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Education

Michigan State University, Lansing, MI Aug. 2018- Present
Ph.D. Student, Chicano/Latino Studies

Emporia State University, Emporia, KS May 2018
M.A., English-Rhetoric/Pedagogy

University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO May 2015
B.A., English-Rhetoric and Language

Area of Specialty

Chicanx/Latinx literature

Areas of concentration include: Subversion of the Catholic structure and patriarchy in colonial Latin America (enslaved and Indigenous mystics), Aztec mythology, representation of women in literature, feminism, decolonial studies, identity, and folklore.

Professional Experience

Michigan State University
Teaching Assistant Aug. 2018-Present
Research Assistant Aug. 2018-May 2019

Emporia State University Aug. 2017-May 2018
Graduate Teaching Assistant

Instructional Paraprofessional July 2016-June 2018
Foreign Language Academy, Kansas City Public Schools District
Spanish and English Tutor

Course Taught

Emporia State University:
SA 110B: Spanish Language & Culture I (Second Language Learners) (Spring 2018)
SA 313A: Spanish Language & Culture III (Second Language Learners) (Fall 2017)
SA 313B: Spanish Language & Culture III (Spanish Heritage Learners) (Fall 2017)

Talks

“Subverting the Narrative in Ursula de Jesus’s Mysticism”. *National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies*, Albuquerque, NM, will present on April 3-6, 2019.

“Decoding Aztec Sacrifice and Tonantzin in Sor Juana’s *Loa to the Divine Narcissus* and Villancicos”. *Midwest Modern Language Association*, Kansas City, MO, Nov. 14-19, 2018.

“The History of Ballet Folklórico in Kansas City”. *Missouri Folklore Society Conference*, Jefferson City, MO, November 14, 2015.

“Looking for Dance in Kansas City’s Oral History”. *National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies*, San Francisco, CA, April 15-18, 2015.

“Looking for Dance in Kansas City’s Oral History”. *Faculty Colloquium at University of Missouri-Kansas City*, March 12, 2015.

“Looking for Dance in Kansas City’s Oral History”. *FOCO Midwest Region Conference for NACCS*, Kansas City, MO, October 23-25, 2014.

Academic Fellowships and Grants

Tinker Field Research Grant	2019
Midwest Modern Language Travel Grant	2018
University of Missouri Research Board (UMRB), Grant	2014-2015
NACCS Student Fellowship Presenter Conference Fellowship	2015

University Service

Spanish Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi Secretary and Member	2017-2018
Latin@ Alumni and Students Organization (LASO) Founder and President, University of Missouri-Kansas City	2014-2015

Professional Membership

Midwest Modern Language Association	2018-Present
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Member	2015-Present
KC Metro Latinas, Member	2016-Present

Languages

Bilingual: Spanish, native speaker
English, native speaker

References

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