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OBJECTIVE

Seeking promotion to Dean of Instruction.

EDUCATION

EdD in Teaching and Learning, 2013 – Argosy University Online. Dissertation: *One Hackerspace’s Approach to Community-Centered Education: A Case Study*. Gerry Bedore, Chair.

MA in New Media Studies – DePaul University’s College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Graduated with distinction.

BFA in Multimedia Production and Design – Sanford-Brown College (formerly International Academy of Design and Technology). Graduated *summa cum laude*.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CERTIFICATIONS

Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) Faculty Assessor Training, 2021 – Earned a Certificate of Mastery: Assessing Prior Learning.

Quality Matters (QM), 2020 – Completed Teaching Online-An Introduction to Online Delivery (TOL) and Applying the Quality Matters Rubric (APPQMR).

City Colleges of Chicago, March 2020 – Completed Introduction to Teaching in Brightspace at CCC.

Center for Conflict Resolution, March 2017 – Completed 40-Hour Performance Based Mediation Skills Training certification.

APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor: Wilbur Wright College, Department of Computer Information Systems, August 2021 to present.

Assistant Professor: Wilbur Wright College, Department of Computer Information Systems, August 2018 to August 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Wilbur Wright College, Aug. 2015-present

Served as co-chair for the Computer Information Systems department for four years, 2015-2019. Responsible for scheduling, ordering textbooks, facilitating department and discipline meetings, as well as teaching. Elected to serve as Principal Advocate (PA) for curriculum changes in the Web Development, Networking Systems and Technologies, and Computer Science programs. Incorporated semester-long service learning projects into the capstone course, CIS 260. Organized and facilitated semiannual advisory boards with industry partners. Assisted with recruiting and coordination of apprenticeship programs with industry partners Accenture and JP Morgan Chase. Served as dual credit liaison with Lake View High School and for early college classes.

- Computer Science 101, CIS 101
- Human Computer Interaction, CIS 113
- Introduction to Computer Applications, CIS 120
- Web Development I/Basic Web Technologies, CIS 181
- Web Development II/Client Side Scripting , CIS 182
- Computer Information Systems Field Project, CIS 260
- Web Development III/Server Side Programming, CIS 281

Lecturer, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences at DePaul University, Sep. 2010-Dec. 2015

Developed several new courses for the graduate New Media Studies program, including a Designing for Mobile course in which students followed a user-centered design process to build Android applications. Other graduate courses taught:

- HTML/CSS
- JavaScript
- Special Topics: Content Management Systems
- Special Topics: Flash/ActionScript
- Special Topics: Managing Web Interactivity

- Special Topics: Web Scripting
- Web Design I & Web Design II

Lecturer, College of Computing & Digital Media at DePaul University, Sep. 2012-Jun. 2015

Taught 15 sections of Intro to Web Computing, an undergraduate HTML5/CSS/JavaScript course taken by computer science majors and by non-majors to complete their science requirements. Classes included traditional and non-traditional students. Taught junior- and senior-level courses with a service learning focus in conjunction with the Irwin W. Steans Center. Other undergraduate courses taught:

- Intro to Human-Computer Interaction JavaScript
- Photoshop Workshop Special Topics: Flash/ActionScript
- Software Projects for Community Clients I & II

Adjunct Instructor, Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago, Jul. 2008-Jun. 2015

Arranged guest speakers for many courses, as well as assembling a quarterly panel of industry professionals to review and critique student portfolio web sites. Served on the Professional Development Committee and as faculty advisor for the student organization Click Interactive. Assisted with HLC accreditation portfolio which resulted in 10-year reaccreditation (the highest level awarded by HLC). Select undergraduate courses taught:

- Advanced Web Scripting
- Database Management
- Designing for Multimedia Display
- Fundamentals of Authoring
- Fundamentals of Interactive Design
- Portfolio I (ePortfolio)
- Web Design I & Web Design II

Adjunct Instructor, Sanford-Brown College (formerly International Academy of Design & Technology), Jul. 2008-Nov. 2009

Select undergraduate courses taught:

- Digital Imaging I & Digital Imaging III
- Multimedia I
- Senior Design Project for Visual Communications
- Special Effects & Compositing

- Web Design II & III

ACADEMIC HONORS / AWARDS

- Recipient of Avon President's Club Scholarship, August 2003

SERVICE TO COLLEGES

Wilbur Wright College

- Wilbur Wright College Faculty Council, 2020-present (Vice President, 2021)
- City Colleges of Chicago Accessibility Committee, 2021-present
- Caring Campus Initiative, 2021-present
- Faculty Brightspace Champion, 2020
- Faculty co-chair of Computer Information Systems department, 2015-2019
- Tenure Assistance Program faculty mentor, 2017-2019
- Academic Affairs Committee, 2018-2021
- Service Learning Committee, 2017-2020
- IT Club faculty advisor, 2017
- Dual Credit Liaison, 2016-2021
- Ada Lovelace Day campus event organizer, 2016
- Title III HSI-STEM Grant Committee, 2016
- Digital Literacy Committee, 2015-2016

Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago

- Professional Development Committee, 2014-2015
- Click Interactive club faculty advisor, 2009

International Academy of Design & Technology

- Vice President of Student Alumni Organization, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Alfaro, L. (2020). *Tenure 101: How to Successfully Navigate the College Tenure Process* (H. Maher, Ed.). Kindle Direct Publishing. <https://www.amazon.com/Tenure-101Successfully-Navigate-College-ebook/dp/B083K8MKPS/>

- Bringula, R. P., Balcoba, A. C., Alfaro, L. E., & Merritt, J. (2018). Managing the perceived impact of K to 12 implementation on academic staff tenure and financial stability: Evidence from five higher education institutions in the Philippines. *Educational Research for Policy and Practice*, 18(2), 181-200. doi:10.1007/s10671-018-9239-1
- Alfaro, L. E. (2015). Review of Digital Modernism: Making it New in New Media. *Technoculture: An Online Journal of Technology in Society*, 5.
- Alfaro, L. E. (2013). *One hackerspace's approach to community-centered education: A case study* (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from ProQuest Dissertations and Theses. (Accession Order No. AAT 3577275)
- Eastman, L. E. (2008). The shape of time [digital collage]. In B. Julious, N. A. Kuriata, & J. Rutherford (Eds.), *Threshold: A Journal of Literary, Visual, and Audio Arts* (28th ed., p. 40). Chicago, IL: DePaul University.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- Bluett, L. (2016, May 31). The creative side of coding: with filmmaker Robin Hauser Reynolds and local tech leaders. Retrieved from <https://laurablueett.wordpress.com/2016/05/31/the-creative-side-of-coding-with-filmmaker-robin-hauser-reynolds-and-localtechleaders/>
- Bluett, L. (Producer). (2016, May 31). *Creative Side of Coding Episode 1* [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from <https://soundcloud.com/user-990055271/creative-side-ofcodingepisode-1>
- . (2016, January 5). Laurie Alfaro Accepts Position at City Colleges of Chicago. Retrieved from <https://wrdblog.org/laurie-alfaro-accepts-position-at-city-colleges-of-chicago/>
- Piasta, J. (2011, Sep. 10). Interview: Chicago designer and professor Laurie Eastman. *Chicago Feminist Examiner*.

PRESENTATIONS

- Alfaro, L., & Estill, G. (2021, Mar. 2). Create your own podcast. Center for Teaching and Learning at Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, Illinois.
- Alfaro, L., & Bush, S. (2019, Aug. 14). We've flipped! (Our classrooms) with hands-on software demonstrations. Faculty Development Week presentation, Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, Illinois.

Alfaro, L., & Bush, S. (2018, Nov. 19). We've flipped! (Our classrooms). Center for Teaching and Learning at Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, Illinois.

Alfaro, L., (2017, Sep. 18). Facilitative mediation for conflict resolution. Center for Teaching and Learning at Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, Illinois.

Alfaro, L., (2017, Aug. 15). Facilitative mediation for conflict resolution. Faculty Development Week presentation, Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, Illinois.

MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS

Association for Computing Machinery's Council on Women in Computing (ACM-W)

Chicago Interactive Design & Development (CIDD)

Interactive Design Association (IxDA)

National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) – Academic Alliance member