

LUISANA DUARTE ARMENDÁRIZ M.A., M.F.A

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- **ABD**—Ph.D. in English with a Certificate in Literary Translation—University of Connecticut
- Certificate in Bioethics and Contemporary Challenges—Universidad Católica de Chiapas
- Certificate in Bilingual Professional Writing—University of Texas at El Paso
- M.A. in Children’s Literature—Simmons University
- M.F.A. in Writing for Children—Simmons University
- B.A. in Multimedia Journalism, Minors in Honors, Creative Writing, and Graphic Design—University of Texas at El Paso

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor | University of Connecticut | Fall 2021–Present
 - Creative Writing for Children and Young Adult Audiences—ENGL 3711
 - First-Year Writing: Seminar in Writing and Multimodal Composition—ENGL 1007
 - Children’s Literature—ENGL 3420
 - Teaching Children’s Literature in the Elementary School—EDCI 5130
 - Young Adult Literature—ENGL 3422
- Adjunct Instructor | Simmons University | Fall 2024
 - Writing for Children I—CHL 430
- Adjunct Instructor | Bentley University | Spring 2019
 - Advanced Visual Communication—IDCC 340
- Visual Arts Teacher | Colegio Latino Americano, Juárez, México | 2014–2015
7th 8th and 9th grade Visual Arts

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Aetna Children’s and YA Literature Award, University of Connecticut, 2023.
- Harriot Fellow, University of Connecticut, 2021–2026.
- Award Winner, Lee & Low New Visions Award for debut middle-grade mystery novel *The Regent Enigma*, TU Books, 2018.
- Scholarship Recipient, Lee & Low and Friends, Simmons College, 2016.
- Scholarship Recipient, Programa de Becas Para Estudios en el Extranjero, FONCA-CONACYT, 2015–2017.

PUBLICATIONS

- Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. *Julieta and the Cryptic Rose*. TU Books an Imprint of Lee & Low, Fall 2026.
- Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. *Julieta and the Diamond Enigma*. TU Books an imprint of Lee & Low, 2020.
Shortlisted for the Sunshine State Young Readers Award, 2023.

TRANSLATED WORKS

- *Bienvenida a casa, Esmeralda*, by Daniela Ramírez, illustrated by Maribel Lechuga, Charlesbridge, Spring 2025. (Translated from English into Spanish)
- *Julieta y el enigma del diamante*, by Luisana Duarte Armendáriz, TU Books, 2024. (Translated from Spanish into English)
- *Giddy Up, Unicorn!*, by Dani Gómez, Charlesbridge, Fall 2024. (Translated from Spanish into English)
- *The Letter*, by Irene Verdú, illustrated by Verónica Aranda, Charlesbridge, 2024. (Translated from Spanish into English)
- *Indio No Más*, by Charlene Willing McManis and Traci Sorell, Lee & Low Books, 2023. (Translated from English into Spanish)
- *La historia de William Hoy: Como un jugador sordo del beisbol cambió el juego*, by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Jez Tuya, Albert Whitman & Co., 2022. (Translated from English into Spanish)
- *Usha y la gran excavadora*, by Amitha Jagannath Knight, Charlesbridge, 2022. (Translated from English into Spanish)

COMMITTEE WORK

- Article Award Committee Children’s Literature Association, 2023–2026.
- Conference Planning Committee *Annual Conference on the Teaching of Writing*, University of Connecticut, 2023–2025.
- Judge *Scholastic Art & Writing Awards*, Connecticut Writing Region, 2022.
- Member *Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce*, Simmons University, 2016–2017.
- Judge *Premios de Literatura León* a prize sponsored by the León Fair and FeNaL, 2017.

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, PANEL PARTICIPATIONS

- Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. Keynote Speaker for the *2024 Connecticut Writing Project Scholastic Writing Awards*, University of Connecticut. Spring 2024.
- Blansett, Lisa and Luisana Duarte Armendáriz. “Incorporating Structured Writing Activities (in your classroom).” *First-Year Writing Instructor-led Workshop Series*, University of Connecticut, April 2024.
- Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. “Business as Usual (?): Depictions in children's literature of life in extreme environments and post-weather related natural disasters.” Children’s Literature Association Annual Conference: Sustainability

Through Story: Eco-Justice, Children's Literature and Childhood, Seattle, WA, 2023.

- Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana and Bronwyn DiPeri. "Modifications and Flexibility: Modifying Class Sessions (for Yourself and for Your Students)." *Studio Days of Development*, Winter 2023.
- Blansett, Lisa, Luisana Duarte Armendáriz, Christopher Bolster. "Why Multimodal Composition?" *Studio Days of Development*, University of Connecticut, Winter 2023.
- Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana and Christopher Bolster. "Designing a Course Inquiry." *Fall 2022 Instructor-Led Workshop Series*, University of Connecticut, November 2022.
- Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. "Aesop's Journey from Ancient Greece to Children's Literature." *UConn EGSA's Fall 2022 Forum Series*, University of Connecticut, November 2022.
- Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. "Is One of These Not Like the Others?: Belonging vs alienation in immigrant stories." Children's Literature Association Annual Conference: City in a Forest, Atlanta, GA, 2022.
- Workshop Leader. "Constructing a Cultural Cosmos: Weaving art, mythology, and other cultural elements in your story." The Writer's Loft, MA., 2020.
- Panelist. "Children's Literature in Your Own Image: Power of diverse racial/ethnic and sociocultural perspectives." Tufts University, Medford, MA., 2019.
- Workshop Leader. "Children's Literature in Your Own Image: Power of diverse racial/ethnic and sociocultural perspectives." Tufts University, Medford, MA., 2019.
- Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. "Degrees of Mexicanness: Challenging racial identities in Benjamin Alire Sáenz's Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe." Children's Literature Association Annual Conference: Refreshing Waters/Turbulent Waters, San Antonio, TX, 2018.
- Duarte Armendáriz, Luisana. "A Happier Ever After: Agency in *Ella Enchanted*." Children's Literature Association Annual Conference: Imagined Futures, Tampa Bay, FL, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Assistant | ECE English, University of Connecticut | May 2024–Present
- Adjunct Professor | Simmons University | Fall 2024
- Assistant Director | First-Year Writing Program, University of Connecticut | May 2022–August 2024
- Instructor | University of Connecticut | August 2021–Present
- Translation and Transcription | Freelancer | July 2020–Present
Clients include: BubblyDoo, Albert Whitman & Co., Lee & Low Books, Charlesbridge Publishing
- Book Reviewer | Kirkus Reviews | October 2018–August 2021

- Dean of Discipline | Everest Academy | August 2019–June 2020
- Adjunct Professor | Bentley University | Spring 2019
- Consultant of Student Development, Literacy Programs, and Community Partnerships at the Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Center | Bentley University | Fall 2018–June 2019
- Editorial Intern | Charlesbridge Publishing | Spring 2019
- Bookseller | The Children’s Bookshop | September 2018–June 2019
- Graduate Assistant to Online MPH Program Director | Simmons University | January 2016–May 2018
- Visual Arts Teacher | Colegio Latinoamericano, Ciudad Juárez, México | 2014–2015
- Social Media/Marketing/Design Intern—Huntleigh Technology Group | August 2013–July 2015
- Graphic Design Intern—Enterprise Computing UTEP | January–December 2012
- Art Department Intern— Lynx Exhibits, El Paso TX. | January– May 2012
- Web & Event Photography Intern—Downtown Niche Magazine | March–December 2011
- Youth Pastoral Work (Missionary Program) | Regnum Christi | Manila, Philippines | August 2008–May 2009

LANGUAGES

- Spanish (native)
- English (bilingual oral and written fluency)
- French & Italian (elementary proficiency)