**Translator CV**

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**Professional Summary:**

I am a passionate and enthusiastic linguist. I am bilingual in English and Spanish (my father is English and my mother is Spanish). I have a BA degree in French and Spanish language and literature from Cambridge University and I am currently completing an MA in Translation Studies at UCL. I also have an A level in Italian language. My professional background is in teaching; I have a PGCE in teaching Modern Foreign Language at Secondary School level from St. Mary’s University in Twickenham, and I have taught English language in Spain and French and Spanish language and literature in various schools in the UK.

On my BA course I specialised in medieval Spanish and French literature and I am very interested in the Ladino language. I really enjoyed helping people through my teaching and I find translation equally rewarding as I can use my language skills to facilitate communication between different individuals and cultures. I am currently involved in voluntary translation projects for Visioneers, a German Volunteering Agency, and Translators Without Borders.

**Languages**

Spanish – native speaker

English – native speaker

French – degree level proficiency

Italian – A-level qualification

Ladino

**Work Experience**

* Visioneers – Translator (Spanish into English) – September 2019
* Translators Without Borders – Translator (Spanish into English) – September 2019

**Work Experience**

* Marymount International School London – Teacher of Spanish

September 2016 – September 2018

Taught Spanish as a Foreign Language to girls aged 11 to 16.

Taught Spanish literature to native Spanish speakers to girls aged 11 to 16.

* Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, New Malden – Teacher of French and Spanish

September 2014 – September 2015

Taught French to girls aged 11 to 18 and Spanish to girls aged 11 to 16 (GCSE).

* Radnor House School, Twickenham – Teacher of French and Spanish

September 2013 – September 2014

Taught Spanish and French to students (boys and girls) aged 11 to 16 (iGCSE).

* IES Suárez de Figueroa, Extremadura, Spain - English Language Assistant –

September 2010 – July 2011

Taught English as a Foreign Language to students (boys and girls) aged 11 to 18.

**Education and Training**

* MA in Translation Studies – UCL – September 2018 – present
* PGCE in Teaching Modern Foreign Languages (Secondary) – St. Mary’s University, Twickenham – September 2012 – July 2013
* BA in Modern and Medieval Languages – French and Spanish major – University of Cambridge, September 2007 – June 2012

**Skills**

* Native bilingual speaker of English and Spanish
* Good organisation skills
* Good at meeting deadlines
* Experience in proof-reading and spotting mistakes in texts
* Passionate about languages and translation
* Experience working with people from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds

**Hobbies and Interests**

I love exploring and learning about other cultures, visiting and meeting people from different countries.

I also love history and visiting museums and art galleries.

In addition, I enjoy the theatre and going to concerts.

I am an avid reader and I particularly enjoy historic novels.

I also enjoy following current affairs around the world.