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Lourdes Sánchez-López was born and raised in Jaén (southern Spain), the world's capital of olive oil. She came to UAB in 2001 to develop and establish UAB's **Spanish for Specific Purposes** program (health, business, and translation and interpretation), among the first program of its kind in the nation. She is co-author of two textbooks, *El mundo hispanohablante contemporáneo: Historia, política, sociedades y cultura* (Routledge, 2016) and *Pueblos, Intermediate Spanish in Cultural Contexts* (Cengage, 2006). She is the editor of the anthology *Scholarship and Teaching on Languages for Specific Purposes* (2013). Sánchez-López is also co-author of the Transnational Classroom (TC)©, a pioneering teaching methodology where groups of students in different parts of the world are connected to learn about foreign languages and cultures while enhancing study abroad programs. Motivated by her constant desire to innovate, expand, and reach out, she also founded UAB's Children's Spanish Summer camp in 2003.

Prof. Sánchez-López enjoys teaching courses at all levels, from general introductory **Spanish** to specific purposes (business and health), to Spanish linguistics, to cultural studies, to community service-learning. Most of her advanced courses take a constructive approach to learning through films, music, and literary pieces. Many of her students regularly present at the EXPOs for Undergraduate Scholarship and Service Learning.

Prof. Sánchez-López is deeply engaged in student mentoring through the **Manos Juntas** program, a mentorship program for undergraduate Hispanic/Latino students, and through UAB's Spanish and Latino Student Association (S.A.L.S.A.), which she co-founded in 2006. She recently organized and directed the *First International Symposium on Languages for Specific Purposes* (UAB, 2012), which launched a national and international collaborative movement of LSP scholars in the US and beyond. She served as president of the Alabama chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

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