

# Leslie Y. Rodriguez

## Education:

- In Progress: Ph.D., The University of Southern Mississippi – Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
ABD, passed both written and oral comprehensive exams (Nov. 2010)  
Area of Specialization: Organizational Communication  
Intercultural Communication  
Honors: Golden Key International Honour Society (2010)
- August 2003: M.A., Angelo State University – San Angelo, Texas  
Area of Specialization: Communication  
Honors: Outstanding Graduate Student (2003)
- May 2001: B.A., Angelo State University – San Angelo, Texas  
Areas of Specialization: Communication, English  
Teaching Certificates for Secondary Schools

## Teaching Experience:

- 2008-2011: The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Teaching Assistant
- 2009-2011: Pearl River Community College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Instructor (Adjunct)
- 2005-2008: Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas  
Lecturer

## Courses Taught:

- Public Speaking (2301, 111)  
Oral Interpretation/Performance Studies (2321)  
Business and Professional Speaking (320)  
University Studies for College Freshman (1201)

## Teaching Interests:

- Public Speaking  
Business and Professional Communication  
Organizational Communication  
Crisis Communication  
Intercultural Communication  
Pedagogy  
Managing Diverse Populations

## Dissertation Topic:

Communicative Strategies used by Hispanic and African-American Women in Employee  
Race Discrimination Charges

**Current Research Interests and Research in Progress:**

Racial Discrimination in the Work Place  
Information Seeking Behaviors of Hispanics during Crisis Situations  
Construction and Perception of Crisis Messages by Diverse Populations  
Chicana Feminist Rhetoric  
Hispanic Students in Higher Learning Institutions  
Effective Risk and Crisis Communication

**Presentations:**

“Exploring Pope Benedict XVI’s Apology: Bless Us Father for We Have Sinned.” Paper to be presented at The University of Southern Mississippi Graduate Symposium, Hattiesburg, MS, 18 March, 2011.

“Dissolving La Malinche Myth: Legitimizing and Justifying La Chicana Cause.” Paper presented at Southern States Communication Association, Memphis, TN, 9 April, 2010.

“Exploring Teasing in a Teacher-Student Dyad.” Paper presented at The University of Southern Mississippi Graduate Symposium, Hattiesburg, MS, 26 March, 2010.

**Reviewer:**

Paper and Panel Reviewer. National Communication Association, La Raza Caucus. NCA 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, November 2010, San Francisco, CA.

Paper and Panel Reviewer. National Communication Association, Latina/o Communication Studies Division. NCA 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, November 2010, San Francisco, CA.

**Professional Service:**

Session Chair, “Immigration, Identity and the new face of justice: Progress in the horizon.” Unit: Latino/Latina Communication Studies Division, 96<sup>th</sup> NCA Annual Convention, November 2010, San Francisco, CA.

AAAA Regional U.I.L Speaking Events  
Angelo State University  
Assistant to Director, 2007-2008  
Judge, 2006

**Research Assistant:**

Pre and Post-Test Assessment of Public Speaking Students Regarding Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Learning, 2009-Present

Role: Coder, Assist in Development of Categories, Data Entry (SPSS)

For: Dr. Charles Tardy, Head of Department, The University of Southern Mississippi

Evaluation of Crisis Messages during the Swine Flu Outbreak, 2009-Present

Role: Collect data, develop research questions, and assist in scale construction, data entry (SPSS)

For: Dr. Steven Venette, Assistant Professor, The University of Southern Mississippi

Communication Flow in Blended Families, 2003

Role: data collector, coding, data entry (SPSS)

For: Dr. John Nicholson, Assistant Professor, Angelo State University

**Departmental Duties:**

The University of Southern Mississippi Speech Communication Journal, 2009, Vol. 3

Storywriter and assisted in Editing

<http://www.usm.edu/speech/09-Newsletter%20FINAL.pdf>

**Professional Organizations:**

National Communication Association

Southern States Communication Association

**Community Service:**

Production of Advertising Materials: Miracle Temple COGIC, San Angelo, TX

Developed: website, logo, letterhead, 2005-2008

Oral Interpretation: "The Creation." by James Weldon Johnson

New Beginning District Church of God in Christ, San Angelo, TX

In connection with Black History Month, February 2007

Volunteer Teacher for Sacred Heart Catholic Church, San Angelo, TX, 2005-2006