



YOULIN AVILA

IB Spanish Educator



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EDUCATION

M.A. in Linguistics

Instituto Caro y Cuervo, Colombia
2014 - 2018

B. Ed. in Foreign Language Teaching

Major in English, minor in Spanish and French
Universidad de la Salle, Colombia
2005 - 2012

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 12 years of teaching language acquisition, 8 years of them at international schools
- Specialized in the IB: DP, MYP
- Focus on an inquiry-based approach and comprehensible input
- Experience with proficiency standards in language education: ACTFL, CEFR
- Experience in collaborative curriculum development
- Inclusion of data-informed teaching
- Teaching for student resilience
- Varied pedagogy for individual needs

LANGUAGES

- English - Fluent
- Spanish - Native
- French - Competent

EXPERIENCE

- **DP Spanish Teacher** 2022 - 2024
Shanghai American School | China
 - Teaching Grade 9-12 Spanish I, II, and IBDP SL Language B and Ab initio Spanish, using ACTFL standards
 - Grade 9 Advisor: Enhancing student emotional intelligence and self-management skills
 - Improving student fluency and interaction levels with implementation of TPRS - Comprehensive Input approach and elements of MYP Design Cycle
 - Emphasizing enhancement of interactive skills and fostering development of IB learner profile
 - Implementing translanguage methodologies to enhance language acquisition and potentials of multilingual brain
 - Promoting communication and creativity in real-life learning experiences through technology use
 - Integrating use of AI and other latest tools in development of interactive skills
 - Collaborating with learning support team and tailoring instructional approaches to meet individual student needs
 - Organizing enriching and culturally immersive trips, providing hands-on opportunities for students to apply language skills in real-world settings, fostering deeper cultural understanding and linguistic proficiency
- **DP Spanish Teacher** 2020 - 2022
QSI International School of Shenzhen | China
 - Grades 9 - 12 Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish Ab Initio
 - Enhanced communicative skills through strategic implementation of inquiry- and project-based learning methodologies
 - Promoted holistic development through character education and social-emotional learning
 - Supervised Film and Art Club
 - Grade 12 advisor
- **Associate Linguistics Professor** 2019 - 2020
Universidad Pedagógica Nacional | Colombia
 - Taught undergraduate Linguistics to aspiring language teachers
 - Developed courses on Syntax, Semantics, and Didactic Resources using ICT
- **Associate Spanish Professor** 2018 - 2019
Instituto Caro y Cuervo | Colombia
 - Taught Spanish to foreign undergrads and refugees at all levels
 - Applied a Task-Based Approach for engaging, student-centered lessons
 - Contributed to curriculum development and established assessment benchmarks

CERTIFICATIONS

- Google Educator: in progress
- Apple Teacher: in progress
- COETAIL - Technology Integration & Digital Literacy 2021-2023
- 101 PBL - Introduction to Project-Based Learning, Buck Institute, 2023
- IB Certified - Spanish Language B, Cat 1, 2022, Ab Initio Cat 1, 2020

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Differentiated instruction & adaptive teaching
- Technology Integration
- Curriculum development
- Student centered education
- Classroom management
- Students performance and evaluation assessments
- Cooperative learning and teaching

TECH

- Learning Management System: Schoology, Power School, Moodle, Microsoft 365, Google Classroom, SchoolsBuddy
- Interactive Whiteboard: Maxhub
- Online tools: Canva, Paddle, Quizizz, Kahoot, Booklet, Education Perfect, Canva
- Artificial Intelligence: Poe, ChatGPT, Magic School, Dalle-E, Gliglish

INTERESTS

- Educational technology
- Literature & foreign film
- Digital humanities
- Yoga and outdoor activities
- Mindfulness & wellbeing
- Social justice

PUBLICATIONS

- Automatic Prediction of Citability of Scientific Articles, Scientometrics, 2020
- Dialectometric Analysis of Colombian Spanish, Armonía y contrastes, Ed. Axac, 2015

- **Associate Spanish Professor** 2016 - 2018
Universidad del Rosario | Colombia
 - Taught Spanish to foreign undergrads and community members
 - Devised an accurate placement test for evaluating proficiency levels
- **Associate Spanish & Linguistics Professor** 2016 - 2017
Universidad EAN | Colombia
 - Taught Academic Reading & Writing and Intro to Linguistics
 - Integrated diverse technological resources to develop 21st-century skills
- **Primary Teacher Assistant** 2011- 2016
Colegio Nueva Granada | Colombia
 - Assisted in K-2 co-teaching across all subjects in an international school setting.
 - Implemented key learning frameworks: Including Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop, Words Their Way, CAFE, Daily 5, Math Expressions, Handwriting Without Tears, and Positive Action Character Education

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Assessment Consultancy** Sep 2018 - Jan 2019
Universidad Nacional de Colombia | Colombia
 - Designed psychometric tests to assess verbal aptitude for government tests
- Interpreter** Aug 2017 - Nov 2019
Wetherford Colombia Limited | Colombia
 - Interpreted from English to Spanish workshops
- Linguist** Nov 2016 - Jun 2018
Fundalectura | Colombia
 - Documented and guided the translation of short stories, songs, and lullabies from endangered languages

PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Growing Assets for Learning in the Inquiry Classroom**
 - Chapters International by Kath Murdoch *Shanghai, 2024*
- Building Collaborative Capacity in System**
 - Adaptive Schools *Shanghai, 2024*
- Generative AI & ChatGPT in Education**
 - International School Services *Shanghai, 2023*
- Competence-Based and Standard-Based Instruction**
 - Quality Schools International. *Shenzhen, 2020 - 2022*
- Annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages**
 - University of Santa Barbara, CA *Santa Barbara, 2018*
- Language, Phonetics and Etymology '16 Interdisciplinary Conference in Language Studies**
 - DAKAM Conference *Istanbul, 2016*

REFERENCES

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