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A native from Callao, Peru, Dr. Torres lived in North Carolina for eleven years with his wife, Ronda, and his son, Sebastian. He defines himself as a public educator. He served as a classroom teacher and school administrator in Lima, Peru and Moore County Schools, NC, for almost twenty years before moving to Eau Claire in 2011.

Dr. Torres completed undergraduate and graduate studies at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, Autonomous University of Madrid, Duke University, and the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Originally an attorney with a specialization in constitutional law and political science, his interest in multidisciplinary research perspectives led him to earn a Ph.D. in curriculum and teaching with a specialization in cultural studies.

He has consulted with the World Bank, United States Inter-American Agency for Development and Ministries of Education of Peru and Chile. His current scholarly interests blend his areas of expertise in law and education to include the critical interrogation of education public policy and its global trends, cultural diversity and global learning, the promotion of critical literacy as a condition for democratic citizenry, and the re-description of education as a fundamental right in the United States.

A strong supporter and advocate of public education and public educators, he enjoys mentoring students and taking them on faculty-led high impact learning experiences to Milwaukee, Washington DC, and Peru, sharing stories about his son Sebastian –currently an Old Abe-, hosting with wife Ronda backyard cookouts for his summer students, riding his bike, and contemplating the idea of –maybe one day- floating down the Chippewa River.