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Spanish FLA

Hola! I'm Valentina. I'm 23 years old and I'm going to be one of your Spanish FLAs for the 2018-2019 academic year. I'm from Buenos Aires, Argentina, the capital and biggest city. Buenos Aires and its suburbs are absolutely beautiful. You can find historical buildings to modern constructions along the wide Rio de la Plata.

I'm a psychologist with experience in teaching and tutoring and with a great interest in different cultures. Maybe you are wondering, why a psychologist is working as a FLA? Don't worry, I won't be analyzing you like some people would think! One of the main branches in psychology is educational psychology, in which we study all about the learning process, socializing in study groups and education dynamics, among other things. I decided to become a psychologist because I love people, observing and listening to them and understanding interpersonal relationships. I got interested in education as soon as I started university, and later discovered I am passionate about migration and cultural exchanges when I had my own experience in the USA. I love reading, musicals (yes, I'm a Broadway freak), watching TV shows and above all, travelling.

This won't be my first international experience, but it will be the first one in which I am not a student. I've had the chance to study English in England for a few weeks, to spend summers and winters in Canada and to be an exchange student in Boston for a semester. I like to think of myself as a citizen of the world and a very curious person, so this opportunity at the College of the Holy Cross fits me like a glove. This will be my first teaching experience at the university level, so I am sure it will be both challenging and nourishing. I am extremely excited to become a FLA! I know I'll learn tons from teachers, other FLAs and Holy Cross students. I can't wait to be there. I hope to see you very soon in class!