

From St. Petersburg, Russia, Dr. Bonch got into Spanish by accident and liked it so much she went on to complete her Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Since then, she has been speaking three languages every day. At WSU since 2003, Dr. Bonch teaches a variety of courses, including Spanish language, Hispanic literature, and linguistics. She created a number of new courses, including “Spanish as a World Language” and “Journey in Early Hispanic Literature” and developed “Spanish for Law Enforcement Personnel,” which has become a regular offering. She also taught Russian language and culture for several years. Whether you take Spanish or Russian with Dr. Bonch, you are guaranteed to speak the language from Day 1 - OK, maybe not yet fluently!

Dr. Bonch has been fascinated with the past and enjoys studying medieval historical, philosophical, and legal thought. Her articles appeared in *Viator*, *Romance Quarterly*, and *Mediterranean Studies*. She has published a semi-paleographic edition of *Setenario*, the first Spanish legal code dating back to the 13th century, and is currently studying the contribution of Medieval Spanish chroniclers to the Reconquest of Spain.

In her spare time, Dr. Bonch enjoys traveling, reading (especially memoirs), international cooking, and raising her children bilingually. She enjoys taking pictures and dancing and has won several amateur ballroom dancing and photography awards.