Carlos Montoro

Objective

Research on language learning activity online from an activity theory perspective.

Experience

Jan 2008 – Present University of Guanajuato Mexico

Lecturer-researcher / self-access centre adviser

• I teach, research and advise on English language learning.

Jan 2007 – Dec 2008 Tecnológico de Monterrey Mexico

Director of the Preparatoria Bicultural High School Program

• I was a tutor for 50 students enrolled in this high-achievers high-school program.

Aug 2005 – Dec 2006 University of Guanajuato Mexico

EFL Teacher (part-time)

• I was acknowledged as the best teacher in the school on the basis of student evaluations.

Aug 2005 – Dec 2006 Tecnológico de Monterrey Mexico

EFL Teacher (part-time)

 97% of my students at this renowned Mexican high-school passed their English courses with me.

Sep 2002 – May 2005 University of Belize Belize

Lecturer in Spanish

• I developed and implemented a new Spanish language program in five levels and taught Spanish (and English) as an overseas volunteer working for the Spanish government.

Jun 2001 – Sep 2002 EF, Spanish International School Barcelona, Spain

Spanish Language Teacher

I coordinated classes at all levels. I was offered a full-time permanent post at the end of the academic year.

2000-2001 Lycée Gérard de Nerval Soissons, France

Spanish Language Assistant

• I taught Spanish to hundreds of French students at this public high school.

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2000-2001 Université Marne-la-Vallée Paris, France

Spanish Lecturer

• I taught Spanish to staff at this prestigious Parisian university.

1998-2000 Lancaster University Lancaster, UK

Teaching Fellow in Spanish

- I was promoted to the highest Spanish language teaching post, *Teaching Fellow*, a year after starting as a *lector*.
- I trained and supervised three teachers that I was in charge of.
- I was nominated for the *Pilkington Prize*, awarded yearly to the University's best teacher to promote and recognize teaching excellence.

1997-1998 Lancaster University Lancaster, UK

Spanish Teacher

• Our team started the transformation of the Spanish section, which has beaten student satisfaction and recruitment records every year since.

1997-1999 Lancaster & Morecambe College Morecambe, UK

Spanish Lecturer (evening classes)

• I helped my eight students pass their A-Level exam, six of them with an A grade.

1991-1996 Spanish Courts of Justice Arenys de Mar, Spain

English-Spanish Interpreter

• I acted as an interpreter on a *freelance* basis during trials and hearings in court.

1991-1996 Several Companies Barcelona, Spain

English Translator

- As an undergraduate, I did several translations, as follows:
- Medical Research video Red Eye I for Phantastikon Audiovisual.
- TV cartoon series *Dr. Quest*, by *Hannah Barbera*, for *Sonoblok*, leading company in Barcelor in dubbing business of US films for Spanish market.
- Several academic papers by University of Barcelona professors.

1991-1996 Phantastikon Audiovisual Arenys de Mar, Spain

Narrator in Medical Research videos

• I did voice-over for dozens of video documentaries used widely in Spanish hospitals and universities

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1989-1992 Radio Arenys Arenys de Mar, Spain

Journalist

• I was a newsreader at this local radio station.

1991 AVUI Barcelona, Spain

Journalist

• I worked as a reporter for this Catalan newspaper.

Education & Training

2009-2012 Open University UK

• Doctorate in Education (EdD). Thesis title: *The learning activity of individual learners using online tasks*

2002 Spanish Foreign Office Madrid, Spain

• Seminar for Teachers of Spanish Overseas (18 hours).

1998 International House Barcelona, Spain

• Teacher of Spanish as a Foreign Language Certificate (105 hours, including practical component)

1997-1998 Lancaster & Morecambe College Morecambe, UK

• City & Guilds 7307 Further and Adult Education Teacher's Certificate. Official British qualification for adult teaching in the British Isles.

1996-1997 Lancaster University Lancaster, UK

- *MA in Language Studies*.
- Final dissertation on Language Teaching passed with borderline Distinction.

1991-1996 University of Barcelona Barcelona, Spain

• Degree with Honours in English Philology (average score: 8 out of 10).

1995 Generalitat de Catalunya Barcelona, Spain

• Certificate in Advanced Catalan Language (D). Qualifies to teach Catalan language.

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Other Skills

Languages: Spanish, Catalan: mother tongues; English: near-native level; French: fluent

Typing: 24-hour course (+100 words per minute)

IT skills: Microsoft Office 2007, Adobe Flash, Dreamweaver; **Programming skills**: SQL, C++, html, ActionScript, Java

Capacity for efficient teamwork; good interactive and communicative skills; enthusiasm and appreciation for accuracy at work.

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References available. Sent upon request.