

CHRISTINE PETTUS

819 Maple Street
Columbia, SC 29205
803.529.3443
chrisdexterRE@gmail.com

EDUCATION

ANTIOCHIAN HOUSE OF STUDIES

24 hours of coursework (2023–2024) in counseling
GPA: 3.8

UCLA EXTENSION

Graduate Coursework in College Counseling (2016)
14 Academic Units
GPA: 4.0

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

MA in Spanish Literature (2009)
GPA: 4.0
Awarded tuition waiver with graduate assistant position

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

Language immersion in Jalapa, Mexico
(2 terms, 18 graduate credits)
GPA: 4.0

LEE UNIVERSITY

Masters of Education (2003)
GPA: 4.0
Received full tuition remission award

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

BS in Spanish and English Education (1999)
Awarded 4-year President's Scholarship (the highest academic award available at the institution at that time)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (2025-present)

University Instructor, Columbia, SC

- Instructs Spanish 109, 110, and 122

- Teaches highly engaging classes in a flipped method course context
- Receives high marks for instruction in student course surveys
- Supports students in McGraw Hill and Vista Higher Learning online course components
- Uses Blackboard for general online course support
- Maintains regular office hours to provide additional individual instruction and support

TUTOR AND COLLEGE COUNSELOR (2021 – present)

Independent Tutor and College Counselor, Remote and Columbia, SC

- Coaching in metacognitive and organizational skills
- Facilitating course platform navigation
- Interpreting and translating instructor expectations for neurodiverse students
- Orienting students to academic research and reading
- Offering feedback and coaching for academic writing or college application essays
- Assisting with scheduling and course planning

PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY/PRIVATE TUTORING SERVICES (2010–2019)

Spanish, Language Arts, History, Social Sciences, and Electives Tutor

- Facilitated and supplemented middle school, high school, and university courses
- Established and maintained weekly schedules for 5-7 students per semester
- Wrote clear and detailed weekly reports, communicating progress to all stakeholders
- Utilized Skype and supporting technologies for distance tutoring
- Implemented a variety of instructional strategies catering to different learning styles

Lead Tutor (Seasonal/Temporary)

- Screened applicants for hire, trained new hires in best practices, and coordinated scheduling
- Reported tutors' progress to parents
- Facilitated conflict resolution and maintained standards

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY (2007–2011) Montclair, NJ

Graduate Assistant/Faculty Adjunct/Faculty Instructor

- Instructed Spanish 101, 102, and 103 and Spanish language hybrid courses using communicative strategies
- Tutored students and provided language workshops
- Used Blackboard for instructional support

LEE UNIVERSITY (Spring 2010) Cleveland, TN

Student Teacher Supervisor, New York, NY

- Supervised teachers during their student teaching experience in New York
- Oriented student teachers culturally and logistically
- Observed and provided feedback for instruction
- Coordinated communication between student teachers, supervising teachers, and program directors
- Completed documentation according to institutional procedures

HANOVER PARK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (2008–2009) East Hanover, NJ

Spanish Teacher

- Taught 9-11th grade Spanish, levels I-III using communicative strategies
- Tutored homebound students

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL (2004–2006) Mobile, AL

International Baccalaureate (IB) Spanish Teacher

- Taught 9th-12th grade regular and IB Spanish, levels I-IV
- Sponsored the Student Tutorial Enrichment Program
- Coordinated the Awards Day event

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (ELI) (2001–2003)

English Instructor (EFL), Department of Foreign Languages Changsha University of Electric Power, Changsha, China

- Created specialized writing curriculum
- Taught writing (to 160 university students per week) and intermediate oral English
- Received a Lotus Award, a provincial award for teaching excellence

Team Leader, Representing ELI Changsha Employees

- Facilitated the collection of research data for the city
- Acted as a liaison between university administration and teachers
- Facilitated conflict resolution and enforced ELI teaching standards
- Provided feedback and lessons for classroom instruction as a senior teacher

OTHER EXPERIENCE

REAL ESTATE (2020–Present) Columbia, SC

- Owner and operator of The Shire Columbia Properties LLC, managing short-term rentals (2020–2025)
- Licensed Realtor representing sellers and buyers for Weichert Realtors Ray Covington INC (2023–present)
- Managing Member of an employee-owned small business, The Shire Hosting LLC, managing midterm, furnished rentals (2024)

ONLINE REVIEWS

[www.zillow.com/profile/](http://www.zillow.com/profile/chrisdexterRE) chrisdexterRE

[www.airbnb.com/h/](http://www.airbnb.com/h/historiccolumbiacondo) historiccolumbiacondo

www.RateMyProfessors.com Christine Pettus at Montclair State University

PUBLICATIONS

“Second Languages in Linden Lab’s Second Life” Emerging Learning Design Conference, Montclair State University, June 2011

“Constructing Knowledge through Conversations in Second Life” Northeast Association for Language Learning Technology (NEALLT) Conference, University of Pennsylvania, April 2011

“Transforming the Identity: Zoraida in the Captive’s Tales” MSU 2008 Graduate Student Symposium

“Exploring Chinese Suppositions through Literature Discussions” Lee University, Researched and co-authored thesis, 2003