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Professor Rocha, has dual citizenship in her native country, Argentina, and the U.S. where she resides. She holds a doctoral degree in Spanish literature and language from the University of Texas in Austin. She has taught language and literature courses at various institutions, including Texas Tech U., University of Texas at Austin, Centre College of Kentucky, Rice University, Houston Community College. She is the owner of School of Languages for Professionals, through which she has created and taught specialized courses for the Medical Center, Houston, in conjunction with Baylor College of Medicine, Dept. of International Medicine, as well as legal Spanish for judges, lawyers, and court reporters, and for Spanish High School teachers for the Texas Government in Austin, Texas.

She has organized and taken groups of students to various countries of Latin America, including Guatemala, Costa Rica, Peru, and Argentina. She created and was the director of the Language and Cultural Resources Dept. for Harris County Hospital District, and later she created and was the director for the department of International Patients at Texas Orthopedic Hospital. She has worked as a freelance interpreter for various hospitals, and as a court interpreter in Austin, and Houston.

Dr. Rocha has served the Houston Community as Director of the Cultural, Scholarship, Education, Membership and Special Activities Committees for the Institute of Hispanic Culture on different years. She has served as a board member of the Institute in the past and during 2016-2017.

She is a member of various associations, including Casa Argentina de Houston, Casa de Espana de Houston, Museum of Fine Arts, The Archeology Institute of America, Sigma Delta Phi, The Institute of Hispanic Culture, and The Friendship Force International. Has travelled throughout Europe, The Middle East, Africa and Central and South America, speaks several languages, and loves the outdoors. Her E-mail: imrocha44@gmail.com