



Hello! My name is Aurora Fiengo-Varn. I am an Associate Professor of Spanish in the Department of English and Foreign Languages at Mississippi Valley State University where I have worked since 2004. Prior to this appointment, I worked as Faculty in the Modern Languages Department at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. I have also taught as a K-12 teacher in my native country of Panama. I have been a teacher for over 20 years. I was awarded the 2012 Southern Conference on Language Teaching (SCOLT) Educator of Excellence, 2010 Best of SCOLT Presentation, the 2011 Mississippi Foreign Language Association (MFLA) Teacher of Excellence, and the 2008 / 2014 MFLA Best of Mississippi Presentation.

I began my college studies at the University of Panama where I completed my undergraduate degree in Spanish and Education. After teaching for two years at a Catholic Mission School, I was selected in a national search as a recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship granted by the US Embassy in Panama. I earned a master's in Comparative Literature with a concentration in Latin American literature from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. I began my career as a college educator while working on my doctorate degree in Comparative Literature with a concentration in Latin American literature. I have also attended summer seminars at the University of Salamanca, Spain. I have published numerous articles and presented at international, national, regional, and state conferences on issues that range from foreign language pedagogy to topics in Latin American literature.

My goals as past president for 2014-2016 terms are to support the president's efforts to move MFLA forward, to give advice and continuity from the previous board, suggest new ideas to the current board so we can transform MFLA into a more modern association. I look forward to working with the newly elected members.

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