

Name: **Maria-Jose Rico**
Title: Pool Faculty Spanish
Department: Foreign Languages
College: Humanities and Social Sciences

Degrees Earned

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
-M.A. Modern Languages-Spanish, Aug. 1994
-M.S. Food Science and Technology, Dec. 1991

Zamorano, Universidad Agrícola Panamericana, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

-B.S. Agribusiness, April 1988
-Agronomist diploma, Dec. 1985

Degrees in Progress

University of Houston, Houston, TX

-Ph.D. Spanish Literature, expected Summer 2008

Dissertation: Manifestaciones del nagualismo en la literatura hispanoamericana contemporánea. Advisor: Dr. Nicolás Kanellos

Professional Licensure and Certifications

-State of Texas Certified Professional Sanitarian 1996-present
-Web CT certificate, Sony Soloist certificate, NHMCCD 2005

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Books

Rico, Maria José. "A la búsqueda de flores y mariposas." Líneas desde Golfo. Ed. Edna Ochoa. Houston: LACASA, 2005.

Artistic Performances

-Master of ceremony, Festival Internacional, Zamorano, Honduras 1984-1985.
-Master of ceremony, International Talent Show, International Students Association, 1990-1991.
-El carbonero Dance, Zamorano, Honduras, April 1984.
-El Xuc Dance, Texas A&M University, February, 1989.

Artistic Exhibitions

-Maya art and the explorers, International Students Association, Texas A&M University, April 1990.

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

Rico, Maria J. Evaluación de 22 variedades de amaranto *Amaranthus sp.* de grano para cultivo en Centro América. San Salvador: Ediciones Cuscatlán, 1988.

Funded External Grants

-Conference Travel Award. U of Houston, April 2003.

Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

-Graduate Spanish Students Conference, Creative Writing. LACASA, U of Houston. Ongoing

- Creative Writing Lectures. "Cuentos". LACASA, U of Houston 2002-2005.
- V Congreso de Teatro Latinoamericano. "El Pachuco: Tezcatlipoca o nagual en la obra teatral Zoot Suit de Luis Valdez". U of Kansas, April 2003

Work or Professional Experiences

- Pool Faculty-Spanish. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville. Fall 2006-Present.
- Adjunct Faculty-Spanish. North Harris Montgomery Community College District, Cy-Fair College, North Harris College, Montgomery College. Fall 2003-Fall 2006.
- Teaching Assistant and Lecturer-Spanish. Modern and Classical Languages Dept. U of Houston. Spring 2001-Summer 2004.
- Food Safety Instructor. Health Dept. City of Houston. Jan 1996-Aug 1999
- Teaching Assistant and Lecturer-Spanish. Texas A&M U, College Station. Spring 1992- Summer 1994.
- Instructor-Biology, Chemistry, Zoology, Weed Science. Zamorano, Honduras. January 1984- April 1988.
- Recruiter. U.S. Census Bureau. U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce. Nov. 1999-Aug 2000.
- Quality Control - Sanitation Manager. Southern Frozen Foods, Alamo TX. Oct. 1994-May 1995.
- Credit Officer. Hipotecario Bank. Agriculture Department. El Salvador. July - Dec. 1988.
- Research Analyst. Agriculture Development Foundation, FUSADES-AID. El Salvador. April - July 1988.

Honors and Awards

- Graduate Teaching Fellowship. U of Houston, 2001-2004.
- Graduate Research Fellowship. Arte Público Press, U of Houston, Fall 2003.
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship. Texas A&M University 1993-1994.
- Graduate Research Assistantship. Texas A&M University 1990-1992.
- International Student Fellowship. Organization of American States, Washington, D.C. 1990-1992.
- Good Neighbor Scholarship. International Students Association, Texas A&M University, 1989-1990.
- All American Scholar Fellowship. United States Achievement Academy, 1991.
- International Scholarship. Inter-American Development Bank, 1983-1988.

Other Competencies

LANGUAGES

Fluent English and Spanish. Reading knowledge of Italian, French and Portuguese.

SPANISH LANGUAGE SOFTWARE AND ONLINE CONTENT EXPERTISE

- QUIA online homework and laboratory.
- Myspanishlab.com
- Rosetta Stone Spanish language software.
- Tell me more Spanish software.
- Multiple Spanish textbooks online content.
- SONY Soloist lab monitoring console.