

Ruth Owens
Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor of Spanish
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EDUCATION

Ed.D.	West Virginia University (1997)	Curriculum and Instruction
	Dissertation: The Nature of Supported Reflection of Novice Graduate Teaching Assistants of Spanish	
M.A.	West Virginia University (1993)	Foreign Languages (Spanish)
B.A.	Longwood College (VA) (1984)	Foreign Languages (Spanish and German)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning	Arkansas State University 05/2021-present
Associate Professor of Spanish and Coordinator of BSE Program in World Languages Education	Arkansas State University 08/1997-present
Faculty Fellow for Teaching and Learning A-State Faculty Center	Arkansas State University 08/2007-05/2008 and 08/2013-04/2021
Interim Associate Dean College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Arkansas State University 08/2009-05/2010
Acting Associate Dean College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Arkansas State University 07/2006-05/2007
Professional Development School Site Supervisor College of Education and Human Services	West Virginia University 08/1996 - 05/1997
Teaching Fellow in Curriculum and Instruction College of Education and Human Services	West Virginia University 08/1994 - 06/1996
Governor's Honors Academy Faculty Member	West Virginia State College 07-08/1995
Assistant Coordinator of Spanish Department of Foreign Languages	West Virginia University 08/1993-05/1994
CAMPUS VI Fulbright Scholarship Assistant Office of International Students and Scholars	West Virginia University 1/1992 - 8/1993
Graduate Teaching Assistant in Spanish Department of Foreign Languages	West Virginia University 8/1991 - 1/1992

High School Spanish Teacher
William Monroe High School

Greene County Schools (VA)
8/1985 – 6/1991

LEADERSHIP IN TEACHING

ACUE Course Facilitation

Arkansas State University, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, 08/2021-present
Courses: Effective Teaching Practices, Promoting Active Learning Online, and Inclusive Teaching for Equitable Learning

Faculty Professional Development Workshops Led

A-State Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Using VoiceThread to Create Asynchronous Learning Environments (via Zoom; 8 hours),
June 15-18, 2020; repeated July 6-8, 2020

Faculty Seminar on Innovation in Teaching and Learning (4 weeks, 6 hours per week), June 2018; repeated
June 2019

Teaching for Active and Dynamic Learning (3 hours), July 9, 2018

Various Summer Institute reading, pedagogy, and discussion groups (via Zoom, 1-4 hours each), June 2020, June 2021, and June 2022

Other Professional Development Sessions Led (60-90 minutes, each led multiple times)

A-State Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Using VoiceThread for Student Engagement

Conducting Live Synchronous Classes Using Zoom and Blackboard Collaborate

What's This I Hear About ACUE?

Teaching for Active and Dynamic Learning

Collecting and Using Midterm Course Feedback

Reflective Techniques to Enhance Teaching and Learning

The First Day of Class: Setting the Stage for a Successful Semester (adapted from work done by Susan Cross)

Peer Coaching and Observation Techniques

Peer Observation of Teaching

Collaborative Learning Techniques for the University Classroom

Professional Development Sessions Led

Arkansas State University, Campus Querétaro, Mexico, August 21-24, 2017

Teaching in Higher Education in the U.S.

Collaborative Learning Techniques for the University Classroom

Teaching for Active and Dynamic Learning

Cultural Variations and Considerations (U.S. and Mexico)

Professional Development Workshops Led (World Languages)

Fostering Intercultural Communicative Competence (full-day workshop)

Annual Meeting, District 1 of the Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association,
Arkansas State University, March 30, 2018

Peer Coaching and Mentoring for Reflective World Language Teaching (2-hour keynote workshop)

District 1 Conference of the Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association, Walnut Ridge, AR,
November 5, 2010

Cooperative Learning Techniques for the World Languages Classroom (2-hour keynote workshop)

District 1 Conference of the Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association, Walnut
Ridge, AR, November 6, 2009

Professional Development Invited Talks (World Languages, 60-90 minutes)

Extending Target Language Use with VoiceThread

Annual Meeting, District 1 of the Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association,
Arkansas State University, February 28, 2020

High-Leverage Teaching Practices for World Languages

Annual Meeting, District 1 of the Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association,
Arkansas State University, April 26, 2019

World Languages Courses taught regularly

Spanish Conversation (SPAN 3083); Advanced Oral Communication (SPAN 4203); Methods and Materials for Teaching Languages (EDLA 4633); Teaching Internship in Languages (TILA 4826)

Course and program development

Certificate program in Spanish for the Professions (2018)

SPAN 3723, Spanish for Professional Use (course) (2017)

SPAN 4703, Internship in Spanish (2003)

Summer Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica (Created program in 2004 and led it for 9 years)

Thesis and dissertation mentorship

Senior honors thesis committee member for Cecily Brock, "Comparing Cultural Adaptation: For-Profit vs. Affordable Clinics," 2018

Senior honors thesis committee member for Matthew Yaksic, "The Coastal, Valluno, and Santanderean Dialects of Colombian Spanish," 2017

Senior honors thesis committee chair for Ryan Kimbrough, "The Real Housewives of Pedro Almodóvar: Defying Maternity and Submission in Post-Francoist Spain," 2013

Dissertation committee member for Melany Bowman, "The Assimilation of Hispanics Living and Working in Jonesboro, Arkansas," (Heritage Studies Ph.D. program), 2011

Senior honors thesis committee chair for Kristin Glass, "Teaching Spanish to Students with Visual Impairments," 2007

Senior honors thesis committee member for Paul Silveri, "A Survey of Hispanics' Access to Health Care in Jonesboro, Arkansas," 2007

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarly Presentations

Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Reflection, Articulation, and Impact

Learn@State (Invited Speaker), March 17, 2021

Professional Development as a Faculty Member: An Ongoing Process

ADVANCE Speaker Series, Arkansas State University, Spring, 2021

Using Authentic Short Films to Advance Speaking Proficiency

Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Washington, D.C.,
November 22, 2019

Writing Good (Well): Getting Your Prose into Publishable Form

with Robert M. Terry and Jean W. LeLoup, Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages,
New York, NY, February 9, 2019

Re-Imagining Traditional Models: A Constructivist Approach to Faculty Development

POD Network Conference. Portland, Oregon, November 17, 2018

Keeping It Real: Using Authentic Texts for Multiple Language Levels

Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Nashville, TN, November
19, 2017

- Using Authentic Cultural Texts to Examine Perspectives on the Roles of Women
Southern Conference on Language Teaching, Orlando, FL, March 17, 2017
- Using Authentic Materials to Discuss Gender Roles
Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association, Hot Springs, AR, October 7, 2016
- Using Multiple Sources of Evidence to Enhance Teaching and Learning
The Teaching Professor Conference, Washington, DC, June 4, 2016
- Teach them to Reach: Speaking Tasks Designed to Take Students to the Next Level
Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages,
San Antonio, TX, November 21, 2014
- New Spaces in Study Abroad: Using Technology to Assess Learning
Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages,
Orlando, FL, November 22, 2013
- Promoting Target-Language Instruction through Professional Development: A Structured
Approach
Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages,
Philadelphia, PA, November 16, 2012
- Focusing on Language Functions to Boost Students to Advanced Proficiency
Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Denver, CO, November
18, 2011
- Assessing a Study Abroad Program: Examining Student Outcomes
Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Boston, MA, November
20, 2010
- Peer Coaching for Reflective Foreign Language Teaching
Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Orlando, FL, November
23, 2008
- Enhancing Study Abroad Through Reflective Culture-Learning Activities
Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages,
San Antonio, TX, November 16-18, 2007
- Promoting Intercultural Competence at the University: First We Assess . . .
Second International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences,
Universidad de Granada, Spain, July 10-13, 2007
- Discovering the Future: Pre-Service Teachers in the Real World of the Classroom
Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers' Association Spring Conference,
University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR, April 27, 2007
- A Standards Approach to the Culture and Civilization Course
Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Baltimore, MD,
November 18-20, 2005
- Enhancing Spanish Study Abroad With Structured Culture-Learning Activities
Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, New York City, NY,
July 29-31, 2005
- Intercultural Development Through Study Abroad: How Do Our Students Grow?
Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Columbus, Ohio, March 10-12, 2005
- Nontraditional Students: Listening to Their Voices, Planning for Their Success
Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Washington, DC, April 13-16, 2000 (Co-
presenter: Dr. Joan Turner, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville)
- Nontraditional Students: Meeting the Needs of a Growing Population
Annual Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Chicago, IL, November
20-22, 1998 (Co-presenter: Dr. Joan Turner, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville)
- Focus and Reflect: Classroom Observation Tasks for Student Teachers
Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, Madrid, Spain, July
31-August 4, 1998
- Perspectives on the Cuban National Literacy Campaign
Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, IL, September 25, 1998

Giving Feedback to Novice Foreign Language Teachers: A Reflective Approach
Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages,
New York City, NY, April 3-6, 1997

Using Clinical Supervision with Teaching Assistants in Foreign Languages
Roundtable at the 1997 Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL, March 24-28, 1997

Publications

Refereed journal article:

Supko Owens, R. (2004). Nontraditional Undergraduate Students: Who Are They and What Are They Saying About Foreign Language Learning? *NECTFL Review*, 55 (fall, 2005).

Refereed chapter:

Supko, R. and Turner, J. (2000). Nontraditional Students: New Ways to Meet the Needs of a Growing Population. In Diane Birckbichler, (Ed.), *Reflecting on the Past to Shape the Future*, 1999 ACTFL Foreign Language Education Series Volume. Lincolnwood, IL: National Textbook Company.

Book chapter: (invited)

Supko, R. (1998). Room to Grow. In Douglas K. Hart (Ed.), *Stories Teachers Tell: Reflecting on Professional Practice*. Lincolnwood, IL: National Textbook Company.

Reviews:

Owens, R. *EduOle: Ser y Estar / Pretérito e Imperfecto* (software review) *Hispania*, March, 2004.

Owens, R. *Gabriel García Márquez: A Witch Writing* (video review) *Hispania*, December, 2003.

Supko, R. *José Martí: Cuba's Patriot-Poet* (video review). *Hispania*, March 2001.

Supko, R. *Kids! Spanish* (software review). *Hispania*, September 2001.

Digital Reprint:

Supko, R. (2018). Perspectives on the Cuban National Literacy Campaign. *Maestratefilm.org*.

DISTINCTIONS

Certificates

ACUE Certificate in Effective College Instruction, 2022

Honors and Awards

Erasmus+ Mobility Scholarship	European Commission	2019
Honors Professor of the Year	Arkansas State University	2013
Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award	Arkansas State University	2011
Friend of Diversity Award	Arkansas State University	2005
Study Abroad Site Visit Grant (Spain)	Fundación Siglo/Junta de Castilla y León	2002
Eleanor Lane International Travel Award	Arkansas State University	2000
Distinguished Paper Award	American Educational Research Association	1997

Certifications

ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Tester in Spanish, 2005- present
Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) Certified Administrator

Language Proficiency

Superior Spanish-speaking ability (ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview)
Native speaking and writing proficiency in English

SERVICE

National Service to the Profession

Fulbright National Screening Committee, 2017- 2021
Editorial Board, NECTFL Review (refereed journal), 2002- present
CAEP/ACTFL Specialty Program Area Reviews of Teacher Education Programs in Foreign Languages, 2003-2020.
Professional Development Task Force of the New Visions in Action National Project on Foreign Language Teaching, member, 2001-2005

University Level

HLC Criterion 4 Writing Committee, 08/2022-present
Canvas Conversion Working Group, 07/2022-present
Search Committee for Associate Vice Chancellor for Assessment and Accreditation, Fall 2021
Search Committee for Department Chair, Fall 2021
University Honors Council, member, 2004-2014, and 2017- 2021
University Faculty Achievement Awards Committee, member, 2011- 2018; Chair 2018-19
Fulbright Campus Committee, member, 2019-present
Academic Advising Council on Excellence (AACE), member, 2002-2004
Ad-hoc Committee on Policy for Course Substitutions for Students with Disabilities, 1999

College Level

Faculty Achievement Awards Committee, chair, 2011-2015
Faculty Achievement Awards Committee, member, 2009-Spring 2010 and 2016-2018
Promotion, Retention and Tenure Committee, member 2015-2017
Admission/Academic Credit/Graduation Appeals Committee, member, 2012-2015
Search Committee for Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2011-2012
Search Committee for Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2003-2004
Search Committee for Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2002-2003
Wilson Hall Improvement Committee, member, 2003-2004
Faculty Grievance Committee, member, 2002-2005
College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, member, 2000-2001
Honors Advisory Council, 2004-2014; 2017- present
Search Committee for Dean of the College of Education, Fall 1998-1999
Dean's Ad-Hoc Committee on Merit Pay Issues, member, 1998

Professional Education

Council on Professional Education (COPE), member, 2003-2004; 2010-2012; 2017-18
Standing Committee on Student Affairs, member, 2005-2008
7-12 Forum, member, 2004-2012
Standing Committee on Faculty Affairs, chair, 2003-2005
Standing Committee on Faculty Affairs, member, 2002-2003
NCATE Writing Team, Standard 2 (Assessment), member, 2002
Search Committee for faculty position in teaching assessment, member, 2001
Standing Committee on Diversity and Field Experiences, chair, 1999-2001
General Screening Committee, member, 1999-2000
Lillian Barton Scholarship Committee, member, 1998-1999
Teacher Education Policy and Planning Committee, member, 1997-1999
Secondary Education Council, member, 1997-1999

Teacher Education Restructuring

Frameworks and Integration Working Group, member, 1998
Field Experiences and Diversity Working Group, member, 1998

7-12 Level Working Group, member, 1998

Department Level

Promotion, Retention, Tenure Committee, member, 2003-2012 and 2015-present
Assessment Committee, member, 2010- present
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Tester in Spanish, January 2007-present
World Languages Program Committee, 2016- present
Ad-Hoc Committee for Revision of Course Evaluations, chair, 2018
Search Committees for Spanish Instructors, member, summers of 2016, 2017, 2018
Search Committee for two Spanish instructors, member, 2015
Promotion, Retention, Tenure Committee, chair, 2012-2015
World Languages Self-Study Committee, chair, 2013
Faculty leader of Costa Rica Summer Study Abroad Program, 2004-2013
Search Committees for two assistant professors of Spanish, member, 2012
Search Committee for assistant professor of Spanish, chair, 2007-2008
Search Committee for Department Chair, member, 2007-2008
Special Task Force on the Future of the Department of Languages, member, 2007
Search Committee for Department Chair, member, 2002
Search Committee for Temporary Instructor of Spanish, member, 2002
Faculty Leader of Spain Summer Study Abroad Program, 2001
Department Honors Advisor, 2000-present
Department of Languages Curriculum Committee, chair, 2000-2001; member, 1997-2016
Search Committee for French/Spanish position, member, 1997

Other Institutional Service

Promotion, Retention, Tenure Committee, Department of Criminology, Sociology and
Geography (outside member), 2016 - 2019
Search Committee for Study Abroad Advisor / International Recruiter, member, 2007

Community Service

Animal therapy visits with my registered therapy dog to the Flo and Phil Jones Hospice
House, to St. Bernard's Villa and Memory Care Unit, and to A-State and NYITCOM students before and
during final exams, 2014-2019

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP)
Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers' Association (AFLTA)
Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD Network)