

Stanford



Juan Rafael Valdez

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Bio

BIO

Juan R. Valdez is a teacher and a writer. He enjoys teaching as a way of helping students to optimally develop their communicative skills, while they also develop a critical sense of community and coexistence in a diverse and complex world. Juan belongs to the tradition of maroon intellectuals and sionaturalists who like to roam between the city and the wilderness and between science and literature. His writings explore the experiences, visions, and stories of those who walk the earth and leave little trace. His publications include: *Tracing Dominican identity: the writings of Pedro Henríquez Ureña* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011) and *En busca de la identidad: la obra de Pedro Henríquez Ureña* (Ediciones Katatay, 2015). His latest book *Sendas Extraviadas* (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-UAM, 2024) is a series of essays on "aimless" walking that explore the possibility of overcoming perilous notions of politics, absurd racism, and consumerist madness. It also proposes strengthening our sense of place and belonging in the world by cultivating our relationship with nature. When Juan is not teaching, studying, or reading, he's hiking, tending to his plants, and having a good laugh.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Stanford Language Center

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, The Graduate Center of The City University of New York , Hispanic Sociolinguistics (2008)
- MS, The City College of The City University of New York , Bilingual Education
- BA, Hamilton College , Comparative Literature

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Beginning Oral Communication: SPANLANG 10 (Win)
- Intermediate Oral Communication: SPANLANG 15 (Win)
- Second-Year Spanish: Cultural Emphasis, Second Quarter: SPANLANG 12C (Aut)
- Second-Year Spanish: Cultural Emphasis, Third Quarter: SPANLANG 13C (Spr)
- Second-Year Spanish: Emphasis on International Relations, First Quarter: SPANLANG 11R (Aut)
- Second-Year Spanish: Emphasis on International Relations, Second Quarter: SPANLANG 12R (Win)
- Second-Year Spanish: Emphasis on International Relations, Third Quarter: SPANLANG 13R (Spr)

2024-25

- Second-Year Spanish: Cultural Emphasis, Second Quarter: SPANLANG 12C (Aut, Win)
- Second-Year Spanish: Cultural Emphasis, Third Quarter: SPANLANG 13C (Spr)
- Second-Year Spanish: Emphasis on International Relations, First Quarter: SPANLANG 11R (Aut)
- Second-Year Spanish: Emphasis on International Relations, Second Quarter: SPANLANG 12R (Win)
- Second-Year Spanish: Emphasis on International Relations, Third Quarter: SPANLANG 13R (Spr)

2023-24

- Second-Year Spanish: Cultural Emphasis, Second Quarter: SPANLANG 12C (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Second-Year Spanish: Emphasis on International Relations, First Quarter: SPANLANG 11R (Aut)
- Second-Year Spanish: Emphasis on International Relations, Second Quarter: SPANLANG 12R (Win)
- Second-Year Spanish: Emphasis on International Relations, Third Quarter: SPANLANG 13R (Spr)

2022-23

- Accelerated First-Year Spanish, Part 2: SPANLANG 2A (Aut)
- First-Year Spanish, First Quarter: SPANLANG 1 (Aut)
- First-Year Spanish, Second Quarter: SPANLANG 2 (Win)
- First-Year Spanish, Third Quarter: SPANLANG 3 (Spr)
- Graduate Studies in Spanish: SPANLANG 395 (Spr)
- Second-Year Spanish: Cultural Emphasis, First Quarter: SPANLANG 11C (Win)
- Second-Year Spanish: Cultural Emphasis, Second Quarter: SPANLANG 12C (Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Sendas Extraviadas: Ensayos para Vivir en el Mundo que nos Queda**
Valdez, J. R.
UAM.2024