

Personal Profile

Dedicated, productive member of the Department of World Languages and Cultures who maintains current pedagogical practices aligned with ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines and utilizes the most recent instructional technology. Assists in the creation of innovative courses that support current curriculum guidelines and maintain communicative language teaching in order to teach communicative competence. Research and begin development of courses that can be taught online and constantly strive toward continuing to be a useful and meaningful asset to the department while aligning practices with the teaching mission of the university.

Professional Experience

- Section Coordinator for first and second year Spanish courses beginning in Fall 2023. Complete lower level coordination for courses 101- 202 for fall and spring semesters, order necessary books that are needed for those courses, mediate to the bookstore for Course Ready content, coordinate TalkAbroad for 331/332, update pertinent web pages, organize TA workshops, supervise graduate students, assist lower division instructors as needed for questions regarding the DRO, syllabi, and any student issues among other duties.

- Senior Lecturer of Spanish, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

Fall 2005 – Present. Instruct Spanish language courses ranging from WLSP 101 – WLSP 332. In addition to instructing the course, responsibilities include creating exams, quizzes, creating a personal webpage and updating section wide syllabi for said courses. Continue to update and teach the online WLSP 212 course which initially involved totally revising both the webpage and the course design. Piloted WLSP 332 course in Fall 2008 and assisted in the creation of the course curriculum. I'm the supervisor and coordinator for teaching assistants in both WLSP 101 and WLSP 102.

- Director of Summer Study Abroad in Seville, Spain

Summer 2023-present. May 2023 was the inaugural summer for this program. While in Spain I organize excursions, oversee the budget, work with an accountant, develop new curriculum, teach two courses, facilitate and attend all activities, manage risk assessment, create additional program materials such as safety assessments, and confirm transportation needs. In the US, I promote the program by attending the study abroad fair, open houses, scheduling and running information meetings, creating slides for digital billboards, distributing fliers across campus, and meeting with potential students.

- Director of Summer Study Abroad in Segovia, Spain

Summer 2007 - 2019. I led a month-long study abroad program in Segovia, Spain for 13 summers, coordinating all aspects of the program including planning excursions, working with an accountant in Segovia to pay bills and host families, teaching one course, and providing instant translation as necessary on all excursions.

- Graduate Teaching Assistant Supervisor for the Spanish Section, North Carolina State University.

Spring 2010 - Present.

- Faculty Advisor for Spanish Club, North Carolina State University. Fall 2022 - Present.
- Co-founded the VOLAR program at North Carolina State University, Spring 2012 which is a volunteer program offering our Spanish students the opportunity to work with the Hispanic community of Raleigh. I was instrumental in all aspects of the program from writing a seed grant to marketing to website creation and maintenance and event participation. VOLAR is recognized with awards throughout the university and the community of Raleigh.
- Caribbean Operations Director, Broadreach Summer Programs, Raleigh, NC
January 2001 – January 2005. Responsible for overall organization of a teenage summer program during the academic year and the actual operation of the program for over 300 students and 30 staff members during the summer. Responsibilities also included Risk Management for 20 separate programs and over 700 students in addition to marketing programs, creation of new programs and development of course materials and instructional handbooks for courses.
- Adjunct Faculty, University of Arizona, Department of Spanish and Portuguese.
Spring 1998 – Fall 2000. Instructor for a total of 22 Spanish courses including the 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters of a four-semester curriculum language requirement, intensive Spanish, intermediate Spanish, intermediate grammar and writing, and intermediate conversation courses up to Spanish 251.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona, Department of Spanish and Portuguese.
Fall 1995 – Fall 1997. Language instructor for a total of 12 basic language courses including two accelerated summer courses. Was given the liberty to design my own aspects of the summer courses.

Education

- University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Department of Spanish and Portuguese, MA in Hispanic Literature,
Awarded December 1997.
- University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Department of Spanish and Portuguese, BA in Spanish language with a minor in Business Administration. Awarded May, 1994.
- Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ
Associate of General Studies with an emphasis in Spanish Language and General Business. December, 1989.

Presentations & Workshops

McConnell, James. DELTA Summer Shorts Conference. Faculty Fellows Panel. 2019 and 2020.

McConnell, James. (2020) Managing Active Learning in Large Classes. Workshop given at the DELTA Summer Shorts Conference. (August 2020).

McConnell, James, and Judge, DeAnn. (2020) On My Own: How to Reduce Cheating and Plagiarism in Online Classes. ([Assessing an Online Class](#)) Access Password: 9r^#3&3% Zoom presentation to CHASS while an Academic Continuity Mentor during the pandemic. (June 2020).

McConnell, James, and Lewald, Carol Ann. (2020) Synchronous or asynchronous? Flexibility in the Online Classroom. ([Teaching and Online Class](#)). Access Password: 0b@+V916 Zoom presentation to CHASS while an Academic Continuity Mentor during the pandemic. (June 2020).

McConnell, James, and Mitin, Dmitri. (2020) Tools for Online Teaching: Technology A-La-Carte. ([Building an Online Class](#)). Access Password: 2R%@a80F Zoom presentation to CHASS while an Academic Continuity Mentor during the pandemic. (June 2020).

McConnell, James. Teaching Online in FLL. Workshop given to 20 colleagues who teach online courses for the department, focusing on best practices and plagiarism. December 2019.

McConnell, James. Activate Student Engagement: How to Promote Meaningful Learning. Workshop given through DELTA. October 2019.

McConnell, James. Mission Possible: Apps and Other Technology to Engage Learners. Workshop given through DELTA. October 2019.

McConnell, James. (2014-22) TA Orientation and Workshop: August, September, October, & November

McConnell, James. (2019) Engaging Language Learners in the Digital Age. Workshop given to Lebanese Fulbright Scholars at NC State, August 2019.

McConnell, James. (2019) Mindtap Workshop: switching over from Quia. Workshop given to colleagues to assist in the transition to a new online platform. May 2019.

McConnell, James. (2019) Investing in Your Students: How to build a Great TA Partnership, April 2019

McConnell, James. (2019) Free Web 2.0 Tools. Workshop given through DELTA. April 16th & 25th 2019.

McConnell, James. (2019) Free Web 2.0 Tools. Workshop given through DELTA. January 2019.

McConnell, James. (2018) Mission Possible: Apps and other tools to encourage students to speak more. Presentation given at FLANC and ACTFL in Fall 2018.

McConnell, James. (2016) Technology You Can Eat: Using Apps to Create a Menu to Organize your Class. Interactive presentation given at FLANC and ACTFL.

McConnell, James. Tharrington, Karen. (2016) Engaging Language Learners in the Digital Age. Workshop given to Lebanese Fulbright Scholars at NC State.

McConnell, James (2010). Gmail and Beyond: Google applications and Foreign Language Teaching and Learning. Workshop given at the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina (FLANC)

Publications

McConnell, James, et. al. [DELTA Faculty Fellows Share Ways to Plan Breaks for Students this Spring](#). Digital article. 11/30/2020.

McConnell, James. Koehler, Brian. [Educating Globally Competent Engineers](#). Presented at ASEE conference by Brian Koehler in 2011.

Service

- Participated in search committee for Department Head of World Languages and Culture 2022-2023
- Member of Faculty Peer Support Network 2020-2021
- Member of the College Engagement Advisory Committee. 2018 - Present.
- Academic Continuity Mentor for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences 2020
- Served on the board of directors for International Focus from April 2012 – May 2016. Organized fundraising events to bring in money to better the greater triangle community. Assisted in organizing, managing and working the International Festival of Raleigh, bringing in over \$200,000.
- VOLAR: Translated for parent teacher conferences, the Mexican Consulate, First Baptist Church and volunteered time for other events from fall 2012 – fall 2017.

Languages

- English – native speaker
- Spanish – native proficiency
- Portuguese – reading knowledge, basic conversational skills.
- Italian – reading knowledge, basic conversational skills.
- American Sign Language – basic conversational skills.

Awards, Honors, and Accomplishments

- Global Project Supplement Award \$1,000 (March, 2022)
- DELTA Faculty Fellows Article - [Academic Continuity and Peer Support](#) (April, 2020)
- Webinar: Engaging Students in Large Enrollment Sections. [Zoom recording](#). (NCSU credentials necessary for authentication)
- Promotional video for DELTA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52dwnvBaCb0&t=4s>
- Foreign Languages and Literatures Faculty Spotlight 2019: <https://fl.news.chass.ncsu.edu/2019/02/27/faculty-spotlight-james-mcconnell/>
- DELTA Faculty Fellow, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020
- Recipient of \$5,000 grant from DELTA in 2018 and again in 2019
- Nomination for Outstanding Lecturer of the Year 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2018
- Co-Recipient of Fred Fletcher Award through Raleigh Parks and Recreation
- Co-Recipient of Opal Mann Green Engagement Award through NC State University
- Promoted to Senior Lecturer in Fall 2013
- Recipient of Seed Grant in the amount of \$10,000 in Spring, 2012 to begin VOLAR program
- Outstanding Teacher of the Year for Higher Education Award through FLANC in 2011
- Recipient of \$1,000 GPC Mentor Award 2010 & 2017
- Lead author on ASEE paper entitled Educating Globally Competent Engineers

- Graduated Cum Laude, Department of Spanish and Portuguese
- Dean's Honor List in recognition of scholarly achievement
- Pell Grant recipient 1990-1993
- Assisted in Spanish Language Fairs 1999 – 2000
- Member of Sigma Iota Rho
- Faculty Director Spotlight April – May, 2010 for NCSU Study Abroad. [Link](#).

Additional Training, Certifications, Professional Development, and Research Skills

- Attendee: Elevate The Conversation: Advocacy to Practice conference by VHL. October 2024.
- Attendee: DELTACON. April 2020
- Attendee: WISE workshop 2019: Participatory Techniques for Intercultural Competency Training
- Attendee: DELTA's Summer Shorts in Instructional Technologies Conference. 2018 -present.
- ACTFL Training Workshop for ACTFL OPI Tester Certification, 2011.
- Mentor for Global Perspectives Certificate since 2009
- Elluminate workshop attendee for exam wrappers and other topics
- WISE conference attendee (Workshop on Intercultural Skills and Enhancement). 2015-17 and 2019-20
- FLANC Attendee 2008 – present
- ACTFL attendee 2012 - present
- Extensive experience with Moodle as well as Microsoft and Adobe Applications
- Proficient in Contribute, Dreamweaver, Blue Griffon, Sea Monkey and other HTML programs