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## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am an experienced and highly motivated **professional** in the field of English-Spanish-French teaching. I am a goal-oriented **teacher, interpreter, translator, material designer** and **writer** with excellent teaching strategies, team work and communication skills. Besides my homeland, Colombia, I have also worked overseas successfully and published two books for teachers in this field with children, adolescents and adults in their different levels of performance.

# WORK EXPERIENCE:

- **2010** Fund. Educ. FEM, CerroMatoso Nickel Mine, BHPBilliton (Montelíbano, Colombia) de 2010 a ... <u>Full time homeroom teacher</u>: responsible for third grade bilingual students in the field of Math, Science and English.
- 2008 University of Ha'il (Ha'il, Saudi Arabia) from 2008 to 2009 <u>Full time English teacher</u>: responsible for **Preparatory University Students** in the field of Conversational English as a requirement in their careers.
- **2008** Visiting International Faculty Program (VIF, public schools, S.C., U.S.A.) from 2005 to 2008 <u>Full time Spanish-English teacher</u>: 3 years, responsible for K-12 students in American public schools as an educator and cultural ambassador for three consecutive years.
- 2008 Berkeley Middle School (public school, S.C., U.S.A.) from 2007 to 2008 <u>Full time Spanish teacher</u>: 1 year, responsible for middle school students (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade) in the field of Spanish as a Foreign Language.
- 2007 Septima Clark High School Academy (public school, S.C., U.S.A.) from 2006 to 2007 <u>Full time Spanish teacher</u>: 1 year, responsible for high school students (9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade) in the field of Spanish as a Foreign Language. This 'Alternative School' (Magnet) is committed to students that are at risk of dropping out from their regular schools.
- 2006 Southwest Middle School (public school, N.C., U.S.A.) from 2005 to 2006 <u>Full time ESL teacher</u>: 1 year, responsible for middle school students (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade) in the field of English as a Second Language (ESL) so that they will be able to adjust to the demands of American education and life.
- **2005** Secretaría de Educación Municipal (CASD and Santa Librada K-12 Public Schools, Cali. Colombia) from 1994 to 2005. <u>Full time English teacher</u>: 11 years, responsible for K-12 students in the field of English (EFL).
- **2005** Javeriana University (Cali. Colombia) from 2004 to 2005 English Teacher: 1 year, responsible for the University teachers' program in EFL instruction.
- 2004 Santiago de Cali University USC (Cali. Colombia) from 1995 to 2004 English teacher and tutor: 9 years, responsible for English University students in the undergraduate program of language teaching whose objective was to gain expertise in English and in the area of teaching.
- 2003 Icesi University (Cali. Colombia) from 1995 to 2003 English teacher and tutor: 8 years, responsible for the area of EFL and ESP and tutoring students who register for the different levels of mandatory English in their eight-semester programs.
- **1994** Los Cañaverales International K-12 School (private school, Cali. Colombia) from 1993 to 1994 <u>Full Time English teacher</u>: 1 year, responsible for **third graders** as a homeroom teacher.

### **EDUCATION:**

2011: Universidad Unini-Funiber (USA-Pto Rico) MA in TEFL Teaching English (\*thesis in process)

1985: Universidad del Valle (Cali, Colombia) BA in Modern Languages (Language Teaching and Pedagogy).

1998: Universidad Santiago de Cali USC (Cali, Colombia) Specialization in Teaching English.

1983: Centro Colombo Americano (Cali, Colombia) English Studies in Proficiency and Grammar.

1990: Catawba Valley Community College (N.C., USA) English Studies in Literature, Composition and Grammar.

# PRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION AWARDED:

2008: Presenter as an Educator and Cultural Ambassador for the Visiting International Faculty Program (VIF) in N.C. and SC. US. 2008: Presenter for the Berkeley County School District Instructional Fair / Staff Development, SC, US. 2008: Presenter for the ESL English as a Second Language (K12) teaching license for NC, US. 2008: Presenter for the Spanish and ESL English as a Second Language (K12) teaching license for SC, US. 2007: Participant for the Praxis Test (Spanish Content Knowledge, SC, US). Score: 189 (out of 200; required passing store: 148). 2007: Participant for the Praxis Test (Spanish Productive Language Skills, SC, US) Score: 192 (out of 200; required passing store: 161). 2007: Participant for the VIF Spring Professional Development Conference, SC, US. 2006: Presenter for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District, ESL Curriculum and Instruction team, NC, US. 2005: Participant for the VIF Instructional Orientation, Raleigh, NC, US. 2005: Participant for the Séptimo Festival Javeriano de la Palabra, Universidad Javeriana, Cali, Col. 2005: Presenter with honors for the Séptimo Festival Javeriano de la Palabra, Universidad Javeriana, Cali, Col. 2004: Participant for the Toefl Test (English as a Foreign Language). Score: 263 (out of 280). 2004: Participant for the V Seminario Interamericano de Aprendizaje Escolar, El Colegio Bilingue Lauretta Bender, Cali, Col. 2004: Presenter for the Publicación del libro 'Don't Stop' (ISBN: 958-8119-50-2), Editorial Universidad Santiago de Cali, Cali, Col. 2003: Participant for the Escalafón Docente Grado 13, Gobernación del Valle del Cauca, Cali, Col. 2003: Participant for the British Council Symposium ELT, innovations in communicative language teaching, Universidad Javeriana, Cali, Col. 2003: Presenter of a set of two books (grammatical-communicative and listening comprehension activities), Universidad Icesi, Cali, Col. 2003: Participant for the Classroom Strategies Seminar, Universidad Santiago de Cali, Cali, Col. 2003: Participant for the Agradecimiento y Reconocimiento, Universidad Santiago de Cali, Cali, Col. 2003: Participant for the Nota de Estilo, Universidad Santiago de Cali, Cali, Col. 2002: Participant for the Michigan Test (The Michigan English Language Institute College, Centro Colombo Americano). Score: 91.6 (out of 100). 2002: Presenter for the 10th Annual ELT Conference, Centro Cultural Colombo Americano, Cali, Col. 2002: Participant for the 10th Annual ELT Conference, Centro Cultural Colombo Americano, Cali, Col. 2002: Participant for the Staff Development Session, Centro Cultural Colombo Americano, Cali, Col. 2002: Presenter for the V Seminario Taller para Profesores de Idiomas del Suroccidente Colombiano, Univ. Cauca, Popayán, Col. 2002: Presenter for the Evaluación de la Obra 'Don't Stop' para editar, Universidad Santiago de Cali, Cali, Col. 2001: Presenter for the XXXVI Congreso Nacional de Profesores de Inglés de Asocopi, Centro Cultural Colombo Americano, Medellín, Col. 2001: Participant for the 36th Asocopi National English Language Teaching Conference, Centro Cultural Colombo Americano, Medellín, Col. 2001: Presenter for the IV English Language Teaching Conference, Centro Cultural Colombo Americano, Buenaventura, Col. 2001: Presenter for the 2d English Teacher's Regional Congress, Universidad de la Amazonía, Florencia, Col. 2001: Presenter for the Second ELT Regional Congress, El Colegio Rafael Pombo y Asocopi, Cartago, Col. 2001: Presenter for the **X** Congreso Regional de Asocopi, Universidad Surcolombiana, Neiva, Col. 2001: Participant for the **10th Regional Conference**, Universidad Surcolombiana, Neiva, Col. 2001: Participant for the 9th Annual ELT Conference, Centro Colombo Americano, Cali, Col. 2001: Presenter for the Obra 'Don't Stop' para ascenso en el escalafón, Gobernación del Valle, Cali, Col. 2000: Presenter for the Evaluación de la obra 'Don't Stop' to Subsecretario de desarrollo pedagógico, Gobernación del Valle, Cali, Col. 2000: Participant for the New Technologies and Methodologies for English Teaching, Secretaría de Educación Municipal, Cali, Col. 2000: Presenter for the 'Don't Stop' Book to Unidad Administrativa Especial, Dirección Nacional de Derecho de Autor, Bogotá, Col. 1999: Participant for the **Reconocimiento** (plaque), Universidad Icesi, Cali, Col. 1999: Participant for the Asocopi English for Specific Purposes Special Interest Group, Universidad Icesi, Cali, Col. 1996: Participant for the Seminario Análisis del Discurso y Traducción, Universidad del Valle, Cali, Col. 1995: Participant for the XXX Annual Congress of Asocopi, Universidad de la Salle, Bogotá, Col. 1993: Participant for the XXVIII Annual Congress of Asocopi, Colegio de la Sagrada Familia, San Andrés, Col. 1990: Participant and certification of credit in the Whole Language Approach to Learning, Catawba Valley College, NC, US. 1990: Participant and certification of credit in Understanding and Influencing Children, Catawba Valley College, NC, US. 1990: Participant and certification of credit in Positive Discipline in the Classroom, Catawba Valley College, NC, US. 1987: Participant for the Alianza Francesa de Colombia Test, Cali, Col. Score: 'Good' in all four skills.

# **PUBLICATIONS:**

- 2008 **Mi Español**: Resource Book for Teachers and Students of the Spanish Language (350 pages), published by <u>AuthorHouse Editorial</u> (USA). ISBN: 978-1-4343-8658-8.
- 2003 **Don't Stop**: Resource Book for Teachers and Students of the English Language (530 pages), published by <u>USC</u> Editorial (Colombia, S. America). ISBN: 958-8119-50-2.
- 1999 Children's Songs and Adults' Songs (53 pages 1 cassette and 46 pages 2 cassettes respectively). Selected songs put together as a resource for use at school.
- 1998 Having Fun with Tenses and Having Fun with Vocabulary (105 pages and 102 pages respectively). Selected activities put together for use at school.
- 1997 Jokes and Comic Strips (53 pages). Selected jokes and comic strips put together as an amusing resource to teach grammar and vocabulary at school.

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