SPANISH & PORTUGUESE

BYU COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

With nearly 30 graduate faculty members, the Department of Spanish and Portuguese offers one of the largest and most diverse MA-level language programs in the country with a wide variety of courses in literature, linguistics, and pedagogy. The department admits approximately 15 graduate students each year, many of whom, upon completion of the program, continue their studies at the doctoral level or seek jobs in secondary education. Recent graduates have been accepted into premier PhD programs including Harvard, Cornell, Brown, Stanford, Cambridge, and Vanderbilt. Other students have obtained positions with government agencies or in the business sector.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

The department offers two MA programs (one in Spanish and one in Portuguese). Applicants must indicate an area of specialization within one of these programs at the time of application. They are therefore encouraged to consult with faculty before making this important decision. The areas of specialization are:

- Hispanic or Portuguese Linguistics
- Spanish or Portuguese Pedagogy
- Hispanic or Luso-Brazilian Literatures

FINANCIAL AID

- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Most students receive partial scholarship grants to help cover tuition expenses (generally 65-80%).
- **STUDENT INSTRUCTORSHIPS:** Most MA candidates teach one or two language classes each semester to support themselves financially (about $3,400 per 4 credit course).
- **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE:** A modest amount of money is available to help students with travel expenses to present at conferences or participate in other academic programs.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students should apply online by February 1 at www.graduatestudies.byu.edu
- Prerequisites: BA in Spanish or Portuguese, or its equivalent
- Minimum overall GPA: 3.3 (last 60 hours); minimum Portuguese/Spanish GPA: 3.5
- A formal research paper in Spanish or Portuguese
- A statement of intent outlining the student's academic objectives
- Three letters of recommendation

CONTACT INFORMATION

Department of Spanish and Portuguese
3190 JFSB
Brigham Young University
Provo, UT 84602

www.spanport.byu.edu

Graduate Program Manager
spanportgradstudies@byu.edu
801-422-2196

GRADUATE FACULTY MEMBERS

Alba, Orlando Prof. PhD, U Complutense de Madrid, 1988. Hispanic Sociolinguistics; Dialectology.

Alvord, Scott M. Assoc. Prof. PhD, University of Minnesota, 2006. Hispanic Linguistics; Phonetics; Phonology; Sociolinguistics; Language Contact; Spanish in the U.S.; Second Language Acquisition of Phonology.

Bateman, Blair Assoc. Prof. PhD, University of Minnesota, 2002. Teaching Culture; Language Teaching Methodology; Portuguese Pedagogy; Immersion Education.

Child, Michael W. Asst. Prof. PhD, University of Arizona, 2014. Second and Third Language Acquisition; Bilingualism; Language Contact; Portuguese Linguistics; Corpus Linguistics.

Fails, Willis C. Assoc. Prof. PhD, University of Texas, Austin, 1984. Experimental Phonetics; Spanish and Portuguese Linguistics.

García, Mara Lucy Prof. PhD, University of Kentucky, 1997. Spanish American Literature; Contemporary Women Writers; Andean Writers, Fantastic Literature.

Hague, Daryl R. Assoc. Prof. PhD, State University of New York, Binghamton, 2002. Translation Theory and Pedagogy.

Halling, Anna-Lisa. Asst. Prof. PhD, Vanderbilt University, 2012. Early Modern Iberian Literature; Convent Theater; Women Writers; Feminist Theory; Spatial Theory.

Hegstrom, Valerie Assoc. Prof. PhD, University of Kansas, 1992. 16th and 17th Century Spanish Literature; Spanish Theater Performance and Performance Criticism; Iberian Women Writers; Literary Translation; Women's Studies; Comparative Literature.

Knapp, Nieves Assoc. Teaching Prof. PhD, University of Oviedo, Spain, 2003. Spanish Language and Cultures; Language Teaching Methodology; Materials Development.

Krause, James Remington Asst. Prof. PhD, Vanderbilt University, 2010. Brazilian and Spanish American Narrative and Poetry; Comparative Latin American and Inter-American Literature; Translation Studies.

Laraway, David Assoc. Prof. PhD, Cornell University, 1998 (Romance Studies); PhD, European Graduate School, 2015 (Philosophy, Art, and Social Thought); Spanish American Poetry; Philosophy; Basque Literature and Culture; Borges.

Larson, Erik M. Asst. Prof. PhD, University of California, Davis, 2012. Latin American Literature; Contemporary Southern Cone Narrative; Detective Literature and Roman Noir; Post-Dictatorial Literature; Critical Theory.

López-Alacalá, Samuel Asst. Prof. PhD, U Pontificia Comillas, Madrid, 2012. English into Spanish Translation and Interpretation.

Martinsen, Rob A. Assoc. Prof. PhD, University of Texas, Austin, 2007. Foreign or Second Language Acquisition/Teaching Methods; Teaching and Learning Languages Through Study Abroad and Teachnology.

Montgomery, Cherice Asst. Prof. PhD, Michigan State University, 2009. World Language Education, Pedagogy, Curriculum Development, and Professional Development; Literacy, Transliteracy, and Social Technologies; Project-Based Language Learning; Dual Language Immersion.

Nielson, Rex P. Asst. Prof. PhD, Brown University, 2010. 19th, 20th, and 21st Century Luso-Brazilian Narrative; Masculinity and Gender Studies; Ecocriticism; Comparative Literature.

Pratt, Dale J. Prof. PhD, Cornell University, 1994. 19th and 20th Century Spanish Literature; Realism; Generation of '98; Literature and Science; Theater Performance; Comparative Literature; Science Fiction.

Price, Brian L. Assoc. Prof. PhD, University of Texas, Austin, 2007. 20th and 21st Century Mexican and Spanish American Cultural Production with an Emphasis on Literature, Music, Film, and Literature in Mexico.

Rosenberg, John R. Prof. PhD, Cornell University, 1985. 19th and 20th Century Spanish Literature; Art and Literature.

Sherman, Alvin F. Jr. Prof. PhD, University of Virginia, 1990. 18th and 19th Century Spanish Literature; 21st Century Spanish Novel; Medieval Literature; Romanticism; Spanish Civil War.

Smead, Robert N. Assoc. Prof. PhD, University of Texas, Austin, 1988. Spanish-English Language Contact; Hispanic Bilingualism; Spanish Linguistics; Variationism.

Stallings, Gregory C. Assoc. Prof. PhD, University of California, Irvine, 1999. 20th and 21st Century Spanish Literature and Film; Literary Theory.

Thompson, Gregory L. Asst. Prof. PhD, University of Arizona, 2006. Second Language Acquisition; Code-Switching in the Foreign Language Classroom; Heritage Language Learners; Service-Learning and Language Acquisition; Bilingualism and Languages in Contact; Placement Exams and Language Testing.

Turley, Jeffrey S. Assoc. Prof. PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 1992. Spanish Linguistics; Romance Philology; Semantics.

Weatherford, Douglas J. Assoc. Prof. PhD, Pennsylvania State University, 1997. Contemporary Spanish American Narrative and Film, with Special Emphasis on Mexico; Colonial Literature; Historical Novel.

Williams, Frederick G. Prof. PhD, University of Wisconsin, 1971. Portuguese, Brazilian, and Mozambican Literatures.

Williams, Lynn Prof. PhD, University of London, 1978. Spanish Linguistics; History of the Spanish Language: Spain as a Multilingual State; Medieval Literature; 17th Century Diplomatic History.

Wilson, Mac J. Asst. Prof. PhD, Rutgers University, 2015. Spanish American Ecopoetry; Poetry; Ecocriticism; Southern Cone Literature and Culture; Visual Studies.

SPANISH & PORTUGUESE

BYU COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES