

# Thallya Marie Díaz

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Master of Arts in Spanish**

2019

*University of Virginia; Charlottesville, VA*

#### **Relevant Coursework:**

- Instructional Design Foundations and Applications (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: in progress)
- Assessment for Learning (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: in progress)
- Teaching Foreign Languages
- History of the Spanish Language
- Literary Theory

### **Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and Spanish (with honors)**

2017

*University of Mary Washington; Fredericksburg, VA, magna cum laude*

#### **Relevant Coursework:**

- Personal and Professional Branding through *The Art of War*
- Management Information Systems and Applications
- Spanish for Translation

## **SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS**

- Four years of experience in eLearning and online teaching via Zoom. Expert in Zoom functions and teaching strategies (screen sharing, breakout rooms, screen annotation, interactive online resources, etc.).
- Command of classroom technological integration through ePortfolios, Google Sites, Weebly, web-based projects, student-created media, and online instructional and collaborative tools such as Zoom, Google Meets, Kahoot, Socratic, Google Forms, PechaKucha, FlipGrid, EdPuzzle, BreakoutEDU, Canva, etc.
- Proficient in several Learning Management Systems such as Google Classroom, Schoology, Seesaw, Moodle, BlackBoard, and Collab.
- Native fluency in the speaking, reading, grammar, and writing of Spanish, Portuguese, and English
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, SharePoint, WordPress, Google Drive
- Proficient in the use various social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok).
- PRAXIS Endorsement Areas:
  - Spanish (K-12)
  - English Language Arts (6-12).
- Mastery of the Spanish and Latin American literary canon from the medieval period to the present.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Spanish Dual Language Immersion & ESOL Teacher**

2020-Present

*Albemarle County Public Schools, Charlottesville, VA*

- Designed all lessons in both English and Spanish based on the Virginia Standards of Learning for English Language Arts and Spanish.
- Utilized instructional design strategies such as TPRS (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling), knowledge checks, recall activities, content cycling, and elaboration.
- Created various types of assessments (diagnostic, formative, summative, norm-referenced, and ipsative) for all courses taught.
- Modified and differentiated content to maximize language acquisition and accommodate diverse learning styles.
- Taught synchronously and asynchronously with multimodal eLearning modules.
- Provided 1:1 language instruction for English learners.
  - Instructed four sections of Spanish Dual Language Immersion English Language Arts for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.
  - Taught two sections of Spanish Dual Language Immersion United States History for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - 90% of students placed into Spanish IV at the high school after completing Spanish II with me.
  - Taught English as a Second Language to newcomer English Language Learners of all language levels.

**Language Course Designer and Tutor**

2021-Present

*The Language House, LLC, Austin, TX*

- Taught private Spanish lessons to 6-10 students per week ranging from adolescents to adults and families virtually via Zoom.
- Designed and executed all lessons to each student's needs.
- Developed curriculum plans for each student dependent on their goals with Spanish.
- Utilized multi-modal interactive teaching strategies and technologies like Google JamBoard, Kahoot!, Mentimeter, Parlay, Quizlet, Quizizz, Brain Pop, Blooket, Newsela, and EdPuzzle.

**Spanish Instructor**

2017-2020

*University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA*

- Wrote diverse types of assessments.
- Planned and taught all lessons ranging from 50 minutes to three hours.
- Provided detailed feedback and interpretation of assessments and activities.
- Taught all courses via Zoom in Spring and Summer of 2020 through synchronous instruction and asynchronous self-paced modules.
- Designed and delivered university Spanish courses ranging from beginner to advanced.

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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**Volunteer at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church**

2018-present

*Charlottesville, VA*

- Translated and interpreted Sunday services for an indigenous Guatemalan woman seeking political asylum.

**Head/ Resident Assistant**

2015-2017

*University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA*

- Trained, mentored and monitored a staff of 18 resident assistants.
- Oversaw and shaped students' residential experience at the University of Mary Washington's largest dormitory.
- Fostered community between students by organizing and executing interactive social and community engagement-oriented programs.
- Received extensive training on interpersonal communication, budgeting, public speaking, Title IX, and conflict resolution skills and strategies.

**Intern, Fredericksburg Police Department**

2016

*Fredericksburg, VA*

- Translated and interpreted texts and phone calls between Spanish to English at the Fredericksburg Police Department communications/dispatch department.

**Intern, Legal Aid Works**

2016

*Fredericksburg, VA*

- Translated the Legal Aid Works website into Spanish to increase accessibility to their primarily Latino demographic.
- Interpreted for Spanish-speaking clients.