

# Samuel G. Johnson

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## Education

University of Miami, Miami, Florida

**Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistic, Literary, and Cultural Studies**  
Anticipated, 2021

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Master of Arts in Portuguese**

Distinction, May 2016

**Master of Arts in Spanish**

Distinction, May 2016

**Master of Arts in Latin American Studies**

Distinction, May 2014

Concentrations: History and Hispanic-American Literature

Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Bachelor of Arts in History and Spanish**

Cum laude, May 2011

## Professional Experience

**Graduate Assistant, University of Miami (UM)**

*Department of Modern Languages, Aug. 2016 – Present*

- Currently teaching Beginning Spanish with plans intermediate and upper division Spanish courses
- Will teach beginner/intermediate Portuguese language courses
- Served as tutor for Spanish and Portuguese language programs
- Organized and lead discussion groups and film series for Portuguese program

**Teaching Assistant, University of New Mexico (UNM)**

*Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Aug. 2014 – May 2016*

- Taught Elementary Spanish I & II and Intermediate Spanish I & II
- Served as Coordinator for Online Classes overseeing course development for 5 to 7 TAs
- Created and taught Intermediate Spanish II online course for Blackboard in coordination with the Department of Extended Learning per [Quality Matters](#) standards and rubric

**Course Designer, Jenison International Academy, Jenison Public Schools**

*Jenison, MI, June, 2015 - Dec. 2015*

- Designed Spanish language elective course for 7th and 8th grade levels
- Created original instructional materials, quizzes, and exams for Blackboard Online course
- Organized and adapted existent online language learning tools for middle school level

**Teaching Assistant, University of New Mexico, Conexiones Ecuador Program**

- *Honors College and Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Summer 2014*
- Aided in organization and implementation of four-week study abroad program in Ecuador
- Taught intermediate Spanish courses (200 level) on site in Ecuador
- Programmed orientations, excursions, travel, and created classroom materials for undergraduates

**Graduate Assistant, University of New Mexico**

*Latin American and Iberian Institute, Aug. 2012 - May 2014*

- Coordinated multiple committees and planned meetings for Director of LAII
- Conducted research for grants and educational programs

## Publications

"Amerindian Perspectivism and (De) Coloniality in *Oré awé roiru'a ma—Todas as vezes que dissemos adeus* (2002)." *A Contracorrente: uma revista de estudos latinoamericanos* 17.2 (2020): 199-216.

## Presentations and Conferences

"Documentary of (De)Colonization: *Ex-Pajé* (2018) as Border-Filmmaking and Re-existence," XIX Jornadas Andinas de Literatura Latinoamericana de estudantes, Universidade Federal do Acre, Brasil, October 2020.

"Documentary of (De)Colonization: *Ex-Pajé* (2018) as Border-Filmmaking and Re-existence," American Portuguese Studies Association (APSA), Bi-Annual Conference, Provo, UT, September 2020 (Accepted, cancelled due to COVID-19)

Discussant, "Cartografias, racismo e representação da violência no cinema Latino Americano" Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Annual Conference, Guadalajara, Mexico, May 2020.

"Decolonizing Minds: Indigenous People's Literary Innovation and Re-existence," Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Bi-Annual Conference, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, March 2020 (Accepted, cancelled due to COVID-19)

Organizer, "Transnational Futures: (Re)Imagining Diaspora, Borders, Politics," University of Miami, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Graduate Student Conference, February 2019

"Decolonizing Young Minds: Indigenous Cultural Production in Brazil," University of Miami, Institute for Advanced Studies of the Americas Research Symposium, Miami, FL, February 2019

"(Non)Human Destruction on the Dictator's Highway: *Iracema: Uma transa amazônica* (1976)," American Portuguese Studies Association (APSA), Bi-Annual Conference, University of Michigan, Anne Arbor, MI, October 2018

"Amerindian Perspectivism and Eco-Citizenship: *A queda do céu* (2013)," Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Bi-Annual Conference in Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, July 2018

"Amerindian Perspectivism and Decolonial Authorship in *Ore awe roiru'a ma – Todas as vezes que dissemos adeus* (2002)," Center for Latin American Studies annual Tri-University Graduate Student Conference, Florida International University, Miami, FL, March 2018

"Amerindian Perspectivism and Eco-Citizenship: *A queda do céu* (2013)," Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Bi-Annual Conference in Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, July 2018

"Class Bias and Urban Anxieties: Inequality in *Passageiro do fim do dia*," Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Annual Conference in New York, NY, May 2016

"Social Class, Fear, and Isolation in *O som ao redor*," Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Bi-Annual Conference at Brown University in Providence, RI, March 2016

Attendee, Collaboration and Technology in 21st Century Language Learning, Professional Development Forum, Vista Higher Learning, Chicago, IL, October, 2015

"Urban Violence, Fear, and the State of Exception: Mexico City," Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association (RMMLA), Annual Conference in Santa Fe, NM, October, 2015

"Oligarchy and Urban Anxieties: Fear and Isolation in *O som ao redor*," American Portuguese Studies Association, Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM, October, 2014

“Rio de Janeiro and Mexico City: The Divided City and the State of Exception,” Midwest Modern Language Association (MMLA), Annual Conference in Detroit, MI, November, 2014

“Social Justice and Militant Activism in the U.S.-Mexico Borderland: The Brown Berets and the Chicano Movement,” RMCLAS Annual Conference in Santa Fe, NM, April 2013

## Grants and Awards

Digital Humanities Fellowship, UM	<i>Summer 2020</i>
Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI) Tuition Scholarship	<i>Summer 2020</i>
Summer Research Award, Department of MLL, UM	<i>Summer 2018</i>
Field Research Grant (FRG), Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas, UM	<i>Spring 2018</i>
Brazil Initiation Scholarship, Brazilian Studies Association, BRASA	<i>Spring 2018</i>
Excellence in Teaching, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, UNM	<i>May 2017</i>
Susan Deese-Roberts Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Nominee, UNM	<i>2017, 2016</i>
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS), Academic Year Fellowship, UNM	<i>2014-15, 2015 -16</i>
FLAS, Summer Fellowship for travel to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, UNM	<i>Summer 2016</i>
Centro de la Raza Professional Development Grant Recipient, UNM	<i>Spring 2016</i>
GPSA Professional Development Grant Recipient, UNM	<i>Fall 2015</i>
SPGSA Travel Grant Recipient, UNM	<i>Fall 2014, Spring 2016</i>
GPSA Student Research Grant Recipient, UNM	<i>Spring 2013, Fall 2014</i>
Outstanding Senior, Spanish, World Languages, Aquinas College	<i>May 2011</i>
Academic Achievement in History, Phi Alpha Theta, Aquinas College	<i>May 2011</i>

## Activities

MLL Graduate Student Representative to Graduate Student Association	<i>2020-2021</i>
Secretary, Executive Board, Graduate Student Association	<i>May 2019 - May 2020</i>
MLL Graduate Student Representative to Graduate Student Association	<i>2019-2018</i>
Modern Languages and Literatures International Film Festival	<i>2017-2018</i>
Health and Safety Study Abroad Advisory Committee	<i>Aug. 2014 - May 2015</i>
SPGSA Representative to the GPSA	<i>Aug. 2014 - May 2015</i>
Education Abroad Health and Safety Policy Committee	<i>Feb. - May 2014</i>
Student Organization for Latin American Studies, President	<i>May 2013 - May 2014</i>
Student Organization for Latin American Studies, Film Coordinator	<i>Aug. 2012 - May 2014</i>
Study Abroad in Santa Ana, Costa Rica	<i>Spring 2009</i>
Study Abroad in Salamanca, Spain	<i>Fall 2008</i>

## Memberships

Brazilian Studies Association Member	<i>Aug. 2015 - Present</i>
Latin American Studies Association Member	<i>Aug. 2015 - Present</i>
Sigma Delta Pi, Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispánica Member	<i>May 2015 - Present</i>
American Portuguese Studies Association Member	<i>Aug. 2014 - Present</i>
Member of Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association	<i>Oct. 2014 - Oct. 2016</i>
Member of Midwest Modern Language Association	<i>June 2014 - June 2015</i>

## Courses Taught

Intermediate Spanish I (SPA 201), UM	<i>Spring, Summer 2020</i>
Elementary Spanish II (SPA 102), UM	<i>Spring, Summer 2019</i>
Elementary Spanish I (SPA 101), UM	<i>Fall 2018</i>
Elementary Spanish I (SPAN 101), UNM	<i>Fall 2014</i>
Intermediate Spanish II (SPAN 202) Online, UNM	<i>Fall 2016</i>
Intermediate Spanish I (SPAN 201), UNM	<i>Spring 2016</i>
Intermediate Spanish Abroad (SPAN 200), UNM	<i>Summer 2014</i>
Spanish Conversation Abroad (SPAN 203), UNM	<i>Summer 2014</i>
Elementary Spanish II (SPAN 102), UNM	<i>Spring 2015</i>
Elementary Spanish II Online, UNM	<i>Spring 2015</i>