



Juan Rafael Valdez

Lecturer

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Bio

BIO

Juan R. Valdez teaches all levels of Spanish. 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 is also a scholar and a writer. Until recently his research focused on the politics of language, paying special attention to the interplay of language and race in the construction of identity and struggles for power in the Hispanic Caribbean and the US. He has published articles, essays, and books, including: *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 forthcoming book *Sendas extraviadas* (Universidad Autónoma de México) is a series of essays on "aimless" walking that explore the possibility of overcoming some of our most perilous notions of politics, race, and mental health and, also, how redefining our relationship with nature strengthens our sense of place and belonging in the world. He has taught seminars as a Visiting Scholar in Germany and Cuba.

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

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)

2021-22

- 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, Spr)