

LUISANA DUARTE ARMENDÁRIZ M.A., M.F.A

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in English—University of Connecticut (Expected Graduation Date 2027)

Bilingual Writing Certificate—University of Texas at El Paso

M.A. in Children’s Literature—Simmons University, 2018

M.F.A in Writing for Children—Simmons University, 2018

B.A. in Multimedia Journalism, Minors in Honors, Creative Writing and Graphic Design—University of Texas at El Paso, 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor | University of Connecticut | Fall 2021

First-Year Writing: Seminar in Writing and Multimodal Composition—ENGL 1007

Adjunct Professor | Bentley University | Spring 2019

Advanced Visual Communication—IDCC 340

Visual Arts Teacher | Colegio Latino Americano, Juárez, México | 2014–2015
7th 8th and 9th grade Visual Arts

Fencing Coach | The University of Texas at El Paso | August–December 2013

HONORS AND AWARDS

Harriot Fellow at University of Connecticut

Winner of the 2018 Lee & Low New Visions Award for debut middle-grade mystery novel *The Regent Enigma* (TU Books, 2020).

PUBLICATIONS

Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. *The Regent Enigma*. Tu Books an imprint of Lee & Low. (May 2020)

COMMITTEE WORK

Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce. Simmons University. 2016–2017.

Judge for the 2017 *Premios de Literatura León* a prize sponsored by the León Fair and FeNaL. 2017

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, PANEL PARTICIPATIONS

2022. Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. “Is One of These Not Like the Others?: Belonging vs alienation in immigrant stories.” Children’s Literature Association Annual Conference: City in a Forest, Atlanta, GA. (Accepted Paper)

2020. Workshop Leader. “Constructing a Cultural Cosmos: Weaving art, mythology, and other cultural elements in your story.” The Writer’s Loft, MA.

2020. Presentation. “Consuming Media vs. Being Consumed.” Everest Academy, Oxford, MI.

2019. Panelist. “Children’s Literature in Your Own Image: Power of diverse racial/ethnic and sociocultural perspectives.” Tufts University, Medford, MA.

2019. Workshop Leader. “Children’s Literature in Your Own Image: Power of diverse racial/ethnic and sociocultural perspectives.” Tufts University, Medford, MA.

2018. Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. “Degrees of Mexicanness: Challenging racial identities in Benjamin Alire Sáenz’s *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*.” Children’s Literature Association Annual Conference: Refreshing Waters/Turbulent Waters, San Antonio, TX.

2017. Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. “A Happier Ever After: Agency in *Ella Enchanted*.” Children’s Literature Association Annual Conference: Imagined Futures, Tampa Bay, FL.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Instructor | University of Connecticut | August 2021–Present
- Translation and Transcription | Freelancer | July 2020–Present
- Book Reviewer | Kirkus Reviews | October 2018–Present
- Dean of Discipline | Everest Academy | August 2019–June 2020
- Adjunct Professor | Bentley University | Spring 2019
- Consultant of Student Development, Literacy Programs, and Community Partnerships at the Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Center | Bentley University | Fall 2018–June 2019
- Editorial Intern | Charlesbridge Publishing | Spring 2019
- Bookseller | The Children’s Bookshop | September 2018–June 2019
- Graduate Assistant to Online MPH Program Director | Simmons University | January 2016–May 2018
- Visual Arts Teacher | Colegio Latinoamericano, Ciudad Juárez, México | 2014–2015
- Social Media/Marketing/Design Intern—Huntleigh Technology Group | August 2013–July 2015
- Graphic Design Intern—Enterprise Computing UTEP | January–December 2012
- Art Department Intern— Lynx Exhibits, El Paso TX. | January– May 2012

- Web & Event Photography Intern—Downtown Niche Magazine | March–December 2011
- Youth Pastoral Work (Co-worker Program) | Regnum Christi | Manila, Philippines | August 2008–May 2009

VOLUNTEER WORK

Cambridge School Volunteers Tutoring (2015–2016)

Casa María Niña and Casa Eudes Tutoring (2006–2007)

Living Dreams Christmas Party Coordinator (2009)

Holy Week Missions (2005–2009, 2011, 2012)

KTEP Pledge Drive (2011)

TELETON México 2004, 2006, 2011, and 2012

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native)

English (bilingual oral and written fluency)

French & Italian (elementary proficiency)