

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP &

## AATSP TEXAS-BRAZOS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 21, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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**9:30 - 10:00: Registration & Breakfast kindly sponsored by**



10:00 - 10:45: "Strategies for peer review practices and writing development in L2-Spanish".  
Jamile Forcelini, PhD, CLIC, Rice University

10:45 - 11:00: "Breve introducción a la Investigación-Acción como estrategia de mejora en las prácticas docentes".  
Claudia Kechkian, PhD Candidate, Universidad de Alcalá, AATSP-Texas Brazos President

**11:00 - 11:15: Coffee Break & Exhibit Hall**

11:15 - 11:30: "El Seminario Socrático como estrategia para el desarrollo del pensamiento crítico". Claudia Kechkian, UAH.

11:30 - 12:30: "The use of AI in L2", Socratic Seminar format with time to ask questions & share AI experiences in the classroom. José Jacobo, PhD, CLIC, RICE University

**12:30 - 1:15: Lunch Break kindly sponsored by**



& Exhibit Hall

**1:15 - 2:30 MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Admission is free. Please [click here](#) to RSVP for the Membership Meeting.**

1:15 - 1:30: Insights from the 105<sup>th</sup> AATSP Conference in Salamanca. Looking forward to Portland!

1:30 - 1:45: Awards: Nebrija, Xperitas, Teacher & Student of the Year, Chapter Poster Contest, Special Recognitions.  
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1:45 - 1:55: "Español a su medida: Taking Back Your Evenings and Weekends." Barbara Jones, EdD, Edinumen USA.

1:55 - 2:10: "Xperitas Nonprofit Immersion Travel and The Family Stay Experience" Program Manager Alyana Guidotti

2:10 - 2:20: Chapter Announcements, 2024 Awards, Upcoming Activities, by board members.

2:20 - 2:30: **2023 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION GROUP PHOTO.** 2024 Board Slate of Candidates Presentation & Ballot.

# SPEAKERS



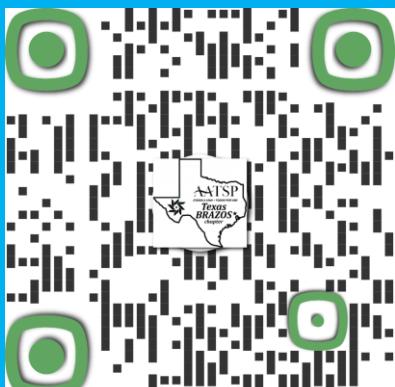
Jamile Forcelini received her Ph.D. in Hispanic Linguistics from Florida State University in 2020. Her dissertation research focused on the processing and acquisition of cognates in second language (Spanish) learning. Her work also explores the bilingual and trilingual lexicon processes and development. Jamile also earned a TESOL certificate from Florida State University. Jamile has taught languages (ESL, Spanish, and Portuguese) and linguistics for the past eighteen years in different educational institutions at distinct proficiency levels. Jamile is passionate about seeing language learners communicate in another language and enrich their linguistic repertoire with meaningful experiences.



José Jacobo received his Ph.D. in Hispanic Studies from Texas A&M University – College Station in 2023. He received a Master's in Spanish from the University of Texas at San Antonio in August 2016. In conjunction with his Masters, he earned a Certificate in Spanish Translation Studies. Prior to joining Rice University, José Jacobo was an Instructor and the Language Program Assistant to the Director of Lower Division Spanish Instruction at Texas A&M University. In addition, he has taught at Blinn College, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and Schreiner University. His teaching portfolio includes Elementary Spanish, Intermediate Spanish, Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Speakers, and Oral Expression. For his dedication to teaching, José Jacobo received the Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award from The Murray and Celeste Fasken Chair in Distinguished Teaching in the Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University on April 1, 2022. He also was awarded the Teaching Excellence Award from the Blinn College District in September 2020.



Claudia Kechkian is a PhD Candidate in Applied Linguistics at the Universidad de Alcalá, in Spain; she holds a Master's degree in the Teaching of the Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures for Primary and Secondary School Teachers from the same university, and a BA as Professor of English from the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina. She has over thirty years of teaching experience, is a published author in Medical Spanish by McGraw Hill Higher Ed., and was awarded the Xperitas Language Matters Award by the AATSP in 2016. Claudia is currently serving as President and Communications Coordinator of the AATSP Texas-Brazos Chapter, which has received the 2023 Chapter of the Year Award and Best Chapter Website recognition by the AATSP. She also collaborates with many universities internationally, As a WL Consultant, she provides Teacher PD Workshops at conferences, schools and school districts at regional, national and international levels.



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