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Research Interests

Hispanic linguistics, applied linguistics, heritage language teaching, sociolinguistics, Spanish for specific purposes, historical linguistics, Spanish in the USA, Spanish in contact with other languages, bilingualism, and second language acquisition.

Education

- 2021 Certificate in Effective College Instruction-The Association of College and University Educators and American Council on Education.
- 2015 Ph.D. in Hispanic Linguistics, University of Houston.
Dissertation: Hispanic Families' Attitudes towards the Heritage Language in Houston and its Suburbs.
- 2010 M.A. in Spanish (Literature), The University of Texas at El Paso, Texas.
- 2010 Graduate Certification for Teaching English as Second Language, The University of Texas at el Paso, Texas.
- 2001 Language Teaching Program (majors in English and Spanish and minor in French), Universidad Industrial de Santander, Colombia.

Peer Review Publications

- Vargas Blanco, Edgar Mauricio and Kenny Montgomery. 2019. "Percepciones de los estudiantes de español sobre la creación de un curso para la carrera de comunicación." *LFE: Revista de Lenguas para fines Específicos*.
- Vargas Blanco, Edgar Mauricio. 2018. "Actitudes lingüísticas de padres y madres de familias colombianas y mexicanas en Houston: un estudio cualitativo." *Forma y Función*, 31(1), 155-181.

Manuscripts Under Review/in Progress

- Vargas Blanco, Edgar Mauricio. "Bilingual Stories for Curious Children." *Arte Publico Press, University of Houston*. Submitted for Publication.
- Vargas Blanco, Edgar Mauricio and Kenny Montgomery. "Desarrollo educacional y labor social comunitaria en un programa de español médico en el Valle de Texas." In preparation.

Vargas Blanco, Edgar Mauricio. "Strategies to Support Parents in the Transmission of the Heritage Language." In preparation.

Vargas Blanco, Edgar Mauricio. "Hispanic Families' Policies in the Maintenance of the Heritage Language or the Shift to English." In preparation.

Didactic Materials

Vargas Blanco, Edgar Mauricio. 2016. "Sample Class for Heritage Language Workshop- Adapting and Creating Activities for Heritage Learners of Spanish." University of Texas at Austin.

Vargas Blanco, Edgar Mauricio. 2015. "Hablemos de la casa." Electronic Didactic Magazine, Todoele.

Vargas Blanco, Edgar Mauricio. 2015. "Canción: Fotografía." Electronic Didactic Magazine, Todoele.

Teaching Experience

2023-Present Assistant Teaching Professor-University of Colorado Boulder.

2019-2023 Lead Faculty, Department of Communication, Community College of Aurora.

2022 Summer Spanish Immersion- Linguistics Specialist. New Mexico Highlands.

2016-2019 Assistant Professor of Hispanic Linguistics, Department of Languages and Culture, New Mexico Highlands University.

2011-2016 Spanish as a Second and Heritage Language Instructor/Teaching Assistant, Department Hispanic Studies, The University of Houston.

2008-2010 Spanish and ESL instructor/Teaching Fellow, The University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Languages and Linguistics.

International Teaching Experience

2005-2006 French Instructor, French Alliance, Colombia.

2004-2005 Spanish Teaching Assistant, Fulham Cross School, England.

2003-2004 English and French Instructor, Universidad de Santander, Colombia.

2002-2003 Spanish Teaching Assistant, Jean Zay School, France.

2000-2002 English and French Instructor, Universidad Industrial de Santander, Colombia.

Administrative Experience

2019-Present Lead Faculty, Department of Education and World Languages, Community College of Aurora.

2019- 2022 Post-Secondary Representative Board Member-Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teacher (CCFLT).

2016-2019 Language Learning Center Director, Department of Language and Culture, New Mexico Highlands University.

2003-2004 Director of Language Lab, Universidad de Santander, Colombia.

Courses Taught

Graduate classes upper-level linguistics classes

- Spanish 535/435, Health in the Hispanic World, New Mexico Highlands (hybrid).
- Spanish 515/415, Advanced Translation, New Mexico Highlands University (hybrid).
- Spanish 525/425, Spanish for the Business Professions, New Mexico Highlands University (hybrid).

Upper-level linguistics classes

- Spanish 495, Senior Year Paper, New Mexico Highlands University.
- Spanish 430, Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics, New Mexico Highlands (hybrid).
- Spanish 300, Advanced Grammar, New Mexico Highlands University.
- Spanish 3306, Introduction to the Spanish Language, University of Houston.
- Spanish 3301, Spanish Oral for Critical Thinking, University of Houston.

Intermediate-level language classes

- Spanish 2011, Spanish Language III, University of Colorado Boulder (in person).
- Spanish 2012, Spanish Language IV, Community College of Aurora (hybrid and online).
- Spanish 2035, Reading and Writing, Community College of Aurora (hybrid and online).
- Spanish 211, Spanish as a Heritage Language, New Mexico Highlands (hybrid and online).
- Spanish 2307, Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Learners I, University of Houston (hybrid).
- Spanish 2304, Spanish for Heritage Speakers, The University of Texas at El Paso.
- Spanish 2304, Spanish for Heritage Speakers, The University of Texas at El Paso.
- Spanish 2301, Intermediate Spanish for Non-Native Speakers I, University of Houston (hybrid).
- Spanish 2302, Intermediate Spanish for Non-Native Speakers II, University of Houston (hybrid).

Lower-level language classes

- Spanish 1020, Elementary Spanish II, University of Colorado Boulder (in person)
- Spanish 101, Beginning Spanish I, New Mexico Highlands University (hybrid and online).
- Spanish 101, Elementary Spanish I, University of Houston (hybrid and online)

Other Courses Taught

- Learning Community 101, New Mexico Highlands University.
- ESL 1610, Intermediate English for Speakers of Other Languages, University of Texas at El Paso.
- English as a Foreign Language Levels I, II, III, IV, V and VI - Universidad de Santander, Colombia.
- English for Medical Purposes Level I and II- Universidad de Santander, Colombia.
- French I, II, III, IV, V, VI and X - Universidad Industrial de Santander, Colombia.

Scholarships, Grants, and Special Recognitions

2023	Kahn Family Community Teaming Fund (Submitted Collaboratively with the Chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese in December), University of Colorado Boulder (\$1500)
2022-2023	The Colorado Commission of Colorado Grant to design OER courses (\$8,000)
2019	Mustard Seed Proposal, First United Presbyterian Church, Las Vegas, NM (\$1,000).
2018-2019	Faculty Recognition at the Celebration of Faculty Excellence, New Mexico Highlands University.
2018	Faculty Research Proposal-New Mexico Highlands University (\$1500)
2018	Fulbright-Hays Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan Group Project Abroad, University of Arizona (\$8,000).
2017	Unidos Leadership and Equity Institute Training, Alamosa, Colorado (\$2,000).
2016	Collaboration with ELL/HED Grant, New Mexico Highlands University (\$12,000).
2012-2015	Good Neighbor Scholarship, University of Houston (\$20,000).
2012	Dr. Harvey Johnson Scholarship, University of Houston (\$1,000).
2011-2015	Teaching Fellowship, University of Houston (\$15,700 per academic year).
2010	Frank & Polly Ann Morrow Award for Outstanding International Graduate Students, The University of Texas at El Paso (\$1,000).
2009-2010	Good Neighbor Scholarship, The University of Texas at El Paso (\$5,000).
2008-2010	Teaching Fellowship, The University of Texas at El Paso (\$19,800).
2004-2005	Spanish Assistant in Great Britain-ICETEX, Colombia (£11,000).
2002-2003	Spanish Assistant in France-ICETEX, Colombia (€7,200 Euros).
1997-1998	Outstanding Student, Universidad Industrial de Santander, Colombia (COP 500,000).

Conferences, Symposia, and Workshop Presentations

2024	“Unveiling Authenticity: Narrowing Linguistic Patterns among Spanish Heritage Speakers in the USA.” 11 th National Symposium on Spanish as a Heritage Language. Texas A & M San Antonio (Submitted and accepted).
2023	“Nuestros cuentos.” Confluence Conference. Community College of Aurora.
2019	“Percepciones de los estudiantes de español sobre la creación de un curso para la carrera de comunicación.” 27 th Conference on Spanish in the US and Spanish with Other Languages. Cleveland State University.
2019	“International Language and Cultural Exchange among Central Asian, Hispanic, and American Students.” Globalizing the Community College Curriculum. The University of Arizona.

- 2018 “Desarrollo educacional y labor social comunitaria en un programa de español médico en el Valle del sur de Texas.” Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2018. University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018 “Hispanic Parents’ Attitudes towards the Transmission of Spanish in Houston and its Suburbs.” 9th International Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics. Queens College.
- 2018 “Online Resources for Second and Heritage Language Learners in the Global World.” Understanding Global Identities through Literature, Language, and Media. The University of Arizona.
- 2017 “Parents’ and Children’s Attitudes towards the Spanish Dialect Spoken in Houston and its Suburbs.” Conference on Spanish in the US/Spanish in Contact with other Languages.
- 2016 “Sample Class for Heritage Language Workshop.” Adapting and Creating Activities for Heritage Learners of Spanish Workshop. University of Texas at Austin.
- 2015 “Language Policy in Hispanic Families in Houston and its Suburbs.” TexFLEC Conference. University of Texas at San Antonio (San Antonio, Texas).
- 2015 “Heritage Language Maintenance or Loss in Hispanic Families in Houston and its Suburbs.” Hispanic Studies Congress. University of Houston.
- 2014 “Hispanic Families’ Attitudes towards their Heritage Language in Houston and its Suburbs.” Presented at Symposium on Spanish as a Heritage Language. Texas Tech University (Lubbock, Texas).

Professional Activities and Service

- 2023-2024 Search Committee Member for Assistant Professor of Chicano/a/x, U.S.-Mexican, Central American Literatures and Cultures, University of Colorado Boulder.
- 2023 Collaborate in the Writing of the Proposal to form part of the Interdisciplinary Cluster Hire in Health and Wellness.
- 2019-2023 Latinx Alliance Advisor. Community College of Aurora.
- 2022 Search Committee Member for the Business Program, Community College of Aurora.
- 2021 OER Resources Creation for the Spanish Courses at Community College of Aurora.
- 2021 Search Committee Member for Academic Program Support Specialist. Community College of Aurora
- 2019-2022 Member of the Fulbright National Screening Committee (English Teaching Assistants) US Fulbright Program.
- 2019 Volunteer in Las Vegas Pride Parade-New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2018-2019 Member of the Ghosh Light Project to promote a safe environment for the diverse populations on campus. New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2018-2019 Representative of the “Town and Gown Commission” to focus on positive community engagement, potential partnerships, and joint campus-community solutions to shared issues. New Mexico Highlands University.

- 2018-2019 Member of the Evaluation of University Studies Program. New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2018-2019 Member of the Undergraduate Appeals Committee-New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2018-2019 Co-organizer of recruitment lectures for local schools.
- 2017-2019 Member of Academic Affairs. New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2017-2019 Supervision and translation of multiple documents for Strategic Enrollment. New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2016-2019 Member of the Writing of the Outcome Assessment Plan and Report for the Spanish Program. New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2016-2019 Writer of the Outcome Assessment Plan and Report for the Language Learning Center. New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2016-2019 Hispanic Culture and Language Association Mentor. New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2018 Editorial reviewer, Heritage Languages in the USA: Spanish Growth Across Domains to be published by Brill Publishers.
- 2018 Member of the Committee of the Summer Spanish Immersion Institute to prepare bilingual teachers. New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2016-2018 Member of the Common Course Numbering for the Spanish Courses in New Mexico.
- 2016 Search Committee Member for Assistant Professor of Spanish Position, Department of Languages and Culture. New Mexico Highlands University.
- 2014 Organizing Committee Member for the 4th International Poetry Festival “Grito de Mujer.” University of Houston.

Professional Memberships

- 2016-Present Heritage Spanish, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018-Present Teleplaza - Center for Integrated Language Communities (CILC) and Institute for Language Education in Transcultural Context (ILETC), City University of New York.
- 2013-Present Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, University of Houston.
- 2017-Present International Association for Language Learning Technology.
- 2016-Present The Center for Open Educational Resources and Language Learning, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2012-2015 President Spanish Culture and Language Association, University of Houston.

Languages

- Spanish *Native*
- English *Near-Native*
- French *Advanced proficiency*

Portuguese *Advanced proficiency*

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