

# ELLEN K. BRIGHTWELL

## EXPERIENCE

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2005-2011 *Instructor of Spanish* University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

2011—Present University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

*Senior Instructor of Spanish*

- Successfully taught courses at the 100, 200, 300, and 400 levels.
- Advised Spanish majors.
- Worked closely with the placement exam design and administration.
- Worked in conjunction with Articulation Committee to achieve ACTFL standards.
- Served as mentor to Spanish GTAs.
- Served as mentor to first year McNair Scholar (Fall 2013), and served as mentor through the Women's Mentoring Network (Fall 2013)
- Was first ever Instructor to teach SPAN 312 and SPAN 401, courses generally reserved for T and TT faculty.
- Directed Honors theses for Laura Musselman (Spring 2011), Lauren Stefan (Spring 2012), Christopher Ward (Fall 2013), and Karl Ewald and Ben Smick (2015); was second reader for Kailey Sinclair (Spring 2020)
- Promoted to Senior Instructor of Spanish Fall 2011
- Participated in administration and proctoring of Placement Exams
- Elected to Faculty Senate Fall 2017-2020
- 2023 Serving as Interim Spanish Program Director
- Summer 2022 and 2023: Served as Acting Spanish Program Director
- 2018—Present: Assistant Director of Spanish Program
  - Work closely with Program Director to craft SPAN teaching schedule
  - Handle other administrative duties as needed

2017—2021: De facto coordinator of SPAN 302

- Create syllabus
- Assign and coordinate creation of exams
- Work with Bookstore to order books
- Work with Vista Higher Learning liasons to coordinate supersite creation and assignment
- Instrumental in creating hybrid/online design and implementation of course

2021—Present: Official coordinator of SPAN 302



1997-1999 Winthrop University Rock Hill, SC  
*Lecturer in Spanish*  
▪ Successfully taught 101 and 102 courses while completing the MA.

## EDUCATION

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2004—2013 Columbia, SC  
▪ ABD: Comparative Literature  
▪ Maintain 4.0

1997-1999 Winthrop University Rock Hill, SC  
▪ MA in Spanish  
▪ Graduated with 4.0

1994-1997 Winthrop University Rock Hill, SC  
▪ BA in Spanish  
▪ Graduated with 3.55 GPA

## PAPERS PRESENTED

March 2000: PAC, Winthrop University: “¿Don Quijote: Pecador o Santo?”

April 2000: BRICHA, Appalachian St. University: “Journey to the Barbaric Paradise: A Comparison of Julio Cortázar’s ‘La isla a mediodía’ and Jorge Luis Borges’ ‘El sur.’”

February 2005: WOST Conference, USC: “Carson McCullers’s *A Member of the Wedding*: Through the Camera and On the Stage.”

February 2005: CLA Conference, USC: “Adventures in Advertising: Commercialism and Commodification in Alfred Hitchcock’s *North by Northwest*.”

February 2006: CLA Conference, USC: “Ghastly Inclinations: R reinterpretations of Rationality in Thomas Pynchon’s *Mason and Dixon*.”

February 2008: WOST Conference, USC: “35 Years of Women’s Studies at USC: An Oral History.” (Panel presentation.)

November 2008: Spanish Program Lecture Series: “The Representation of Food, Politics and Slavery in Gutierrez Alea’s *The Last Supper*.”

February 2010: CLA Conference, USC: “The Body in the Kitchen: The Subjectivity of Cooking and Eating.”

PUBLICATIONS:

“Comparative Appetites: Greed vs. Need in Tomás Gutiérrez Alea’s *The Last Supper*.” *La Habana Elegante*. Spring-Summer 2010. No. 47. Electronic journal without pagination.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Certificate of teaching excellence from Sigma Delta Pi (Spring 2012)

Winner of the Michael A. Hill Honors College Outstanding Faculty Award (Spring 2012)

Winner of a Mortar Board Excellence in Teaching Award (Fall 2014)