

Dr. Karla Del Carpio's Academic Experience in Northwest Argentina Summer 2016



Professor Del Carpio at the University of San Pablo Tucuman, Argentina

Dr. Karla Del Carpio, a professor in the Department of Hispanic Studies of UNC, was invited to conduct an academic stay at the Institute of Social Sciences, Politics and Culture of the University of San Pablo Tucumán (USPT) in Northwest Argentina

this summer 2016. This experience involved teaching, conducting research, giving presentations and workshops and tutoring undergraduate students on their research projects.



USPT's students



USPT's faculty



Dr. Catalina Lonac (the founder of USPT) and Dr. Del Carpio

Other than working with Faculty of USPT, professor Del Carpio also had the opportunity to work with Faculty of the School of Philosophy and Letters of the National University of Tucuman (UNT). It was an honor for her to work with them as they are also interested in the preservation and promotion of indigenous languages and cultures, which is one of Dr. Del Carpio's research areas. Therefore, through the discussions she and the Faculty of the host University had, they were able to learn from each other's work and establish joint research projects.

Dr. Del Carpio's appreciation, affection for and interest in indigenous peoples was reinforced by the cultural diversity that can be witnessed in Northwest Argentina, which is an area known by the presence of indigenous communities; a region full of colors,

folkloric music, delicious traditional food and many interesting customs that show indigenous people's cultural richness. To summarize, Dr. Del Carpio had an interesting and enriching summer where she was able to teach, but also to learn.



Typical handicrafts made by indigenous peoples





Llamas in northern Argentina



Traditional Argentinean instruments



The Salinas Grandes (a large salt flat in central-northern Argentina)



Cayote (typical fruit) with cheese



Beef sandwich



Cup to drink the famous Argentinian mate tea