

# Laura Moyneur

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Spanish Literature** **2023 – Present**  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN  
Dissertation Title: TBD  
Committee: TBD
- B.A. with Honors in Spanish and Economics, *summa cum laude*** **May 2020**  
Saint Louis University Madrid, Madrid, Spain

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Twentieth-century Latin-American testimonios that address questions of memory, identity, and justice during and after Argentina’s civic-military dictatorship from 1974 to 1983.

## CONFERENCES

“Hilos carmesí: Revelando memoria y feminidad en *Estamos todas bien* de Ana Penyas”  
*Memory Studies Association*. Lima, Peru scheduled for July 2024.

“What happens to the first lawyer in Hubert Matiúwàa’s poem *The First Lawyer?*” *Modern Language Association*. New Orleans, LA scheduled for January 2025.

## TEACHING & ADVISING

- Graduate Instructor** **Fall Semester 2023 & Spring Semester 2024**  
Department of Spanish & Portuguese, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
SPAN 1022 Alternate Second-Semester Spanish
- Sole teacher of an advanced introductory Spanish course of 17 students.
  - Planned lessons and assignments.
  - Graded papers and exams.
  - Organized and led group discussions on cultural differences among Spanish-speaking countries.
  - Spanish tutor, 1 hour per week.

- Discussion Leader** **February – October 2021**  
Benjamin Franklin Science Corner, Asunción, Paraguay
- Formed and led a weekly conversation club for college students to improve English speaking skills.

- English Language and Culture Assistant** **October – December 2020**  
Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, Madrid, Spain
- Assisted in teaching a variety of subjects (including Geography, Natural Sciences, History, etc.) to 20 third and fourth graders in a full English language immersion setting.

- Fostered understanding of the relationship between Spain and the United States through classroom activities, such as games, holiday celebrations, and meaningful discussions.
- Innovated an e-learning curriculum that ensured an uninterrupted academic term during the 2020 COVID-19 crisis.

## **GRANTS**

### **Fulbright English Teaching Assistant**

**February – July 2021**

EducationUSA (U.S. Government Program), Asunción, Paraguay

- Created and implemented an essay writing program to aid 37 students in the process of writing their U.S. college admission essays.
- Formed writing workshops, organized peer review sessions, created peer review rubrics.
- Scheduled and conducted one-on-one meetings and gave personal feedback for each student's essays.
- Increased the admission rate of EducationUSA students to U.S. Institutions, including Columbia, Williams, and Vanderbilt, with full scholarships by 300%.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Premio a la Excelencia Académica en Español, Saint Louis University Madrid, 2020

- Awarded to one student per academic year.

Senior Standout Admissions Appreciation Award, Saint Louis University Madrid, 2020

- Awarded to two students per academic year.

First Place Manresa Writing Award, Saint Louis University Madrid

- “Dialogue between God and Job: the Tale of an Honorable Man in the Face of Injustice” (2017)
- Tied with self for first place: “The Identities of the Patriarchs: an Analysis of the Hykos in Ancient Egypt” & Co-Authored “Permaculture: The Way to Sustainability in the Amazon Rainforest” (2018)
- “Immigration: an analysis of its impact on the well-being of natives in the United States” (2019)
- “The Monotheistic Debate: Moses and Pharaoh Akhenaton” (2020)

## **WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

Antiracist Pedagogies and Teaching Spanish and Portuguese, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Presenter: L.J. Randolph, Jr., 30 August 2023

## **NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

### **People & Culture Manager in Training**

**August 2021 – March 2023**

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Processed all new hire information and continuously e-filed all employee records.
- Ran regular audits to ensure compliance.
- Completed verifications of employment.
- Maintained and updated bulletin boards and television communications in service areas for sharing company information with all staff.

**People & Culture Assistant Manager**

**March – July 2023**

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Led new hire orientations and trainings.
- Answered employee benefit questions, both in English and Spanish.
- Coordinated employee recognition events – birthdays, anniversaries, Employee of the Month, etc.
- Provided support for department heads from each area of the hotel.