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### **EDUCATION**

#### **Ph.D.: Romance Linguistics**

Department of Spanish and Portuguese  
The University of Texas at Austin, December 2003  
Dissertation Title: "A Comparative study of the Determiner in Spanish, English, and Korean." (Supervisor: Dr. Marta Lujan) – **"Dissertation Nominated for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award for 2004"**  
( [http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/awards/dissertation/nominees/nom\\_2004.html](http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/awards/dissertation/nominees/nom_2004.html) )

#### **M.A.: Spanish Linguistics**

Department of Spanish Linguistics  
Instituto Caro y Cuervo; Seminario Andrés Bello,(Bogota, Colombia), December 1995  
Thesis Title: "Colocación y Concurrencia de los Pronombres Clíticos de tercera persona en el habla de la ciudad de Bogotá" (Supervisor: Dr. Jose Joaquin Montes Giraldo)

#### **B.A.: Spanish Linguistics and Literature**

Department of Spanish Linguistics and Literature  
Korea University, Seoul Korea. Feb 1993.

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

**Professor:** (August, 2017- Present)

Department of Modern Languages  
Taylor University, Indiana

**Associate Professor:** (August, 2011 – July, 2016)

Department of Modern Languages  
Taylor University, Indiana

**Assistant Professor:** (August, 2004 – July 2011)

Department of Modern Languages  
Taylor University, Indiana

**Assistant Instructor:** (January, 1998- December, 2003))

Department of Spanish & Portuguese  
The University of Texas at Austin

**Teacher:** (March, 1996 – April, 1997)

SKY Institute of Foreign Language Education  
Incheon. Korea

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

**Department Chair** (June, 2015 – present)

Dept. of Modern Languages, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana

**Department Co-Chair** (January, 2014 – June 2015)

Dept. of Modern Languages, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana

**Director of Korean Program** (August, 2012 - Present)

Taylor University, Upland, Indiana

**Director of Institute of English Language Studies** (August, 2010 – July, 2012)

Taylor University, Indiana

**Leader of the Summer Intensive Spanish Program** (June, 2008)

Cuenca, Ecuador

**Co-leader of the Summer Intensive Spanish Course to Oaxaca** (June, 2005)

Oaxaca, Mexico

**Director of Korean Summer School (1998 – 2000)**

at Austin Korean Presbyterian Church

## **TEACHING**

### **A. Courses taught:**

SPA 101 : Elementary Spanish I

SPA 102 : Elementary Spanish II

SPA 201 : Intermediate Spanish I

SPA 202 : Intermediate Spanish II

SPN 506 : First semester of Spanish

SPN 507 : Second semester of Spanish

SPN 312K : Third semester of Spanish

SPN 312L : Fourth semester of Spanish

KOR 170-I: Elementary Korean I

KOR 170-II: Elementary Korean II

KOR 270-I: Intermediate Korean I

KOR 270-II: Intermediate Korean II

Applied Linguistics

Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

Syntactic structure of Spanish

Conversational Perspectives in Spanish

Communication in Spanish

Advanced Reading and Composition

The Art of Writing Spanish

Culture and Civilization of Latin America

Tch Sec/JH/MS-Spec Meth-MDL (Spanish Teaching Methodology)

### **B. Courses that I can teach:**

Culture and Civilization of Spain

Culture and Civilization of Latin America

Spanish language (all levels)

Korean language (all levels)

Spanish Grammar and Composition

Applied Linguistics

Phonetics and Phonology  
Syntax and Semantics  
Introduction to Linguistics  
Spanish Civilization  
Spanish Historical Linguistics  
Korean Grammar and Composition

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

General Syntax  
Syntax and Semantics (Spanish, Korean)  
The Structure of Nominals  
Comparative Study of Languages  
Second language Acquisition (Spanish, Korean, English)  
Applied Linguistics

### **ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND PARTICIPATION**

#### **Conference Presentations and Talks**

- 2018 “Decisive Factors Classifying Language Proficiency Levels” (for Curriculum Development Guide) (Oct. 2018), The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities at the University of West Georgia
- 2017 “Vocabulary Learning vs. Vocabulary Acquisition” (Two Different Approaches: Visual vs. Written) (Sep. 2017), Texas Linguistics Society (Dept. of Linguistics) – University of Texas at Austin
- 2016 “Making Meaning of Internationalization” (Institutional Strategies Workshop) (May 2016) Institute for Curriculum and Campus Internalization
- 2016 “Fostering Connections, Empowering Communities and Celebrating the World” (Mar, 2016), 2016 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
- 2015 “Collaboration and Technology in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Language Learning” (Oct. 2015) Vista Higher Learning, Fall Forum in Chicago

- 2014 “Spanish Classroom in American College” (June 2014) ARCO Language Institute, Cuenca, Ecuador
- 2013 “Expectations and Achievements of the Students in University-level Intermediate Spanish Classes” (Nov, 2013) The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities at the University of West Georgia
- 2010 “New Tools for Teaching Spanish for Business”, Webinar conference, McGraw-Hill Higher Education
- 2010 “Facilitate Department Exams, Comprehensive Finals, and Proficiency Testing [Bb Assessments], T4T Conference at Taylor University.
- 2009 Spanish Language and Spanish Teacher Education Program in US; Series of Special Lecture at Korea University.
- 2008 Service-Learning Workshop (Oct. 30, 2008) at Taylor University, Upland IN
- 2008 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Language (March 6-8) at Dearborn MI
- 2006 “Decisive Factors Classifying Language Proficiency Levels” Scholarship and Inquiry: From Shakespeare to the Stratosphere, Faculty Research Fair, Taylor University.
- 2002 “El Logicismo gramatical de los Tiempos y Aspectos verbales de Bello” The 12th Colloquium on Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literature and Romance Linguistics (Austin, TX)
- 1994 “Problemática Sociolingüística de los Niños “Gamines” de Santafé de Bogotá en la Plaza Santander.” Departamento de la Lingüística Española, Instituto Caro y Cuervo
- 1994 With Alfredo Jaime Bruges Moreno, “La Biblioteca de Babel-Aplicación del Modelo de Producción de Sentido” Departamento de la Lingüística Española,

Instituto Caro y Cuervo

- 1994 “¿Cómo se genera la producción de sentido?” Departamento de la Lingüística Española, Instituto Caro y Cuervo
- 1993 “Una Visión Crítica de las Letras Hispanoamericanas de Lezama Lima” Seminario Andrés Bello, Instituto Caro y Cuervo

### **Publications:**

- 2017 “Vocabulary Learning vs. Vocabulary Acquisition” (Two Different Approaches: Visual vs. Written) (Texas Linguistics Society, 2017)
- 2009 “A Comparative Study on Syntactic Behavior of Null Operator and the Universal Projection of Determiner Phrase in Relative Clause”, *Korean Journal of Hispanic Studies*, 2008, 71-92
- 2004 “A Study of the Determiner Phrase of Spanish, English, and Korean” University of Texas at Austin, Ph. D Dissertation
- 2003 “Uniqueness Principles of Overt- Complementizer Phrase and the Alternation between OP and Determiners in Spanish” Korea, Journal of Asociación Coreana de Hispanistas
- 1995 “Colocación y Concurrencia de los Pronombres Clíticos de tercera persona en el habla de la ciudad de Bogotá” Instituto Caro y Cuervo MA Thesis Bogotá

### **On-going Research Projects**

- 2017 “Decisive Factors Classifying Language Proficiency Levels” – Plan to present and publish in Fall 2018 or Spring 2019

### **Journal Article Reviews**

- 2016 HISPANIA-IR-12-2015-0078 “El español y el japonés”
- 2014 HISPANIA-OA10-2014-0118 “Exploring Instruction of Derivational Morphology in the Spanish L2 Classroom”
- 2011 HISPANIA-OA-10-2011-0124 “Spanish Second-Person Singular as –stes”
- 2011 HISPANIA-OA-06-2011-0068.R1 “The Role of Gender Embedded Questions, and Domain Specific Reading with Learners of Spanish”
- 2010 HISPANIA-OA-01-2010-0011.R1 “Las metáforas conceptuales como estrategias comunicativas y de aprendizaje. Una aplicación didáctica de la lingüística cognitiva”
- 2009 HISPANIA-OA-07-2009-0035 “Affective Structured Input On Line: How Authentic Are Learner Responses?”

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Research Grant (2017-18): Taylor University Women’s Giving Circle  
 Senior Capstone Vocation Curricular Enhancement Mini-grant  
 Professional Development Award (2003) - The Graduate School of UT at Austin  
 Scholarship for the Exchange Scholar (1993-95) - Ministry of Education of Korea  
 Scholarship of ICETEX (1994-95) -Ministry of Education of Colombia  
 Scholarship of OEA (1993-95) - Instituto Caro y Cuervo

### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages)  
 THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE (AATSP)  
 HISPANIA JOURNAL (article reviewer)  
 CAWL (Christian Association of World Languages)  
 MLA  
 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE  
 NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

ASOCIACIÓN COREANA DE HISPANISTAS  
LINGUIST LIST

**ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES**

Leader of 2017 Summer Spanish Trip to Spain  
Leader of J-term, 2017 Spanish trip to Santiago, Chile  
Co-leader of J-term Sociology and Social Work Seminar in Korea  
Leader and Co-leader of Summer Intensive Language Program in Mexico and Ecuador (2005 - Present)  
Elder and Session member of First Presbyterian Church in Muncie (2007 - 2015)  
Volunteer Spanish Teacher at the First Presbyterian Church at Muncie (2005 - 2009)  
Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church at Muncie (2004 -2005)  
Leader of Bible Study Group at First Presbyterian Church at Muncie (2005 - 2017)  
Director of Korean Summer School (1998 – 2000)  
Deacon of Austin Korean Presbyterian Church (2000-2003)  
Graduation of Bethel Bible Series (Level 1 and 2) (2003)  
Volunteer Spanish Interpreter in Mission Trip to Mexico (2000-2002)  
Volunteer Spanish Teacher in Korean Church in Austin (2002-2003)  
Military Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineering Group in US 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Korea, (1989-1991)  
Youth Group Bible Teacher in Austin Korean Presbyterian Church (1998-2000) Member of Choir in Austin Korean Presbyterian Church (1997-2003)  
Youth Group Leader in “Iglesia Coreana Presbyteriana” en Bogota (1993-1995)  
Volunteer Spanish Interpreter in 88 Seoul Olympic Games (1988)