# ALEXANDRA GUERRERO-MACCHIA

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## **EDUCATION:**

## SUNY Stony Brook, Graduate School, Stony Brook, NY

12 credits in Master of Arts in Hispanic Languages and Literature program September 2008-June 2009, GPA 3.75

## Long Island University, School of Education, Brooklyn, NY

Master of Science in Education September 2008, GPA 3.78

## Columbia University, Columbia College, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies May 2004, Major GPA 3.45

Selected Courses: Spanish Grammar and Composition, Advanced Expression and Style, Spanish Immersion through Contemporary Mexican Topics, Senior Seminar: Human Rights in Central American Literature, Hispanic Culture: Twentieth Century Latin American Novel, Historical Linguistics

#### LANGUAGE SKILLS:

## **Spanish** (native speaker)

- Translate articles for the monthly bilingual newspaper *Voz Latina*.
- Incorporated Spanish language skills in teaching, undergraduate and graduate studies.
- Translated documents for a non-profit organization, and film footage for a documentary on politics.
- Interpreted consecutively and simultaneously, most notably for a public speech given by former presidential candidate John McCain.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

## Westhampton Beach School District, Westhampton Beach, NY

9/2008-6/2009

Spanish Teacher, Westhampton Beach High School, full-time

- Taught Spanish II and Spanish III-Regents classes to high school students.
- Focused on listening, speaking, reading and writing, including grammar.
- Taught students about Hispanic cultures.
- Offered extra help after school, and tutored students.

## **New York City Department of Education**, Brooklyn, NY

9/2006-6/2008

## ESL (English-as-a-second-language) Teacher, Intermediate School 55, full-time

- Taught ESL through the content areas of English language arts (ELA) and social studies to a diverse student population at Intermediate School 55.
- Collaborated with general education teachers to team teach mathematics and ELA. Modified lessons and assignments to make grade-level subject matter accessible to students with limited English proficiency.

## ESL Coordinator, I.S. 55

- Administered and packaged state tests associated with ESL.
- Completed reports required by the city and state for ESL.
- Represented the school at professional development workshops. Presented information to literacy coach and fellow teachers.

## Data Inquiry Team member, I.S. 55

- Created and maintained a program as part of a team that provided extra academic support to struggling students.
- Analyzed data generated from initial and ongoing assessments.

# The New York Immigration Coalition, New York, NY

11/2004-5/2006

# Training & Legal Services Program Assistant, full-time

- Scheduled community education events and the Immigrant Concerns Training Institute.
- Compiled year-end reports for the Coalition's government grants.
- Updated sections of the website.

#### **Translator**

• Translated distribution materials on immigration, education, and workers' rights from English to Spanish.

#### Interpreter

• Interpreted at community events concerning education, healthcare, immigration, and civic participation.

## **INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:**

## Voz Latina, Bridgehampton, NY

6/2012-present

## Translator/Editor, volunteer

- Translate newspaper articles from Spanish to English and English to Spanish.
- Edit articles written in Spanish and English.
- Topics include business, policy and legislation, finance, politics, arts and culture, local events, and pop culture.

#### Girl Scouts of Suffolk County, Suffolk County, NY

1/2013-3/2013

## FIRST Robotics Jr. FIRST LEGO League Coach, volunteer

- Lead young robotics team focused on promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers among young girls.
- Assist the team with the preparation, research, and presentation components. Organize and plan the weekly team meetings.

# Center for Immigrant Health, NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY RSMI Research Intern, internship

2/2004-6/2004

- Recruited Spanish-speaking patients for participation in the RSMI Medical Outcomes Study, a study evaluating different methods of medical interpretation.
- Interviewed participants to gather patient information prior to receiving medical attention. Conducted follow-up interviews to assess the effectiveness of the different methods of interpretation.

## Boynton Films, New York, NY

5/2003-8/2003

## **Translator**, internship

- Translated footage from Spanish to English to create subtitles for the documentary film, Our Brand Is Crisis.
- Edited and proofread all subtitles.

# Community Impact, Columbia University, New York, NY

2/2003-8/2003

## Adult ESL Teacher, volunteer

• Constructed lesson plans and assigned homework for beginning-level students from various cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Hiked to Uhuru Peak, Mt. Kilimanjaro (2005)

Four-year Division I Varsity Athlete: cross country, indoor & outdoor track (2000-2004)

**Two-time Ivy League Team Champions:** cross country (2002, 2003)

**Second-team All-Ivy:** cross country (2003)

Three-time USA Track & Field Jr. All-American: 3000m & 5000m (1999, 2000)

Con-Agra Mike Harper Leadership Scholarship recipient (2000-2004)

Salutatorian: Hughson High School, Hughson, CA (2000)