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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Hispanic Literature, St. Louis University, May 1983
- Master of Arts in Latin American Studies, University of Southern California, 1971
- Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Certificate in General Education, Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1969

CERTIFICATION

- State of Missouri lifetime certification in Spanish (K-12)

STRENGTHS AND SKILLS

- People person, good listener, problem solver
- Effective communicator, facilitator and public speaker
- Energetic, self-motivated, efficient and practical
- Fluent in Spanish as a native speaker
- Effective team leader and team member
- Respectful of diversity, resourceful, flexible, supportive, and lifelong learner

RECENT POSITIONS

- Adjunct faculty member, St. Louis University. Served as part-time instructor of an intermediate Spanish Class, Spring Semester 2007.
- Adjunct faculty member, Webster University. Serving as instructor of elementary and intermediate Spanish classes and teaching assistants advisor, 2004 to present.
- Adjunct faculty member, St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. Serving as part-time instructor of elementary and intermediate Spanish classes, 1977 to present).
- Chairperson, Communication Skills Department, Hazelwood Central High School. Served as instructional leader for 38 teachers. Duties included teaching, supervision, interviewing, hiring, coaching, mentoring, conducting evaluations, scheduling, budgeting, purchasing, conducting inventories, writing reports, revising curriculum, testing, and writing proposals (1991 to 2004).
- Foreign Language Coordinator, Hazelwood School District. Served as team leader for Foreign Language teachers at three high schools and three middle schools. Duties included assisting the consultant in curriculum revision, implementation, organizing workshops, and planning of professional development days (2000 to 2004).