

DIANA BRYSON BARNES, PHD

1164 Route 9P, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
(518) 365-6468
dbarnes@skidmore.edu

Department of World Languages & Literatures
Skidmore College
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
(518) 365-6468

EDUCATION

- 2006 PhD, Spanish, University at Albany – State University of New York. Dissertation: *Recovering Gender: Motherhood and Female Identity in the Contemporary Spanish Narrative*
- 1994 M.A., Spanish, Washington State University
- 1987 B.A., Journalism, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017–present Senior Teaching Professor, Spanish, Skidmore College (adjunct)
- 2005–2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, Spanish, Skidmore College (adjunct)
- 2003–2004 Spanish Teaching Assistant, State University of New York, Albany
- 1996 –98 – 05 Lecturer, Spanish, Skidmore College (adjunct)
- 1994–1995, 1997 Spanish Instructor, Emma Willard School
–1998
- 1992–1994 Spanish Teaching Assistant, Washington State University
- 1982–1992 Journalist: broadcast news reporter, anchor, CBS affiliate, Fairbanks, Alaska. Print reporter: [Daily News-Miner](#), Fairbanks, Alaska, [Spokesman Review](#), correspondent, Spokane, Washington

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 **National Public Radio**, WAMC, 51%, local, national, international: *Women Help at the Border* <https://www.wamc.org/post/1554-women-help-border-teens-work-album-somali-youth>
- 2017 **National Public Radio**, WAMC, 51% local, national, international: *Dolores' story* <http://wamc.org/post/1461-undocumented-woman-and-documenting-womens-right-vote>

- 2014 **NACLA** (online publication)
Migrant Shelter Faces Police Abuses on the Border, 2014
<https://nacla.org/news/2014/7/25/migrant-shelter-faces-police-abuses-border>
- 2014 **NACLA** (online publication)
"Bring Them Home" Undocumented Activism: week One in Otay, 2014
<https://nacla.org/news/2014/3/15/bring-them-home-undocumented-activism-week-one-otay>
- 2011 **Book chapter:** *The Changing Spanish Family: Essays on New Views in Literature, Cinema and Theater. Recovering Gender: Motherhood and Female Identity in "El pájaro de la felicidad" and "Gary Cooper que estás en los cielos"*
- 2010 **Translation:** *13 lunas 13* video/narrative project by Tina Escaja

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2017 San Miguel Writers' Conference and Workshop. San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- 2017 Immigration, Law and Policy Conference, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC
- 2016 10th International Conference on Chicano Literature, Cultura y herencia hispana: construyendo una identidad, Madrid, Spain
- Presented: "Chaos finds a Voice: Resisting the (im)position of Marginalization Through the Art of Storytelling in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua and El Paso, Texas"
- 2015 Cultures, Migrations, Borders, University of the Aegean, Plomari, Lesvos, Greece, Summer residency
- 2014 La Frontera: Una nueva concepción cultural. XVIIIth International Conference. Tempe and Phoenix, Arizona.
- Presented "Life on the Line: Bordering on a Revolutionary Narrative"
- 2013 Border Security Expo, Phoenix, Arizona
- 2012 We the border, conference and workshop, El Paso, Texas
- 2011 San Miguel Writers' Conference and Workshop. San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- 2010 7th Annual International Conference on Chicano Literature, León, Spain.
- Presented "Warlands and borderlands. Stories of survival and submission in the deadliest city on earth."

- 2009 “Segunda Jornada Internacional de Cultura Chicana.”
- Presented by invitation at El Tecnológico, Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico. “Border-Crossing in Cyberspace: Myth and Reality for the Techno-Generation”
- 2008 AILCFH Congreso. Agnes Scott College.
- Presented “Rejecting (M)other Politics in Spain’s Transition.”
- 2008 6th Annual International Conference on Chicano Literature, Alicante, Spain.
- Presented “Reggaeton Rhythms of Geopolitics for the Techno-Generation: A New Approach to a Traditional Theme in Chicano Literature”
- 2006 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Workshop, Skidmore College
- 2005 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Teacher Training Workshop, Plano, Texas
- 2004 Mexico Solidarity Network, attendee, Ciudad Juárez, México
- 2000 “Spain in the Twenty-First Century,” The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- 2000 Cine-Lit 2000, Portland State University
- Presented “Rosa Montero’s Early Narrative: A Cinematic Perspective”

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Skidmore College Faculty Development Grant

- 2019 “Border dispatches” developed content-based class projects in El Paso, based on migrant stories at the Greyhound bus station
- 2008, 2012, 2014 “Border studies” recorded oral histories of asylum seekers, migrants, in El Paso, and in Nogales, Sonora
- 2007 “Border Business” produced iMovie for in-class content-based project on changing immigration policy and its impact on one Mexican family outside of Puebla, Mexico.
- 2001 Asuntos actuales,” produced iMovie for in-class instruction, content-based project on the impact of the NAFTA in Mexico

COURSES TAUGHT IN SPANISH – LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Skidmore College

Introductory Spanish Language
Intermediate Spanish Language

Spanish Conversation
Writing in Spanish
Language Across the Curriculum
Independent study course: Spanish in Health Care
War Stories from Spain, Seminar on Civil War literature
Peninsular Literature, Survey Course

State University of New York, Albany

Advanced language: Creative Writing in Spanish
Introductory Spanish Language
Intermediate Spanish Language

Emma Willard School

A.P. Spanish Literature
Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition
Introductory Spanish language
Intermediate Spanish Language

COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH – U.S./ MEXICO BORDER

Skidmore College

Chaos Finds a voice: The politics of identity in the US/Mexico Borderlands, First year Scribner Seminar
On the Fence: a narrative revolution on the US/Mexico border
Life on the Line: Evolving Identity Formation on the US/Mexico Border

CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT – SKIDMORE COLLEGE

2020	The Frontera Effect; Myth and Reality of the Power of the Wall. Course developed for Skidmore College’s curriculum “Bridge Experience”, general education requirement
2015	Travel Seminar <i>Experience Life on the Line</i> –organized and led week-long U.S./Mexico border immersion trip NY6 Faculty
2015	Scribner Seminar for first year students: Chaos finds a voice: The politics of Identity in the US/Mexico borderlands
2014	A narrative revolution on the US/Mexico Border
2014	Evolving Identity Formation on the US/Mexico Border
2009	War Stories from Spain, Literary Seminar
2002	Border Business, International Trade

COMMUNITY SERVICE, MEMBERSHIP

2018, 2019 Short-term residential volunteer, Annunciation House, El Paso, Texas

- 2018 – present Member, Saratoga Immigration Coalition
- 2017 Member, Mayor Joanne Yepsen's Human Rights Task Force, City of Saratoga Springs; Co-Founder: Backstretch improvement team
- 2011 – present Volunteer, medical translator, Backstretch Employee Service Team, New York Racing Association outreach program
- 2012 Co-Founder: Backstretch Workers Coalition. Just treatment of migrant workers on the backstretch of the Saratoga Thoroughbred Racetrack
- 2005 - 2009 Vice President, “Equity and Justice for All,” Albany-based non-profit corporation that advocates and lobbies for domestic and international economic trade policies promoting human rights

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 2020 Co-led student Mexico border immersion trip to El Paso, Tucson, and Nogales. Students from Colgate University and Skidmore College.
- 2020 Curator: *Painting the Border, a Child’s Voice*. Initiated and spearheaded play-day for Migration Protection Policy shelter children in Ciudad Juárez. Paintings produced during the activity hung in two gallery spaces in New York. Hanging the paintings, organizing the exhibit: first-year Seminar class project.
<https://diario.mx/juarez/convierten-experiencia-migratoria-en-arte-20190821-1553514.html>
<https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Skidmore-professor-visits-children-at-border-14517245.php>
- 2019 Invited Speaker, Skidmore College *What’s Going on Down There? Considering Politics and Humanity at the Wall*, lecture, Skidmore College.
- 2019 Featured speaker, Democratic Committee 2019
Life at the Border: Division and Reunion, Starbuck Legacy Luncheon, Saratoga Springs
- 2018 *Capital Tonight Spectrum News*, guest border policy speaker, border policy, Albany, New York
- 2015 Designed and led NY6 Liberal Arts Consortium of faculty on 8-day immersion trip to El Paso, Ciudad Juárez, Tucson, and ambos Nogales.
- 2012 Co-Founder: Backstretch Workers Coalition. Just treatment of migrant workers on the backstretch of the Saratoga Thoroughbred Racetrack
-