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Education: Master of Arts Latin American and Caribbean Studies GPA 3.85

Florida International University Miami, FL.

Graduate Certificate National Security Studies

Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies, an IC-CAE (Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence) Program

Related Coursework:

- Latin American History- Cuba
- Survey of Latin America
- Transnational Crime
- Latin American Research Seminar
- Methodology-Statistics (SPSS)

- Writing Professionally in Political Science
- Language Race and Identity
- American Foreign Policy
- Linguistics
- Comp TIA: A+, Security+, Network +

Internship: U.S. Southern Command **SOUTHCOM** Doral, FL. Student Intern Position with J2 intelligence office, Central America Branch. Active **Secret** Clearance. Research and prepare intelligence products.

Bellevue College Bellevue, WA. GPA 4.0

Translation and Interpretation Core Coursework Certificate.

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. GPA 3.68

Bachelor of Arts English; Certificate Women's Studies Minor, Latin American Studies.

Languages: Spanish-speaking, writing, reading- native level; Anagó (Cuban Yoruba dialect)-speaking, writing, reading-expert level; Haitian Kreyol-speaking reading writing-novice level.

Research Experience:

Recording and documenting Anagó speakers in Venezuela, Cuba, England, and France.

Professional Conferences:

9th Annual South Florida Latin American and Caribbean Studies:

"Ache: The Transcultural Concept of Power in Afro-Cuban Anagó Language"

Professional Experience:

- Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant: Florida International University, Miami FL. 2011-2012.
 - Teaching Assistant to Dr. Eduardo Gamarra Andean region specialist. Political Science, Department of International and Public Affairs, FIU. <u>Courses</u>: Comparative Politics of Latin America-CPO 3404, Comparative Politics of South America-CPO 4303.
- Security Screener: McRoberts Protective Agency, Miami, FL. 2011.
 - o X-ray, metal detector, bag inspection, physical search, observe and report. Class "D" and "G" Guard License.
- Medical Interpreter: East African Community Services; Language Fusion, Seattle, WA. 2010.
 - o Simultaneous/consecutive interpretation, sight translation at public and private clinics and hospitals.
- Transcription/Translation Peninsula Foundation, San Mateo CA. 2003-2009
 - o Research assistant to Professor Michael Spiro Transcription of Afro-Cuban Texts, Metatexis, Wordfast, CAT translation/transcription software.
- Interpreter Oñi Ochun Cultural Center (501c3 non-profit agency) Oakland, CA. 2000-2009.
 - o On-Call interpreting during Cultural exchange trips to Cuba.
 - o Volunteer Interpreter Legal Aid Service of Broward County "Hot Line"
 - o Volunteer Interpreter Legal Services of Greater Miami "Small Claims Court Clinic"

Affiliations: South Florida Red Cross, National Language Service Corps, Northwest Translators and Interpreters Society. **Awards/Honors**: Rutgers University Track Scholarship, FedEx Bravo Zulu Award, Tinker Research Award, BMCC Goodwill Award.