

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**EDUCATION**

- 2018 Doctor of Philosophy in Hispanic Studies.  
Texas A&M University - College Station
- 2001 Specialization in Agri-Business. 2000. Universidade Federal de  
Uberlandia, Minas Gerais, Brasil. (372 Hrs. – equivalent to a M.S.)
- 1999 Master of Science degree in Rural Development. Universidad Javeriana,  
Bogota, Colombia.
- 1996 Analysis and Management in Conflict Resolution. Universidad  
Nueva Granada, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 1991 B.S. in Agricultural Engineer. Universidad de Caldas, Manizales, Colombia.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2018 Research Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness  
& Environmental Sciences, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.
- 2018-currently. Adjunct faculty for AGR 3995 Internship course. Department of Agriculture,  
Agribusiness & Environmental Sciences, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.
- 2012 – 2018 Graduate Research Assistant as Project manager for USDA-NIFA  
*HSI Grants (Hispanic Serving Institution) in Dick & Mary Lewis Kleberg  
College of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Human Sciences, Texas A&M  
University- Kingsville*
- 2017 Graduate Teaching Assistant, fall Internship Course AGRI 3995.
- 2016-2020 **START NOW** – Student Training in Agricultural Research Techniques  
by Novel Occupational Workshops. TAMUK: lead institution.  
Award No. 2016-38422-25542
- 2016-2020 **UAV** – USDA Education and Research Experience in Unmanned  
Aircraft Vehicles for Precision Agriculture. Award No. 2016-38422-25543
- 2016-2018 **NRCDP** – Natural Resources Career Development Program.  
Award No. 69-3A75-16-915
- 2015-2019 **STEP 2** – South Texas Excellence Program to USDA Research  
Success. Award No. 2015-38422-24061
- 2015-2019 **WHEELS OF CHANGE** – A Consortium to Develop Champions in  
Agriculture in the Areas of Sustainable Energy and Natural Resource  
Management. Award No. 2015-38422-24112
- 2011-2016 **STEP UP** – Science, Technology and Environmental Programs for  
Undergraduate Preparation to USDA Career Success. TAMUK: lead institution.  
Award No. 2011-38422-30826. .
- 2011-2016 **BGREEN** – BuildinG Regional Energy and Educational Network.  
Award No. 2011-38422-30803

- 2014 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Spanish instructor, *Department of Language and Literature*, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.
- 2010 – 2012 Teacher and Research Assistant, *Department of Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences*, Texas A&M University- Kingsville.
- 2000/1 Spanish Teacher, *Centro Cultural de la Lengua Española*. Uberlândia, Minas Gerais. Brazil. January – December 2000.

### **AGRONOMICAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2003-2009 Land Recovery Consultant, Uberlandia, Minas Gerais; Brazil.
- 1998-1999 Advisor to the Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development of Colombia. Bogota, Colombia.
- 1995 -1998 Advisor to the General Director of the “Land Use National Institute of Colombia: Instituto Nacional de Adecuación de Tierras, INAT”. Bogotá.
- 1994-1995 Vice National Director of the “Integrated Rural Development Fund: Fondo de Desarrollo Rural Integrado, DRI.” Ministry (Department) of Agriculture, Bogotá, Colombia.

### **SCHOLARLY AWARDS**

- 2018 – 2020 USDA-NIFA AFRI-ELI Post-Doctoral Fellowship. Award #2018-67012-27987. HSI Grant in *Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness & Environmental Sciences, Texas A&M University-Kingsville*.
- 2012 – 2018 USDA-NIFA Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. HSI Grant in *Dick & Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Human Sciences, Texas A&M University- Kingsville*.
- 2014 Graduate Teaching Assistantship. *Department of Language and Literature, Texas A&M University - Kingsville*.
- 2015 – 2016 Advising Award for *Dick & Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Human Sciences, Texas A&M University-Kingsville*.

### **STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**

2013. Cultural Studies. Texas A&M University-Kingsville to Puerto Rico.
2014. Cultural Studies. Texas A&M University-Kingsville to Morocco and Spain.

### **SERVICE**

- 2014 - Present. Hispanic Heritage Committee. Texas A&M University- Kingsville.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Spanish National Honor Society, chapter Texas A&M Kingsville.
- North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, NACTA
- **SIGMA DELTA PHI**, Language & Literature. Chapter Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- The Honor Society of **PHI KAPPA PHI**

## REFERRED PAPERS & CONFERENCES

Venegas, B; Sanchez, Y; **Donato, C**; Ganguli, A. "Career with USDA-NRCS, Guiding Students on Internship Opportunities. Latinos in Agriculture Leaders Conference, Dallas, Texas, November 8, 2018. (Oral)

**Donato, C.** "Mexican and Mexican-American farmworkers and the American Dream." South Central Modern Language Association Conference. San Antonio, October 13, 2018. (Oral)

**Donato, C.** "Suenos y pesadillas de trabajadores rurales migrantes en tres novelas chicanas: ... *Y no se lo trago la tierra, Corazon descalzo y Under the Feet of Jesus.*" (PhD dissertation). Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX. April 19, 2017. (Oral)

**Donato, C**; Hartwig, R. "The Peace process in Colombia." Southwest Council of Latin American Studies (SCOLAS) Conference. Campeche, Mexico. March 9, 2017. (Oral)

Ruppert, D; Nelson, S; Stanko, R; Schuster, G; Machado, T; **Donato, C.** "Student Training in Agricultural Research Techniques by Novel Occupational Workshops (START NOW)." Workforce Diversity and Career Opportunities within the USDA for Current and Recent Graduates Conference. Albuquerque, NM. February 16, 2017. (Poster)

Stanko, R; Nelson, S; Machado, T; Schuster, G; **Donato, C**; "Finding Balance in Undergraduate Research for Graduate School and Career Preparation in Agricultural Sciences." 2016 North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Conference, University of Hawaii, Manoa. June 21, 2016. (Oral)

Nelson, S; Stanko, R; Machado, T; Schuster, G; **Donato, C.** Lukefahr, S. "STEP UP to USDA Career Success Program Participation Increased Graduation Rates and Final GPA of Undergraduate Agriculture Students from South Texas." 2016 North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Conference. University of Hawaii, Manoa. June 21, 2016. (Oral)

Stanko, R; Nelson, S; Machado, T; Schuster, G; **Donato, C.** "Challenges and Opportunities for Underrepresented Agriculture Students in Obtaining USDA Job Training in the STEP UP to USDA Career Success Program." 2015 North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Conference. Athens, Georgia. June 16, 2015. (Poster)

**Donato, C.** "El jazz en Rayuela: un viaje de reconciliación con el pasado rural" SIGMA DELTA PI 14th Student Academic Symposium. Department of Language and Literature, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX. April 22, 2015. (Oral)

**Donato, C**; Stanko, R; Nelson, S; Machado, T; Schuster, G. "Engaging Underrepresented Students through Ag Related Career and Research Training in the 'STEP UP to USDA Career Success' Program." Agricultural Science Education Conference. Miami, FL November 20th to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. (Poster)

**Donato, C.** “Poesía y feminismo en al-Andalús: Wallāda la Omeya y Hafsa Bint al-Hāỵy Ar-Rakūniyya de Granada.” SIGMA DELTA PI 13th Student Academic Symposium. Department of Language and Literature, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX. November 13, 2014. (Oral)

**Donato, C.** “El sujeto rural fundacional en la “silva de la agricultura de la zona tórrida” SIGMA DELTA PI 12th Student Academic Symposium. Department of Language and Literature, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX. April 24, 2014. (Oral)

**Donato, C.** “El sujeto rural y la ruptura de la tradición en ‘...Y no se lo trago la tierra’”. SIGMA DELTA PI 11th Student Academic Symposium. Department of Language and Literature, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX. October 24, 2013. (Oral)

**Donato, C.** “El Giro Esclavista: Género y Raza en la novela Sab”. SIGMA DELTA PI 10th Student Academic Symposium. Department of Language and Literature, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX. April 25, 2013. (Oral)

**Donato, C;** Nelson, S; Schuster, G; Stanko, R; Machado, T. “Preparing Hispanic Students to be Leaders in their Communities.” CETARS Symposium. August 12-13, 2013. Mayagüez, Puerto Rico (Poster)

**Donato, C.** “Continuidad y ruptura de la mentalidad colonial en Arturo Bustos”. SIGMA DELTA PI 9th Student Academic Symposium. Department of Language and Literature, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX. November 1, 2012. (Oral)