

# Curriculum Vitae

Eric Skipper, Ph.D.

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## Education

Ph.D. Spanish Literature, Florida State University, Tallahassee, 2000.

B.S. Management, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, 1993.

## Administrative Positions

### University of South Carolina Beaufort

**Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs**, July 2016-present

*Lead Academic Affairs at the University of South Carolina Beaufort, a public comprehensive university of 2,100 students served by 170 faculty members. Administrative oversight of all academic units and programs as well as library, grants, research, eLearning, Center for Teaching & Learning, Institutional Effectiveness & Research, centers and institutes, Beaufort College Honors, and branch campuses in Beaufort and Hilton Head Island. Oversaw the development and implementation of the USCB Strategic Plan 2023 and the Academic Master Plan. Oversee Academic Affairs budget and engage in fundraising and procurement of major gifts.*

### University of North Georgia

**Vice President, University Affairs**, May 2015-July 2016 (Interim, May 2015-April 2016)

*Led multiple campuses at a public comprehensive university of 18,000 students. Responsible for coordinating operations and community outreach across four out of five campuses—Gainesville, Oconee, Cumming and Blue Ridge—serving 11,000 students. Served as senior administrator for Continuing Education, Economic Development, and Community Engagement. Oversaw implementation of the UNG Strategic Plan, 2014-2019.*

**CEO, Oconee Campus**, 2013-2016

*Provided administrative leadership and coordination of campus priorities and goals with the UNG administration, faculty and staff. Responsibilities include oversight of budget, strategic planning, external relations, facilities and grounds, fundraising, and the campus academic master planning process. Created a Community Advisory Council. Established the annual Oconeefest fundraising event. Led planning for significant enhancement of facilities.*

**Dean, Honors and Graduate Studies**, 2013-2015

*Provided vision and strategic direction for UNG's Honors Program and graduate programs. Created Honors Advisory Board and initiated the program's first successful fundraising campaign. Instituted the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships, which has gone on to national prominence as a Top Producing Fulbright Institution and an annual producer of Goldwater, Boren, Gillman, NSF, and Critical Languages scholars. Aligned administrative policies*

*across graduate programs, and promoted research and advanced studies as a means to improve quality of life and economic development in the region.*

### **Gainesville State College\***

#### **Interim Dean, School of Humanities and Fine Arts, 2011-2013**

*Responsible for faculty, students, staff, academic planning, finances and facilities of the School, with 75 full-time and 100 part-time faculty. Supervised reorganization of Fine Arts into discrete departments, implementation of policies providing School-wide infrastructure, enhancements to advising and registration functions, organization of School-wide retreats, and addition of instrumental and choral production at commencement. Departments included English, Modern Languages, Theatre, Music, Visual Arts, and Communication, Media Studies & Journalism.*

#### **Interim Assistant Vice President, Academic Enrichment, 2010-2011**

*Responsible for units critical to student success and support: English as a Second Language, Learning Support, Supplemental Instruction, Tutoring Services, and First Year Experience.*

#### **Coordinator, Foreign Languages, 2008-2010**

*Responsible for curriculum, programs, language lab, and supervision of faculty and staff. Aligned curricula with American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards. Added Chinese, Arabic and Italian languages.*

\*Consolidated with North Georgia College and State University in 2013 to form University of North Georgia.

## **Academic Positions**

University of South Carolina Beaufort, Professor of Spanish, 2016-

University of North Georgia, Professor, 2013-2016

Gainesville State College, Professor, 2009-2013; Associate Professor 2005-2009

Augusta State University, Assistant Professor, 2004-2005; Instructor, 2001-2004

Gordon College, Assistant Professor, 1999-2001

## **Book Publication**

Skipper, E., editor. (2010). *A Recipe for Discourse: Perspectives on Like Water for Chocolate*. Atlanta: Rodopi Press, 2010.

## **Selected Publications**

Skipper, E. (2022). USCB Tripled External Funding in 2021. *The Bluffton Sun*.

<[www.blufftonsun.com](http://www.blufftonsun.com)> 28 February 2022. (Also appeared in The Island News.)

Skipper, E. (2022). The Liberal Arts Can Counteract Polarization – But There Are Caveats.

*Times Higher Education*. <[www.timeshighereducation.com](http://www.timeshighereducation.com)> 12 January 2022.

- Skipper, E. (2022). South Carolina Economy Can Benefit from DACA Bills. *The State*. <[www.thestate.com](http://www.thestate.com)> 3 January 2022. (Versions also appeared in *The Bluffton Sun/ The Hilton Head Sun* and *The Island Packet*.)
- Skipper, E. (2021). The Plight and Promise of Regional Colleges and Universities. *Inside Higher Ed*. <<https://www.insidehighered.com/>> 24 May 2021.
- Skipper, E. (2020). Why Engaging Students in Problem Solving Is Needed Now. *University Business*. <<https://universitybusiness.com/>> 14 May 2020.
- Skipper, E. (2020). The Problem-Solving University. *The Bluffton Sun* and *The Hilton Head Sun*. <[www.blufftonsun.com](http://www.blufftonsun.com)> 7 January 2020.
- Skipper, E. (2019). Experiential Learning at USCB Benefits Students, Community. *The Island Packet* and *The Beaufort Gazette*. <[www.islandpacket.com](http://www.islandpacket.com)> 18 July 2019.
- Skipper, E. (2010). The Mexican Revolution as a Backdrop for Esquivel's *Como agua para chocolate*. *A Recipe for Discourse: Perspectives on Like Water for Chocolate*. Edited by Eric Skipper. Atlanta: Rodopi.
- Skipper, E. (2009). Laura Esquivel. *The Literary Encyclopedia*. <<http://www.litencyc.com>>
- Skipper, E. (2009). Like Water for Chocolate. *The Literary Encyclopedia*. <<http://www.litencyc.com>>
- Skipper, E. (2009). Conover's *Coyotes*: A Continuation of Steinbeck's Migrant Worker Legacy. *The Grapes of Wrath: A Reconsideration*. Atlanta: Rodopi Press.
- Skipper, E. (2007). Conover's *Coyotes*: A Continuation of Steinbeck's Migrant Worker Legacy. *The Steinbeck Review* 4.2: 31-40.
- Skipper, E. (2006). 33 entries. *A John Steinbeck Encyclopedia*. Edited by Brian Railsback and Michael J. Meyer. Westport, CT: Greenwood.
- Skipper, E. (2006). Rev. of *A Catalog of John Steinbeck Material in the Ball State University Libraries*. Edited by John B. Straw. *The Steinbeck Review* 3.1: 135-137.
- Skipper, E. (2005). Rev. of *John Steinbeck: A Centennial Tribute*. Edited by Mashkoo Ali Syed. *The Steinbeck Review* 2.1 (Fall 2005): 127-130.
- Skipper, E. (2004). Death in the Hills: The Mountains as a Place of Refuge and Dying for Steinbeck's Mexican Characters. *The Steinbeck Review* 1.2: 78-88.

### Selected Presentations

- Skipper, E. (May 2022). "USCB Update: Initiatives, Programs and Facilities." City of Beaufort Neighborhood Meeting. Beaufort, SC.
- Skipper, E. (September 2021). Invited Guest Lecture. "Regional Universities in a Post-Vaccine Paradigm." Seminar in Teaching Mass Communication (JOUR 805). University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC.
- Skipper, E. (July 2021). Invited Panelist. "The Regional Public Universities After 2020: A Conversation With AASCU Provosts." AASCU Academic Affairs Summer Meeting 2021. Virtual.
- Skipper, E. (March 2021). "The Modern University in Covid Times." Rotary Club of Bluffton. Bluffton, SC.
- Skipper, E. (February 2021). "The Future is Now: Higher Education and Equity in a Post-Vaccine Paradigm." Rotary Club of Beaufort. Beaufort, SC.
- Skipper, E. (February 2020). "First Things First: Developing an Academic Master Plan." 2020 AASCU Academic Affairs Winter Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- Simmons, A. and Skipper, E. (February 2020). "Student Success Workshop." UofSC System Leadership Fellows Program. University of South Carolina Beaufort. Bluffton, SC.
- Sawyer, C. and Skipper, E. (July 2019). "Students Connected: Building Engaged Citizens Through Experiential Learning, Community Engagement." South Carolina Conference on Innovations in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Charleston, SC.
- Mallory, B. and Skipper, E. (February 2019). "What Good is a Strategic Plan without Implementation?" 2019 AASCU Academic Affairs Winter Meeting. Amelia Island, FL.
- Bessent, L. and Skipper, E. (November 2018). "Student Success at USCB." UofSC System Leadership Fellows Program. University of South Carolina Beaufort. Bluffton, SC.
- Skipper, E. (March 2018). "Keynote Address." Beaufort County School District's 2018 Junior Scholar's Banquet. Bluffton, SC.
- Skipper, E. (June 2016). "Economic Development at a Branch Campus." Regional Branch Campus Administrators Senior Leadership Conference. Longboat Key, Florida.
- Skipper, E. (June 2015). "Partnerships and Advancement at an Engaged Branch Campus." UBTech Conference. Orlando, Florida.
- Skipper, E. (March 2015). "John Steinbeck, Traveling Man." Julie Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art. Auburn University.

- Skipper, E. (February 2012). “*The Grapes of Wrath* and Migrant Labor in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Gainesville Theatre Alliance (GTA) Pre-Curtain Lecture. Brenau University.
- Orr, C., H. Page and E. Skipper. (February 2012). “The Student Success Center: Adult Learning and Retention.” Adult Learning Consortium (ALC) Winter Institute. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Orr, C., H. Page and E. Skipper. (November 2011). “Reaching an Abstract Audience: Opportunities and Challenges.” 2011 Council on Adult Experiential Learners (CAEL) International Conference. Chicago, Illinois.
- Skipper, E. (April 2010). “The Mexican Revolution as Active Participant in Esquivel’s *Como agua para chocolate*.” 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages & Literatures (SCCLL). Georgia Southern University.
- Skipper, E. (April 2008). “The Mexican Revolution as Portrayed in Esquivel’s *Como agua para chocolate*.” 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS). University of South Florida.
- Skipper, E. (November 2006). “Two Sides of the Border: Tragedy and Hope in Rubén Martínez’s *Crossing Over*.” 21<sup>st</sup> Annual International Literature Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Skipper, E. (March 2006). “Conover’s *Coyotes*: A Continuation of Steinbeck’s Migrant Worker Legacy.” Steinbeck and His Contemporaries. Sun Valley, Idaho.
- Skipper, E. (February 2006). “Algún día me agradeceréis: La brutalidad ‘educativa’ en algunas novelas españolas.” 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Literature and Film. Florida State University.
- Skipper, E. (March 2005). “The Noble Drunkard: Divergent Portrayals of John Steinbeck’s Mexicans and Mexican-Americans.” 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southwest Council of Latin American Studies (SCOLAS). Veracruz, Mexico.
- Skipper, E. (January 2004). “The Spanish Tolstoy?: William Dean Howell’s Evaluation of the Fiction of Armando Palacio Valdés.” 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Literature and Film. Florida State University.
- Skipper, E. (January 2003). “The Tremendista Schoolmasters in Matute’s *Historias de la Artámila* and Delibes’ *El camino*.” 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Literature and Film. Florida State University.
- Skipper, E. (March 2002). “Death in the Hills: The Mountains as a Place of Refuge and Dying for Steinbeck’s Mexican Characters.” John Steinbeck’s Americas: A Centennial Conference. Hofstra University.
- Skipper, E. (January 2002). “Dour Views on Spanish Education in R. Pérez de Ayala’s *A.M.D.G.* and ‘El profesor auxiliar’.” 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Literature and Film, Florida State University.

Skipper, E. (February 2001). "The Schoolmaster as a Conduit for Class Criticism: García Lorca's *Doña Rosita la Soltera* and Hernández Catá's "*El maestro*." 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Literature and Film. Florida State University.

Skipper, E. (October 1999). "Foolery to Fencing: The Subtle Commentary on Leisure Activity in Cervantes' *El licenciado vidriera*." 7<sup>th</sup> Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Florida International University.

Skipper, E. (October 1997). "El arte de nombrar en algunas obras maestras de Valle-Inclán, Unamuno y Baroja." 1<sup>st</sup> FIU-UM Conference on Iberian/ Iberian-American Literatures. Florida International University.

### **Grant**

US Dept. of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, "South Coast Regional Cybersecurity Education and Development Program," \$1,302,815. 2021-2022.

### **Additional Education and Training**

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate, University of South Florida, 2021  
Completion Certificate, Georgia Academy for Economic Development, 2016  
Advancing to the Presidency Workshop, American Council on Education (ACE), 2015  
Fundraising and Philanthropy Training, University of North Georgia, 2013  
Graduate, Executive Leadership Institute (ELI), University System of Georgia, 2011

### **Awards & Recognition**

Paul Harris Fellow, Oconee County Rotary Club, 2016  
Professor of the Year, American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) Georgia Chapter, 2010  
Nomination, National Center on Higher Education and Public Policy, GSC, 2009  
Graduate, Leadership Oconee, Oconee County Chamber of Commerce, 2008  
Most Valuable Professor, ASU, 2004  
Outstanding Alumni Award, Jasper County High School, 2000  
Nominations, Teaching Assistant of the Year, FSU, 1996, 1997, 1998

### **Courses Taught**

Spanish American Culture  
Introduction to Spanish Literature

Spanish Conversation (Advanced and Intermediate)  
Spanish Composition (Advanced and Intermediate)  
Medical Spanish  
Intermediate Spanish  
Elementary Spanish  
Freshman Composition – English  
First Year Seminar

### **Selected Boards and Service to the Profession**

AASCU 2021 Academy for New Provosts, Mentor, 2021-  
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) Transfer and Articulation State Leadership Team, 2021-  
USCB NCAA Athletic Advisory Committee, Chair, 2020-  
USCB Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Co-Chair, 2020-  
University of South Carolina System LMS Governance Board, 2019-  
South Coast Cyber Center, Advisory Board Member, 2019-  
SACSCOC Substantive Change Committee Member, Academic Administrator, September 2018  
SACSCOC Reaffirmation Committee Member, Observer, October 2017  
Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2016-2017  
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE), Advisory Committee on Academic Programs, 2016-  
University of South Carolina System, Provost's Council, 2016-  
Elachee Nature Science Center, Board of Trustees, 2016  
Oconee County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 2013-2015  
Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, Vision 2030 Education Committee, 2015-2016  
Oconee County Rotary Club, 2013-2016  
University System of Georgia Accelerated Leadership Academy, Development Team, 2014  
Georgia Council of Graduate Schools, President, 2014-2015; Vice President, 2013-2014  
Mentor Jackets: Georgia Tech Alumni/ Student Mentoring Program, 2011-2013  
Prior Learning Assessor, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), 2011-2012  
Oconee County Chamber of Commerce, Associate Board Member, 2008-2011  
Athens Academy Advisory Board for International Studies, 2011