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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)

M.Div: Master of Divinity (Sep. 2024 – Present)

Standard Program
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Kansas City, Missouri, USA

M.A.: Spanish Linguistics

Department of Spanish Linguistics
Instituto Caro y Cuervo; Seminario Andrés Bello, (Bogotá, 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. José Joaquín 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 English & 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

Director of On-Campus Int'l Programs (June 2024 – Present)

Spencer Center for Global Engagement
Taylor University, Upland, Indiana

Director of Upland Sejong Institute (June 2019 – Present)

Taylor University, Upland, Indiana

Department Chair (June, 2015 – Spring 2020)

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, Upland, 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 304 : Intro to Spanish Linguistics
SPN 305 : Communication in Spanish
SPN 310 : Culture and Civilization of Hispanic America
MDL 309 : Spanish Teaching Methodology
SPN 507 : Second semester of Spanish
SPN 312K : Third semester of Spanish
SPN 312L : Fourth semester of Spanish
KOR 101: Elementary Korean I
KOR 102: Elementary Korean II
KOR 201: Intermediate Korean I
KOR 202: Intermediate Korean II
Applied Linguistics
Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
Syntactic structure of Spanish
Conversational Perspectives in Spanish
Communication in Spanish
Advanced Reading and Composition
Spanish Advanced Grammar for Spanish teachers
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 33rd 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 21st 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 28th 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

- 2025 El uso sintáctico vs. semántico de los artículos definido e indefinido en Español (Syntactic vs. semantic use of definite and indefinite articles in Spanish)
- 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

Director of Upland Sejong Institute, Upland and Indianapolis (2019- present)
 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, 2nd Engineering Group in US 8th 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)

REFERENCES

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