

Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Member of the Year

Olga Arias, English/Humanities Instructor

Olga Arias, recipient of the Morton College Foundation's Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Member of the Year, challenges students to become "better versions of themselves."

Whether she is teaching Developmental English, English 101, English 102 or Humanities 151 (Humanities through History, Philosophy and Literature), Ms. Arias strives to prepare and empower students for the challenges that lie ahead.

Developing student skills in writing, analysis, the ability to question, to look at things through a broader perspective and wider intellectual focus are important to Ms. Arias as an educator.

She encourages students to be active in their community "because the world lies in your hands."

Her students note “she taught us how we should not assume, generalize or be ignorant.”

Mrs. Arias holds a Masters of Arts degree from Purdue University.

As a graduate student, she had the opportunity to spend a semester abroad at Oxford University. It’s something Ms. Arias considers the best experience of her education.

Beyond the classroom, Ms. Arias has presented papers on post-colonial literature at the International Short Story and London Literary conferences.

Ms. Arias is truly an advocate for the mission of Morton College.

Congratulations.