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## **EDUCATION**

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### **Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction, 2011**

New Mexico State University

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Dissertation: *Spanish heritage speakers' experiences and perceptions in an introductory-level Spanish foreign language classroom*

### **Master of Arts in Education, 2005**

New Mexico State University

Las Cruces, New Mexico

### **Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, 2002**

Rutgers University, Douglass College

New Brunswick, New Jersey

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2014-present **Senior Researcher**  
University of Alaska Anchorage Center for Alaska Education Policy Research
- 2012-2014 **College & Career Readiness Coordinator**  
University of Alaska Anchorage Community & Technical College
- 2010-2012 **Coordinator of Learning Resources Center, Tutoring Programs & Assessment**  
University of Alaska Anchorage Community & Technical College
- 2008-2011 **Coordinator of Institutional Research**  
New Mexico State University at Carlsbad
- 2006-2008 **Special Needs Services Coordinator and Academic Advisor**  
New Mexico State University at Carlsbad
- 2002-2006 **Family Service Coordinator and Developmental Specialist III**  
CARC, INC. Child Development Center

## TEACHING

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### Graduate courses

- Research in Career & Technical Education, *University of Alaska Anchorage*
- Developing the Research Proposal, *Grand Canyon University*
- Curriculum & Assessment in Career & Technical Education, *University of Alaska University of Alaska Anchorage*
- Advising for Career Pathways, *University of Alaska University of Alaska Anchorage*
- Using Classroom Assessment to Teach Better, *University of Alaska University of Alaska Anchorage*
- Content Area Literacy, *New Mexico State University*
- Sociopsycholinguistics, *New Mexico State University*

### Undergraduate courses

- Introductory Spanish Level I, *University of Alaska Anchorage & New Mexico State University at Carlsbad*
- Introductory Spanish Level II, *New Mexico State University at Carlsbad*
- Creating Success in College, *University of Alaska Anchorage*
- Introduction to Language, *New Mexico State University at Carlsbad*
- College and Life Success, *New Mexico State University at Carlsbad*

### Graduate advising

- Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership, *Grand Canyon University*
- Master of Science in Career and Technical Education, *University of Alaska Anchorage*

## RESEARCH

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### Peer-reviewed articles

- DeFeo, D.J. (2015). Why are you here? CTE students' enrollment motivations and career aspirations. *Association for Career and Technical Education Research Journal* 40(2), 82-98.
- DeFeo, D.J. (2015). Spanish is foreign: Heritage speakers' interpretations of the introductory Spanish language curriculum. *International Multilingual Research Journal*, 9(2), 108-124.
- Maseda, R., & DeFeo, D.J. (2014). Finding your "Spanish voice" through popular media: Improving students' confidence and fluency. *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning* 14(3), 110-131.
- DeFeo., D.J. & Caparas, F. (2014). Tutoring as transformative work: A phenomenological case study of tutors' experiences. *Journal of the College Reading & Learning Association* 44(2), 141-163.
- DeFeo, D.J. (2013). Towards a model of purposeful participant inclusion: Examining deselection as a participant risk. *Qualitative Research Journal* 13(3), 253-264.

### In review:

- DeFeo, D.J., Bonin, D. & Ossiander-Gobeille, M. "When no one is watching: An ethnographic study of student behavior in the drop-in math tutoring lab."
- DeFeo, D.J., Kiliç, Z & Maseda, R. "From productivity to process: Flipping the writing group."

### Working papers & reports

- Hirshberg, D., Berman, M., DeFeo, D.J. & Hill, L. (2015, November). *Salary & benefits schedule and teacher tenure study*. Report released by the Alaska Department of Administration, Juneau, AK; and the Center for Alaska Education Policy Research, Anchorage, AK.

DeFeo, D.J. (2015, April). *Statewide articulation agreement inventory: 2013-2014*. Report released by the Workforce Development Committee of the University of Alaska; Fairbanks, Alaska.

DeFeo, D.J., Fallon, S., Hirshberg, D. & LeCompte, C. (2014, July). *Alaska career pathways: A baseline analysis*. Report released by the University of Alaska Anchorage Center for Educational Research & Policy and the University of Alaska Anchorage Community & Technical College; Anchorage, Alaska.

### **National & international conference presentations**

Sperling, R., DeFeo, D.J. & Rodriguez, B. (2015, May). *A Lat Crit perspective on the future of HSI research*. Presentation given at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in Higher Education, Washington, DC.

Maseda, R. & DeFeo, D.J. (2014, June). *Finding Your 'Spanish Voice' Through Popular Media: Improving Students' Confidence and Fluency*. Presentation given at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities; Madrid, Spain.

DeFeo, D.J. (2012, June). *Finding the "I" in TEAM: Assessing student learning in academic support programs*. Presentation given at the National Institute on Assessment of Adult Learning; Atlantic City, NJ.

DeFeo, D.J. & Caparas, F. (2011, November). *A phenomenological study of tutors' perceptions of personal and professional development in a college writing center*. Presentation given at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual College Reading and Learning Association Conference; San Diego, CA.

DeFeo, D.J., Gobielle, M., Bonin, D. & Wooten, D. (2011, November). *An ethnographic study of student behavior in open math tutoring labs*. Presentation given at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual College Reading and Learning Association Conference; San Diego, CA.

Caparas, F., DeFeo, D.J. (2011, April). *Tutoring for professional and personal development*. Presentation given at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tutoring Association Conference; Anchorage, AK.

DeFeo, D.J. (2011, April). *Educational theory for tutors: incorporating constructivist principles into tutoring sessions*. Presentation given at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tutoring Association Conference; Anchorage, AK.

Weinstein, N, Waters, E., DeFeo, D. (2002, April). *Different labels: Not all smokers consider themselves to be smokers*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine; Washington, D.C.

### **Regional conference presentations**

DeFeo, D.J. (2015, October). *Good collaborations: A case study of a successful distance-delivered health cohort program*. Presentation given at the Alaska Association for Career & Technical Education Annual Conference; Anchorage, AK.

DeFeo, D.J. (2015, October). *Alaska career pathways and programs of study*. Presentation given at the Alaska Association for Career & Technical Education Annual Conference; Anchorage, AK.

DeFeo, D.J. (2015, October/April). *Why are you here? CTE students explain their enrollment choices*. Presentation given at the Alaska Association for Career & Technical Education Annual Conference; Anchorage, AK/1<sup>st</sup> annual Alaska Evaluation Network Conference in Anchorage, AK.

DeFeo, D.J., Peck, M. & Brekke, H. (2013, November/October). *A new model of college and career readiness: What it is, and what you can do to promote it*. Presentation given at the Alaska School Counselors Association; Anchorage, AK/Alaska Association for Career & Technical Education Annual Conference; Anchorage, AK.

- DeFeo, D.J. (2011, February). *Reconceptualizing "heritage speaker": Profiles of Spanish language users in New Mexico*. Presentation given at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Rim Conference on Literature and Rhetoric; Anchorage, AK.
- DeFeo, D.J. (2010, October). *The role of the critical educator in the introductory level foreign language classroom: Exploring sites of possibility*. Presentation given at the Linguistic Association of the Southwest Annual Conference; Las Cruces, NM.
- DeFeo, D.J., Sperling, R. (2010, February). *First Year Latino Community College Students' Perceived Obstacles*. Presentation given at the New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention Annual Conference; Albuquerque, NM.

## Poster presentations

- DeFeo, D.J. (2015, April). *Career Pathways in Alaska: A baseline statewide study*. Poster presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Alaska Evaluation Network Conference in Anchorage, AK.
- Sperling, R., DeFeo, D. J., Nichols, N., Rodríguez, A., & Thompson, K. (August, 2009). *The dominant racial story about Latinos and education: What it is, how you can measure it, and why you should care*. Poster presented at the Jean Piaget Society Annual Meeting; Park City, UT.
- DeFeo, D., Sperling, R., Bernin, C.M. (2009, February). *Structure blaming and perceived obstacles among Latino community college students*. Poster presented at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Columbia Teachers College Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education; Manhattan, NY.
- Weinstein, N.D., Slovic, P., DeFeo, D., Waters, E., Gibson, V. (2001, November) *Gaps in knowledge of smoking risks and support for tobacco control policies*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Substance Abuse Policy Research Program' Ft. Augustine, FL.
- Weinstein, N, Waters, E., DeFeo, D. (2002, February). *Different labels: Not all smokers consider themselves to be smokers*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco; Savannah, GA.

## Workshops & invited talks

- DeFeo, D.J., Maseda, R. & Kiliç, Z. (2015, October). *Engaging collaboration: Writing groups for faculty and emerging scholars*. Talk given to the Department of Public Health, Dokuz Eylül University; Izmir, Turkey.
- DeFeo, D.J. (2015, August). *Data workshop: Program assessment & evaluation*. Workshop delivered to AmeriCorps grant administrators in the Serve Alaska program; Anchorage, AK.
- DeFeo, D.J., Maseda, R. & Kiliç, Z. (2015, April/February). *From productivity to process: The flipped writing group*. Talk given to doctoral candidates at Salisbury University; Salisbury, MD/Psychology Department faculty at the University of Alaska Anchorage; Anchorage, AK.
- DeFeo, D.J. (2015, March). *Statewide articulations: Where are we now, where should we go next?* Talk given to the University of Alaska Transition Coalition and University of Alaska Workforce Development Committee; Anchorage, AK.
- DeFeo, D.J. (2015, January). *Conducting faculty and student research: Identifying and designing executable and publishable research projects*. Workshop delivered to faculty and staff at Iñiaġvik College; Barrow, Alaska.
- DeFeo, D.J., Maseda, R. & Kiliç, Z. (2014, February). *Accountability, Productivity, and Support: Setting up a Writing Group*. Workshop presented at the Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence at the University of Alaska Anchorage; Anchorage, AK.
- DeFeo, D.J. (2012, March). *From coursework to completion: Literature review, comps, proposal & data analysis*. Talk given to doctoral cohort at the New Mexico State University College of Education; Las Cruces, NM.

Nichols, N., DeFeo, D.J. (2007, November). *Embedded Assessment in Online Classes*. Workshop presented at the Teaching Academy of New Mexico State University; Las Cruces, NM.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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### **University of Alaska Anchorage**

- University College Task Force; Provost appointment (2014)
- Faculty Senate Subcommittee for Academic Integrity (2012 –2014)
- Administrative, Professional & Technical Governance Council (2011 –2013)
- Community & Technical College Adjunct Faculty Orientation Task Force (2011 –2012)
- UAA Accreditation Core Theme III Evaluation Team (2012)
- Employee Satisfaction Committee Working Group (2012)
- Search Committees:
  - Coordinator of the Alaska Middle College (2014)
  - Assistant Professor of Developmental Mathematics (2012)
  - Learning Resources Center Night Supervisor (2011)
  - Assistant Professor of Composition (2011)

### **New Mexico State University at Carlsbad**

- Advisor, Alpha Ro Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (2007–2010)
- Chair, Strategic Planning Committee (2009 –2010)
- Retention Committee (2008 –2010)
- Helping Students Learn Committee (2008 –2010)
- Assessment Committee (2008 –2010)
- Facilities and Institutional Operations Committee (2006 –2008)
- Search Committees:
  - Associate Provost for Academics and Community Colleges (2009)
  - Instructor of English (2008)
  - Coordinator of Public Relations, Chair (2008)
  - President (2008)

## **OTHER CERTIFICATIONS**

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Association of Institutional Researchers (AIR) Data and Decisions Academy, 2010

Online Instructor Certification (COI), Learning Resources Network (LERN), 2009