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EDUCATION

PhD, Educational Policy Studies, Social Foundations of Education, Georgia

State University, Atlanta GA, 2018 Dissertation: Unheard Voices: Counterstories of Latinx Immigrant Parents' Experiences Navigating Metro Atlanta Public Schools

Advisor: Dr. Kristen Buras

MA, Spanish, California State University, Fresno, CA, 1999

BA, Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey, Puerto Rico, 1988

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Research to improve awareness on Latinx immigrants' educational and navigational experiences in U.S. schools.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Curriculum Development

Atlanta Public Schools

- Developed proposal for CLASS Keys guidelines
- Developed curriculum based on Georgia Performance Standards
- Presenter "Middle School Transformation" initiative
- Presenter "Schools to Watch" guidelines
- Presented CRCT "kick off" in Spanish for Latinx population

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Methods of Research in Human Learning and Development

College of Education and Human Development, Georgia State University

- Prepared lectures and activities focusing on educational research theories and Methods

Instructor/Program Chair, Latinx Studies

Modern Language Department, Bethune Cookman University

- Assisted the Division Dean regarding hiring and inducting faculty into the Division of Humanities.
- Prepared program accountability reports; financial, comprehensive and retention reports.
- Worked collaboratively with Student Support Services providing better opportunities for students' academic success.
- Developed an interdisciplinary approach between the areas of modern languages and other disciplines.
- Responsible for administering program budget including staff and other support services.
- Assisted faculty and staff in the procedures on collective bargaining agreement, policies and procedures.

- Evaluated faculty and staff in the modern language program.
- Promoted new program at local high schools.
- Spanish courses taught include: Culture and Civilization of Latin America, Culture and Civilization of Spain, Peninsular Literature, Advanced Conversation and Composition, Latin American Literature, and Elementary and Intermediate Spanish.

Graduate Mentor, Bethune Cookman University

Study Abroad Program

- Mentored students in study abroad experience and secured funds for expenses.
- Guided students in preparation for career opportunities in foreign languages.
- Mentored students in weekly professional seminars.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interpreter Orientation Instructor, Georgia Commission on Interpreters

Freelance Interpreter and Translator, Santa-Pinter International, LLC. Atlanta, GA

Teacher, Georgia, Florida, and California

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCES

Center for Teacher Excellence (Presenter, USA)

St Jude Children’s Hospital Committee Member, Atlanta Division

Middle Schools Transformation Conference (Lexington, KY).

Professional Development CLASS Keys (Forsyth County,

Curriculum Development (Foreign Language, Forsyth County, GA).

Guest Speaker at Graduate School Forum (Daytona Beach, FL).

Guest at “Americanos Hotline” Television Program (WCEU, Daytona Beach, FL).

Community Outreach Program (Clovis, CA).

Public Relations Student Body Council Member (Cayey, PR).

President of Nu Delta Sigma Sorority (Cayey, PR).

MEMBERSHIPS

Alpha Mu Gamma

American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)

American Association of Interpreters and Translators (AAIT)

American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Modern Language Association (MLA)

National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators (NAJIT)

Nu Delta Sigma

Pi Lambda Theta

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Fluent

English: Fluent

French: Working Knowledge

Italian: Working Knowledge

References available upon request