazismo en la literatura colombiana del siglo XXI." SECOLAS, 71st Annual Meeting.

2021, April 22nd -24th. **Conference participant.** "Ficción, historia y verdad en *Los informantes* de Juan Gabriel Vásquez." A Research One Event. U. of Kentucky. Lexington, KY.

2021, February 26th. **Colloquium participant.** "Escrituras locales en contextos globales: El caso de *Al otro lado del mar* de María C. Restrepo". U. of Central Florida. Orlando, FL.

2017, February 10th-11th. **Colloquium participant.** "The Industrialization of the Colombian Forest." Panel: Latino Identity, Indigenism and Colonialism. A Research One Event. U. of Georgia. Athens, GA.

2015, April 17th. **Colloquium participant.** "Todo tiempo pasado fue peor." Panel: Lenguaje y poder en América Latina: perspectivas psicoanalíticas, políticas y lingüísticas. A Research One Event. U. of South Florida. Tampa, FL.

2014, April 4th. **Colloquium participant.** "Antología de cuentos sobre la infidelidad femenina." Panel: Travestismo, infidelidad y zapatismo en el cuento hispanoamericano del siglo XX. A Research One Event. U. of South Florida. Tampa, FL.

2014, February 21st & 22nd. **Panel Chair.** The "Culture" of the "Studies": Perspectives on Teaching Cultural Issues through Literature and Film. 21st Southeast Conference for Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Film. A Research One Event. U. of South Florida. Tampa, FL.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025, UAH University Distinguished Teaching Award. Fall 2025.

2020, University of Georgia, Willson Center Graduate Research Award.

2020, University of Georgia, Summer Doctoral Research Assistantship.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

University of Alabama in Huntsville

2025, CAHS Awards Committee.

2023, Fall 2023 Commencement.

2023, Fulbright Language Evaluation, Fall 2023.

2023, Encouragement Emails (An initiative aimed at recruiting and retaining students, led by the WLC Chair)

2023, October 18th. CAHS Major & Minor Fair.

2023, Spanish Club, Spring 2023.

2022, November 8th. Spanish Club Interest Meeting. A Prospective Student Event.

2022, October 29th. UAH's WLC faculty representation on UAH Discovery Day. A Prospective Student Event.

2022, September 29th. Promoted and attended UAH's WLC Open House.

2022, September 27th. Assisted and participated in the making of a video promotion for Hispanic Heritage Month. Organized by the UAH's Office of Marketing and Communications

University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

2022, April 28th-30th. Volunteer: Latin American Works of Memory Conference: Rethinking Transnational and Local Concepts and Devices, University of Georgia.

2020, February 14th-15th. Volunteer: Crossroads Graduate Students Conference, University of Georgia.

2015, April 7th. Committee Member: Fifth USF Annual Spanish Fair, University of South Florida.

2014, February 15th. Committee Member: Fourth USF Annual Spanish Fair, University of South Florida.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native)

English (near-native fluency)

Portuguese (reading knowledge)

REFERENCES

References available upon request.