**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION:**

2009-present Ph.D. (currently ABD) Hispanic Studies with a Certificate in Gender and Women’s Studies, University of Kentucky. Dissertation: “The Life and Works of Gloria E. Anzaldúa: An Intellectual Biography.” Dissertation Director: Professor Susan Carvalho.

2007-2009 M.A. Hispanic Studies, University of Kentucky

1999-2003 B.A. Spanish, Centre College, Danville, Kentucky

**AREAS OF SPECIALAZATION:**

* Chican@/Latin@ Literature
* 20th-21st century Latin American Literature
* Masculinities Studies
* Queer Theory

**AWARDS:**

2011 May, Recipient of the Bonnie Jean Cox Graduate Student Research Grant, Gender and Women’s Studies, University of Kentucky

2011 April, Recipient of the University of Kentucky Latin American Studies Travel Grant

2011 April, Recipient of the University of Kentucky Graduate School Dissertation Enhancement Award

2010 December, Recipient of the University of Kentucky Woman’s Club Endowed Fellowship

2010 March Recipient of the Bonnie Jean Cox Graduate Student Research Grant, Gender and Women’s Studies, University of Kentucky

2009 October, Recipient of the Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference Leonor A. Ulloa Scholarship (2010 Madrid, Spain)

2009 April, Teacher Who Made a Difference Award, University of Kentucky

**SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS:**

Dahms, Betsy. “Es mucho hombre esta mujer: Una lectura Queer de Teresa en *Sab*” (forthcoming as a book chapter, Editors: Claire Martin and Nelly Goswitz, from Iberoamericana Press 2011)

---, "Pussy for Life: Adherence and Deviance from the Dominican Masculine Code in Junot Díaz's *Drown*" (forthcoming in the *MIFLC Review* [Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference Journal])

---, “Staging Gender Trouble: Sabina Berman’s ‘The Mustache.’” *DisClosure*, the University of Kentucky’s Social Theory Journal, April, 2011.

Daniels, Mary B. and Elizabeth Dahms. “A Case Study of Community-Based Learning: Centre College in Danville, Kentucky” *ADFL* (Association of Departments of Foreign Languages) Winter/Spring 2008, Nos. 2, 3 61-65.

**SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS:**

Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference, September 29-October 1, 2011

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

“Shamanic Urgency and Two-Way Movement in the Works of Gloria Anzaldúa”

Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, April 14-16, 2011

University of Kentucky, Lexington Kentucky

Panel organizer and moderator: “Anzaldúan Thought and Queer Theory: A Dialogue”

University of North Carolina Queer Studies Conference, March 31-April 2, 2011 University of Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina

“Gloria Anzaldúa's Spiritual Activism: Queer Agent for Social Change”

“El Mundo Zurdo: The Second International Conference on the life and work of Gloria Anzaldúa,” November 4-6, 2010

University of Texa, San Antonio, Texas

Panel moderator

Vanderbilt Graduate Student Conference: Bodies and Oddities, October 1-2, 2010

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

“Gloria Anzaldúa’s Spiritual Activism: Performing Radically Queer Queer Theory.”

University of Kentucky Latin American Studies Symposium, February 25-26, 2010,

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

“Self-destructive Embodiment of the joto body in Rigoberto González’s ‘The Abortionist’s Lover.’”

Mid-America Conference on Hispanic Literature (MACHL), November 5-7, 2009 University of Kansas, Lawerence, Kansas

“Es mucho hombre esta mujer:” A Queer Reading of Teresa in *Sab*.”

Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference (MIFLC), October 8-10, 2009

Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina

“Pussy for Life: Adherence and Deviance from the Dominican Masculine Code in Junot Díaz’s *Drown.*”

The International Conference on the life and work of Gloria Anzaldúa, May 16-17, 2009 University of Texas, San Antonio, Texas

“Queer Performativity in Gloria Anzaldúa’s *Borderlands/La Frontera*.”

University of Kentucky Graduate Student Congress, April 3, 2009

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

“Staging Gender Trouble: Sabina Berman’s ‘The Mustache’”

**INVITED LECTURES:**

February 24, 2011 “Contested Territories: Gloria Anzaldúa’s ‘How to Tame a Wild Tongue’ and the Politics of Language in Latino Literature” Centre College, Danville, Kentucky for Dr. Mary Daniels’ Latino Literature course

February 28, 2011 “Anzaldúa’s ‘How to Tame a Wild Tongue’ as Theoretical Framework for Reading Latino Poetry” University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky for Dr. K.J. Rawson’s English 401 course.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

2011, August-present, Research Assistant to Dr. Carol Mason, University of Kentucky

 Responsible for editing drafts, locating and ordering sources, reading and summarizing materials. Assist Dr. Mason in completing manuscript for Oklahomo: Smearing the Queer-as-Terrorist in Middle America (working title, forthcoming from SUNY Press)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

2007 – Present, Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky

* Spanish 101: Introduction to Spanish
* SPA 102: Spoken Approach: A continuation of SPA 101
* SPA 103: Intermediate Spanish
* SPA 101/102 Labs (Course leader for SPA 101/102 Labs for two semesters): Laboratory to accompany first and second semester Spanish
* SPA 201: Spoken Approach, third semester Spanish
* SPA 211: Spanish Conversation
* GWS 300 Introduction to Masculinities, self-designed course under the guidance of Dr. Susan Bordo and Dr. Cristina Alcalde

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2009-2011 Assistant Director, Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky

 Maintain conference webpage, online abstract system. Responsible for organizational logistics for all areas of international conference that hosts 800 scholars at the University of Kentucky.

2008 Middlebury College, Guadalajara, Mexico

 Summer Spanish Language Program

2003-2007 Spanish Language Assistant, Centre College

Coordinate and maintain volunteer opportunities in the Danville area for Spanish

students to interact with the Hispanic community. Conduct conversation sessions. Organize events and schedule speakers to further inform students of issues pertaining to the Hispanic community. Serve as Centre ambassador in Mérida to conduct interviews for a Yucatan Mayan instructor and establish groundwork for language course.

2004-2007 Director, Centro Latino

Establish Danville’s only free resource center for Latinos. Assist Latinos in

accessing social services. Responsible for day-to-day operations. Schedule volunteers. Organize community-wide events. Maintain partnerships with social service agencies and Latino community. Extensive grant writing with over $95,000 in awards.

2002 Centre College, Quito, Ecuador

 Conduct collaborative research with Dr. Daniels on immigrant prison population at El Inca Women’s Prison in Quito, Ecuador.

2001 Centre College, Merida, Mexico

Extensive studies in Spanish language and culture in a home-stay environment,

which included travel to Cuba.

1999-2003 Service Learning Coordinator, Centre College

Serve as liaison between college Faculty and students and members of the

Hispanic community to create mutually beneficial partnerships. Contacts include Boyle County/Danville Schools, North Point Training Facility, Danville Adult Education, as well as various churches and individuals.

1998 Youth for Understanding, Caracas, Venezuela

 Language and culture acquisition as an exchange student.

**LANGUAGES:**

Spanish (near native), Italian and French (reading knowledge)

**SERVICE:**

2008-present Vice President of GWS Graduate Student Union, University of Kentucky

2009-present Gender and Women’s Studies Graduate Committee member

2010-present Co-coordinator of Queer Studies Reading Group

**REFERENCES:**

Prof. Susan Carvalho University of Kentucky

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 Prof. Susan Larson University of Kentucky

 Department of Hispanic Studies

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Prof. Cristina Alcalde University of Kentucky

 Department of Gender and Women’s Studies

 E-mail: cristina.alcade@uky.edu

 Telephone: 859.257.1388

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:**

Modern Language Association

Sigma Delta Pi, National Spanish Honor Society

Society for the Study of Gloria Anzaldúa