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**Professional
experience****National Taiwan Normal University
Resource Center for English as a Medium of Instruction (RCEMI)***August 2026 - present*

Project Manager (full time)

Former part time positions at National Taiwan Normal University:

- **Center for Academic Literacy**
March 2024 - June 2026
Researcher & English for Academic Purposes Tutor
- **Department of Child and Family Science**
March 2026 - June 2026
Laboratory Assistant and English for Academic Purposes Tutor
- **Main Campus Library**
February 2025 - May 2026
English Reading Group Leader

Ministry of Education (MOE) Taiwan - ELTA program (part time)*September 2024 - 2026*

English Language Teaching Assistant for public schools

COSAMI R.L. - MICOOPE (credit union)*September 2017 - September 2021, Totonicapán, Guatemala*

Director, member of The Selection Committee. Responsible for the recruitment, training and evaluation process of candidates to management positions.

Galileo University - Department of Communication Science*September 2017 - September 2021, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala*

Lecturer: Hispanic literature, communication and contextual analysis.

Silabario ediciones, director and founder*August 2014 - September 2021, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala*

Founder and General Director. Responsible for project management and editorial direction.

**Consulting and
research
experience****Ministry of Education (MOE) Taiwan - National Chung Hsing University
“Cross-culture communication and EMI learning motivation” - Research
project***October 2022 - March 2024.*Principal investigator: Dr. Edith Su

Ministry of Education (MOE) Taiwan - National Chung Hsing University
 “Blue carbon: Nature-based Solutions in climate mitigation” - Consulting project

April 2023 - December 2023.

Principal investigator: Dr. Liu Wan-Yu

National Geographic Society - Minnesota University Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication,

Webinar “Teaching to Hope: Saving the education of refugee teens during and after the pandemic’s school shutdowns”

September 2020 - May 2021, Guatemala, USA, Jordan, Greece, Germany, Mexico.

Principal investigator: Dr. Giovanna Dell’Orto

National Geographic Society - Minnesota University Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication,

Audiovisual “Learning to hope: The education of refugee teens”

September 2019 - December 2019, Guatemala

Principal investigator: Dr. Giovanna Dell’Orto

ASÍES Guatemala, Audiovisual documentation of the Intercultural Youth Symphony Orchestra (OSJI)

September 2018 - December 2018, Guatemala

Project directed by ASÍES (Association for Research in Social Studies)

HIVOS Guatemala, Design and development of IEC materials

January 2017 - December 2017, Guatemala

Information, Education and Communication Materials for the approach in the prevention of HIV, STI, harm reduction and promotion of human rights in the LGBT community, sexual workers and prevention for people living with HIV.

Center for International Private Enterprise,

Audiovisual documentation

January 2016 - March 2018, Guatemala-Costa Rica

Documentation in photography and video of the Xelajú Naranja program in coordination with Red Nacional de Grupos Gestores.

Central American Integration System SICA, UNDP, European Union,

Editorial design and web design

March 2013 - December 2013, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

Editorial design and web design of the POETICA project “Poets for Central American Integration”.

Research interests

- Shared Book Reading and brain development
- EMI Cross-cultural communication and education
- Ecocriticism and Environmental Humanities

Educational background

National Taiwan Normal University, Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling,

PhD program taught in English

September 2022 - currently enrolled, Taipei, Taiwan.

PhD student, Taiwan MOFA scholarship (2022-2026).

Advisors: Dr. Shinmin Wang, Dr. Jun-Ren Lee. Child Brain Development and Learning Lab (CBDLab).

- 2027. **English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI) Certificate Program**, (in prep.) Center for General Education, National Taiwan Normal University.
- 2026. **English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI) Certificate Program in Environmental Humanities**, College of Liberal Arts, National Taiwan Normal University.
- 2024. **Asia Education Leader Course (AELC) joint certificate**, Tohoku University, Japan; Nanjing Normal University, China; Korea University, South Korea; National Taiwan Normal University, and National Chengchi University, Taiwan.

Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, CUNOC,

University of San Carlos of Guatemala, CUNOC,

Master's degree in university teaching (education)

January 2016 - November 2018, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

Thesis: *Colonized thinking and its incidence in the apathy among graduate students.*

Supervisor: M.Sc. Mario Anselmo Tuj Chocoy

Universidad Mesoamericana, Mesoamerican University

Master's degree in business administration MBA

January 2013 - October 2015, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

MBA essays (internally published by Universidad Mesoamericana):

(1) Open source for e-commerce and e-business. (2) Professional services and international commerce. (3) Historical causes of low productivity in Guatemala. (4) Sustainable investment in companies. (5) Market segmentation as a tool for business growth.

Supervisor: Dr. Jorge Vielman

Universidad Galileo, Galileo University

BA in Communication and Graphic Design, with honors

January 2007 - October 2012, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

Thesis: *Design of a didactic material that supports the tutor to guide and sensitize the relationships between parents and children with low schooling.*

Supervisor: M.A. Leyla Flores Arriaza

**Publications
(academic
papers)**

Socop Arango, M. A., & Wang, S. (in prep). Shared book reading and brain development, a systematic review.

Socop Arango, M. A., Liu, M., & Liu, Y. (in prep). Students' Perceptions of Socio-Emotional Support in Academic Literacy Consultations in EMI Contexts.

Socop Arango, M. A. (in prep). Disposable Lives and Multispecies Survival in Martín Díaz Valdés's "Mambo": Waste Ecologies and the Environmentalism of the Poor.

**Publications
(literature, art,
and communi-
cation)**

Teaching to hope: Saving the education of refugee teens during and after the pandemic's school shutdowns, 2020. A report on challenges, solutions and recommendations for educators. Published by *Diario El País*, Spain. *National Geographic Society and University of Minnesota, 2019-2021.*
<https://elpais.com>

Punto de partida N. 190 (p. 24),

poetry

Unit of culture diffusion, UNAM. México. 2015.

<http://www.puntodepartida.unam.mx/>

Poemas sueltos (loose poems),

poetry

90's plaquettes. *Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. 2014.*

Mazorca

Photography

Performance by Regina José Galindo to vindicate indigenous communities and its resistance against systematic attacks from the government and multinational corporations. 2014.

<https://www.reginajosegalindo.com/en/mazorca-2/>

Temblores del silencio (Tremors of silence),

poetry

Metáfora Editores. Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. 2012.

ISBN: 978-9929-40-249-2

**Achievements,
scholarships
and awards**

- 2024. The Cognitive Science Society: Broadening Participation in Cognitive Science initiative awardee for the project: *The Cognitive Science Behind the Adventures of Junajpu and Xbalamke: Spreading Awareness of Cognitive Science Among Educators in Mayan and Mestizo Communities.* <https://bit.ly/CSciMaya>
<https://github.com/smyl/cogsci-maya>
 - 2021. MOFA Taiwan Scholarship awardee for PhD program at National Taiwan Normal University.
 - 2015. Universidad Mesoamericana, Guatemala: Scholarship awardee for the MBA program.
 - 2012. Universidad Galileo, Guatemala: Honors Mention cum laude, Award for Academic Excellence. BA in communication and graphic design.
 - Since 2010 literary work has been included in various digital and printed anthologies in Ibero-America.
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Skills

- **Programming:** Python (basics), R (basics)
 - **Software packages:** GNU-Linux (Debian-based systems), Virtualbox, Audacity (audio edition), OpenShot (video edition), JASP (statistics), LibreOffice, Google suite, Microsoft Office, Windows.
 - **Book design and graphic design:** GIMP, Inkscape, Scribus, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator.
 - **Translation and interpretation:** English and Spanish.
 - **Academic writing:** English and Spanish.
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**Language
proficiency**

- **Spanish:** Native
 - **English:** Very Fluent. TOEIC speaking and writing CERF B2 (2023). Versant CERF B2+ (2021). TOEFL iBT 93 (2015).
 - **Mandarin Chinese:** Elementary. TOCFL A1 (2022). National Taiwan Normal University, Mandarin Training Center, October 2021 - August 2022. Regular Mandarin Chinese course as part of MOFA scholarship.
 - **Japanese:** Elementary.
 - **K'iche':** Elementary (Mayan language from Guatemala).
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Conferences

- 2026 Workshop: "Navigating Language, Literacy, and Ocean Awareness:
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Teaching Coastal Biodiversity in Taiwan's Grade 7 Curriculum and Beyond". The Ocean of Life 2026: Where Past Meets Future is an international academic seminar hosted by the University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa, Japan.

- 2026 Talk: "Shared book reading and brain development: a systematic review". 28th Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development (ISSBD), Yonsei University, South Korea.
 - 2025 Talk: "Shared book reading and brain development: a systematic review". *2025 International Conference on Child Development and Family Studies*, National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan.
 - 2024 Talk: "Culture as A Bridge: Inspiring Global Connections Among Indigenous Youth". *International Indigenous Youth Annual Gathering, I Djalan*, Taipei, Taiwan.
 - 2024 Talk: "Right to Education in Guatemala". *Asia Education Leader Course, Summer 2024*. Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan.
 - 2024. Talk: "Neuromyths". *Asia Education Leader Forum 2024 Winter*, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan. Online conference.
 - 2023. Talk: "Cross-culture communication and EMI learning motivation". *5th international Seminar on the Promotion of International Exchange*. Osaka University, Japan. Online conference.
 - 2018. Talk: "The ideal profile for members of governing bodies in credit unions". 1st Exchange of experiences of corporate governance. FASCO Network (Financial Network of Community Associations), Guatemala.
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Professional affiliations, memberships, and community organizations support

- 2026 - Member of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD), South Korea
 - 2024 - Member of Taiwan Cognitive Neuroscience Society.
 - 2024 - present, Polyglot Language Exchange Group, Table leader for English and Spanish
 - 2023 - 2025, Member of Taipei Chinese PEN and *Florescence: A quarterly Journal of Contemporary Chinese Literature from Taiwan*.
 - 2014 - 2021. Registered editor, member of The Association of Editors and Publishers of Guatemala.
 - 2019. Support to www.nosotrosolvido.org Stories on migration. A Department of State, US Government-founded project.
 - 2015 - Contribution with spelling rules and source code to the open source project LanguageTool.org
 - 2015 - 2024. Volunteer for program support against malnutrition 32 Volcanes. <https://32volcanes.org>
 - 2015. Co-funder of the literature blog *Décima Avenida* dedicated to the dissemination of young Spanish-speaking writers. <https://10avenida.blogspot.com>
 - 2011-2019. Organizer and member of the International Poetry Festival of Quetzaltenango with *Asociación Metáfora*.
 - 2011 - 2021. Support activities at cultural centers of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.
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Academic References

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Director at Plaza Pública, Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala.

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