

# LESLIE MORENO

## BILINGUAL LANGUAGE PROFESSIONAL

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### SUMMARY

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Bilingual language educator with strong English and Spanish communication skills and a background in applied linguistics. Experienced in professional written communication, organizing materials, following structured processes, and interacting confidently with diverse audiences across digital platforms.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**ESL Instructor | Open Hearts Language Academy, Coconut Creek, FL** **July - Dec 2025**

- Taught English to adult learners in a part-time role.
- Adapted lessons from curriculum resources to meet student needs.
- Led activities to strengthen speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant | Florida Atlantic University** **Aug 2023 - Apr 2025**

- Taught Spanish language and culture courses to over 50 students per semester.
- Designed communicative, task-based lessons and graded assessments.
- Supported students individually during office hours.

**Freelance Translator | DeepL, Online** **2024**

- Translated Spanish texts into English with attention to clarity and accuracy.
- Adapted content for different projects and deadlines.
- Ensured linguistic precision in collaboration with project teams.

**High School English Teacher | Navy School, Leticia, Amazonas, Colombia** **Jan 2022 - Dec 2022**

- Taught English across elementary, middle, and high school levels.
- Adapted lesson plans for mixed proficiency groups.
- Coordinated parent-teacher communication and student progress.

**English Teaching Intern | University of Quindio, Colombia** **Feb 2021 - Dec 2021**

- Prepared undergraduates for official English exams.
- Created worksheets and interactive materials for different age groups.
- Delivered online lessons for elementary students in rural schools.

### EDUCATION

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**Master's Degree in Linguistics** **Aug 2023 - May 2025**  
*Florida Atlantic University*

- Relevant coursework in second language acquisition, bilingualism and applied linguistics.

**Bachelor's Degree in Modern Languages** **Jan 2017 - Jan 2022**  
*University of Quindio*

- Relevant coursework in language teaching methodologies, general linguistics, and research.

## RESEARCH

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### Publications

1. Restrepo, J., Moreno, L., et al. (2021). *Moral Reasoning and Foreign Languages: A Linguistic-Cognitive Study in Bilingual Teachers*. In N. Loaiza, A. Botero, M. Rolong, & M. Zapata (Eds.), *Apuestas Investigativas por un Cambio Social* (pp. 256-273). Cali: REDIPE.
2. Restrepo, J., Moreno, L., et al. (2021). Comprehension of the Influence of the Foreign Language (French) on the Moral Reasoning of Bilingual Teachers of a Modern Languages Program in Quindío, Colombia: A Linguistic-Cognitive Approach from Gosselin's Modular Theory of Modalities (2010). *Revista de Investigaciones Universidad del Quindío*, 34(1), 527-535. ISSN 1794-631X e-ISSN: 2500-5782

### Presentations

1. Moreno, L. (2025). *Moral Reasoning and Foreign Languages: A Cognitive Linguistic Study*. Talk delivered at the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL), April 10, Boca Raton, FL, USA.
2. Restrepo, J., Moreno, L., et al. (2021). *Comprehension of the Influence of the Foreign Language (French) on the Moral Reasoning of Bilingual Teachers of a Modern Languages Program in Quindío, Colombia: A Linguistic-Cognitive Approach from Gosselin's Modular Theory of Modalities (2010)*. Talk delivered at the XI Regional Encounter of Research Groups, October 27-28, Online.
3. Restrepo, J., Moreno, L., et al. (2021). *Moral Reasoning and Foreign Languages: A Linguistic-Cognitive Study in Bilingual Teachers*. Talk delivered at the 1st International Congress on Educational and Humanities Sciences: Research Bets for a Social Change, October 20-22, Online.
4. Restrepo, J., Moreno, L., et al. (2021). *Comprehension of the Influence of the Foreign Language (French) on the Moral Reasoning of Bilingual Teachers of a Modern Languages Program in Quindío, Colombia: A Linguistic-Cognitive Approach from Gosselin's Modular Theory of Modalities (2010)*. Talk delivered at the XIV Departmental Encounter of Research Groups, May 19-20, Online.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### Skills:

- Lesson planning | Curriculum development
- Classroom management | Student engagement
- Research methods | Academic writing
- Online resource integration | Multimedia content creation

### Languages:

- Spanish (native), English (fluent).

### Certifications:

- *Diplomado en Pedagogía*, Institución Universitaria Colombo Americana (Equivalent to a Certificate in Pedagogy).
- *Diplomado en Docencia Universitaria*, Universidad del Quindío (Equivalent to a Certificate in University Teaching).
- English as a Second Language Certificate (ESL), Florida Atlantic University.

- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), World TESOL Academy.

### Awards/Activities:

- Outstanding Teaching Award, Florida Atlantic University (2025).
- Graduate Dean's Fellowship, Florida Atlantic University (2024).
- Best Undergraduate Research Project, School of Education, University of Quindío (2021).
- Member of NeuroLab Colombian Research Group (ongoing).
- Member of the ESAPIDEX-B Research Group, University of Quindío (2021).
- Member of *Enseña por Colombia* (Teach for All) NGO, contributing to educational initiatives (2021-2022).