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EDUCATION

Doctor of Education, Higher Education Leadership
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL 2014

Education Specialist, Higher Education Leadership
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL 2011

Master of Arts in Applied Sociology
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2005

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
Minor Political Science
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2003

Associate of Arts in Sociology
Miami Dade Community College, Miami, FL, 2001

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Education - Higher Education Leadership

Ashford University Education Department, 2011 – present

- Currently teach two graduate courses; *Issues and Innovations in Higher Education* and *Teaching in Higher Education*.
- Evaluate student assignments to appropriately demonstrate ability of each student and their understanding of the coursework
- Guide students in identifying appropriate resources to ensure successful course completion
- Coach students on teaching effectiveness, classroom management and student success
- Received 4.9/5.0 average rating for teaching effectiveness from student evaluation

Taught the following courses (as of 2011)

COURSE

LEVEL

Teaching in Higher Education	Graduate
Adult Learning & Development	Graduate
Issues and Innovations in Higher Education	Graduate
Foundations of Educational Leadership	Graduate
Curriculum & Assessment in Higher Education	Graduate
Educational Policy & Administration	Graduate

Adjunct Professor of Education & Sociology

Strayer University, 2011 – present

- Currently teach two undergraduate courses online (on campus) *Solutions to Global Issues, and Society, Law, and Government* using BlackBoard platform
- Create weekly motivational announcements videos for students to inspire and empower
- Facilitate faculty workshops online on teaching strategies, student success, growth mindset, and academic success
- I mentor and coach students to not only do well in my classes but to reach further and to push the limits to achieve their potential
- I created and presented professional development on student and faculty success.
- Received 4.9/5.0 average rating for teaching effectiveness from student evaluation

Taught the following courses (as of 2011)

Course	Level
Sociology of the Developing Countries	Undergraduate
Solutions to Global Issues	Undergraduate
Society, Law and Government	Undergraduate
Politics of Culture	Undergraduate

Adjunct Professor of Sociology & Business Administration

Millennia Atlantic University, 2014- 2019, Doral, FL

- *Self-designed* and taught courses - received 5.0/5.0 rating for teaching effectiveness from student evaluation
- Worked with an international, multicultural and diverse students and faculty.
- Recruited, advised, and coached students on leadership and success strategies.
- Implemented motivational theories, and pedagogical strategies to ensure every student achieves success and is prepared for the real world.

Taught the following MBA courses on campus (as of 2014)

Course	Level
Leadership Organizations	Graduate
Business Communications	Graduate
Organizational Behavior	Undergraduate
Human Relations	Undergraduate
Ethics and Social Responsibility	Undergraduate

Adjunct Assistant Professor General Education & Sociology
Digital Media Arts College, Boca Raton, FL, 2012-2015

- Taught general education courses
- Created assignments, graded student work, advised and coached students on study habits skills, soft skills, public speaking, and self-leadership.

Taught the following courses on campus and online:

<i>Self-Designed Course</i>	Level
Politics of Culture	Undergraduate
Critical Thinking	Undergraduate
Public Speaking	Undergraduate

Social Studies Teacher

New Dimensions High School, Orlando, FL 2006 – 2011
Teacher of the Year - 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chair of General Education & Fine Arts

Digital Media Arts College, Boca Raton, FL 2012-2015

- Provided day-to-day departmental leadership for faculty and librarian
- Coordinated all academic departmental programs
- Collaborated with the dean, and staff members to plan and implement educational programs
- Conducted annual evaluation for department faculty, in consultation with the Dean.
- Coordinated classes and faculty
- Represented the college at events on behalf of the dean
- Chaired monthly faculty meetings using and encouraging faculty contributions and ongoing professional development and scholarship.
- Completed a thorough analysis of faculty credentialing based on accreditation requirements.
- Created a culture of inclusiveness, respect and professionalism.
- Chaired the Faculty Development Committee and Professional Advisory Committee
- Assessed and provided services to students with documented disabilities
- Designed and taught public speaking and sociology to students

Social Studies Department Chair

New Dimensions High School, Orlando, FL 2006 – 2012

- Liaison with the administration to evaluate departmental plans and concerns.
- Created agendas and established meeting protocols that maximize department collaboration time.
- Led selection and interview process for selecting new department team members.

- Worked with other departments to implement shared writing rubrics and coursework realignment.
- Maintain social studies department budget & manage all textbook & technology requisitions.
- Selected and reviewed and recommended textbooks

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & PRESENTATION

Teaching by Design: Managing Successful Mindsets (for college professors), MAU, 2018
 Teaching with Purpose: Creating a Climate for Student Success, MAU, 2018
 Strategies Great Teachers Use For Student Success, Strayer University, 2017
 Student Success Variables that Predict Retention, MAU, 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

First Generation College Students Success, Access, and Completion Rates
 Teacher Education Effectiveness and Instructional Leadership
 College Student Readiness and Persistence to Graduation

PUBLICATIONS

Margarit, V., & Kennedy, J. (2019). *Students' Variables Predicting Timely Graduation at a Community College.* Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice, 19 (6), 2019

Margarit, V. (2018). *The Successful Student Mindset. The Proven Strategies Students Use to Achieve Success.* [Kindle Version]. ASIN: B07GR SKYSS

Margarit, V. (2017). *Why Not YOU? How to Become an Empowered Woman.* (2017). Professional Woman Network: Louisville, KY. ISBN: 978-0-578-194 72-1

Margarit, V. (2014). *The Relationship Between Selected Background, Financial, Academic, and Instructional Integration Variables and Timely Graduation at Community College.* (Doctoral Dissertation). Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Margarit, V. Kennedy, J. (2019). *The Relationship Between Student Background, Financial, Academic, And Institutional Integration Variables And Students' Timely Graduation At Community Colleges.* Oral presentation delivered at 2019 International Academic Conference on Education Dublin (ICE) 2019, June 3-6, Dublin, Ireland.

Margarit, V. (2018). *Why Not YOU? How to Become an Empowered Woman.* Oral presentation delivered at the Professional Woman Network International Conference, 2018, August 2-5 Louisville, KY, USA.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Presentation Paper Award, 2019

Clute International Conference on Education Dublin (ICE) 2019, June 3-6, Dublin, Ireland.

Certificate of Outstanding Teaching Performance, 2018, Ashford University -

The David & Annette Jorgensen Award for Excellence in Education, 2009, Free To Choose

Teacher of the Year, 2009 - New Dimensions High School, Kissimmee, FL

Constitution Education Awards, 2008-2009, Law-Related Education, Tallahassee, FL

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

American Association of Community Colleges

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Computer Skills: Proficient in Microsoft Office, Outlook; Adobe; SPSS

Course Management Systems: Blackboard, Canvas

Languages: Fluent in English and Romanian. Conversational in Spanish; Knowledge of French and Greek

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member Accreditation Committee, Millennia Atlantic University, 2015-2019

President - Homeowner Association, 2017-2019

Board Member, Professional Woman Network, Louisville, KY - 2017 - present

Professional Woman Network Ambassador to Romania, 2017-present

United Nations Association, Member, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 2001-2005