

# Santiago Morales Arango

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## Education

### **M.A. in Philosophy**

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Mexico City, 2020

### **B.A. in Philosophy**

Universidad del Valle

Cali, Colombia, 2015

## Profile

I'm a philosopher and a language teacher (Spanish and English). Recently I have started a new professional path as a Front End web developer (HTML, CSS, JavaScript).

I am passionate about my job, and I am always eager to find new ways in which I can learn and teach others. I have an open-minded perspective when thinking about different strategies that can boost the learning processes. I have critical thinking skills useful for the design of flexible and adaptable workplans that may vary depending on the context and the goals that have been set.

Besides my teaching skills, I'm a technical writer and editor with a strong background in research, editorial project management, and end-user communication. I am a strategic thinker driven to produce, enhance, and learn with proven success in leading multifunctional teams to reach project goals, and accomplishing a high-degree of client satisfaction.

I have a growing interest in the Tech world, especially in areas such as programming and content design.

## **Experience**

### **Freelance translator**

(April 2022 – Present)

I worked as a freelance for multiple Mexican translation agencies. I translated a range of documents from English/Spanish. I proofread various documents for grammar, punctuation, accuracy, syntax, consistency, and terminology. I used style guides to make accurate translations. I received a lot of positive feedback, achieving 95% positive rating.

### **Secondary school English teacher**

Centro Educativo Anglo Mexicano, Álvaro Obregón, Mexico City (2022 – 2023)

I fostered reading, writing, speaking, listening and critical thinking skills of students of various abilities through group and individualized instruction. I maintained a high level of progress with students in English speaking, writing, reading and comprehension. I designed lessons plans emphasizing vocabulary, pronunciation, and reading comprehension. I worked with administrators on behavioral issues to support the needs of all students. I also created a book club at the school that included a wide selection of reading materials for students in different levels of English proficiency.

### **Teacher assistant**

Academic writing workshop

Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia (April 2014)

I was responsible for making and giving presentations to a group of first-year undergraduate students to improve their writing skills. I collaborated with the head teacher to create a short academic writing manual emphasizing the importance of plain language in academia.

### **Editorial board member**

Revista de estudiantes de Filosofía Légein, Universidad del Valle, Cali 2012-2016

I was a part of a 10-member Editorial Board under insight: a group of philosophy undergraduate students of the Universidad del Valle. The board mentored 15 students on academic writing, text editing and style correction. Twice a year the board reviewed and published articles from undergraduate and graduate students. The board generated 50% rise in research in 1 year by redesigning academic writing strategies.

### **English teacher**

Full English Corp., Cali, Colombia (2010 – 2011)

I was responsible for teaching teenagers in accordance with conversational emphasis. I provided students with counseling and progress feedback. I designed and delivered language programs in accordance with student needs.

## Strengths

I have great writing and communication skills thanks to my academic background. In academia my own writing process has taught me how to organize ideas, carefully picking the ones that work better for the purpose of the text.

I'm used to work in an organized way (good planning is always one of my targets). I'm comfortable working under pressure.

I've held a long interest in languages. I learned English in London during my teenage years. I self-taught basic German (A2) and I'm currently learning French. I think bilingualism is a great way to understand culture and society.

## Languages

Spanish: native

English: advanced

French: intermediate

German: intermediate

## Courses

JavaScript programming - Eidos Global & Código Pa'lante (in progress)

TOEFL certification (in progress)

Programming with Python MIT (online) (in progress)

Tourism and Cultural affairs management - SENA (Cali, Colombia - 2016)

IELTS (average score 6.0) – (London - 2009)