

Diana Leon

Education

- M.A. Student University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
Dept of Communication and Journalism
Emphasis: Intercultural Communication
August 2009-Present
- B.A. Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX
Communication Studies (Major)
Theatre (Minor)
Areas of Specialization:
Communication and Cultural Studies
Latina/o Media Studies
Theatre Performance
Capstone: *Latina Bodies: Hollywood Fairytale? Latinidad and Hybridity in Lingerie and Swimwear Ads*
Awarded May 2010

Work Experience

- 2010- 2011 Teaching Artist in Residence, Theatre Action Project
Popham Elementary, Austin, TX
Courses Taught:
K-5 *World Theatre Curriculum*
In this class, students meet characters from countries around the globe where they receive an introduction to their culture and what makes it unique. Students do creative drama, read stories, listen to music, make art projects, and more, all through the lens of world geography.
- Summer 2010 Intern, Theatre Action Project, Changing Lives Youth Theatre Ensemble, Austin, TX
Conceptualized, designed and devised theatrical courses and exercises alongside high school ‘at-risk’ youth, in order to put on a production addressing teen dating violence.
- 2009-2010 Sportscaster and News Intern, Univision Communications, Austin, TX
Assisted in the conception/coordination of News-related assignments for daily local News, including coverage and reporting of community based sporting events.
- 2007-2009 Promotions Assistant/Community Affairs Assistant, Univision Communications, Austin, TX
Assisted in promoting, hosting and increasing community awareness for Latina/o outreach programs, including: *A Su Lado, En Su*

Comunidad, Univision y el Consulado de Mexico, Copa Univision and Destino Tejano.

Intercultural Experience

Summer 2007 Student and Practitioner, Rhodopi International Theatre Laboratory, Smolyan, Bulgaria

Collaborated in a theatre collective and conservatory training program with artists from around the world in the creation of Beijing Opera, Arabian dance, and slam poetry original pieces.

Experiential Learning

2007-2010 Member of Paideia Program, Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX

Collaborated with a cohort of students from various disciplines, shared readings and presented current research findings within our majors, participated in various service projects at Ronald McDonald House.

Book Chapters

Johnson, J. R., Gonzalez, M., Ray, C., Hager, J., Leon, D., Spalding, S., & Brigham, T. (2011) *Daring pedagogy: Dialoguing about intersectionality and social justice.* Manuscript accepted for a volume titled *Teaching, Learning, and Intersecting Identities in Higher Education*, Cerri Banks, Jon Iuzzini, & Susan Pliner (Eds.). Book manuscript under contract with Peter Lang Publishers.

Conference Presentations

Leon, Diana (2010, November) *Latina Bodies: Hollywood Fairytale? Latinidad and Hybridity in Lingerie and Swimwear Ads.* Presented at the National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA

Leon, Diana (2010, November) *Broken Bridges: Activism and the Academy.* Panel Discussion at the National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA

Professional Memberships

National Communication Association (NCA)

Languages

Spanish (Native Speaker)