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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

M.Ed. University of Texas at El Paso **1998**
Emphasis: *Teaching English as a Second Language*

B.A. Winona State University **1989**
Major: Paralegal Studies

CURRENT POSITION

Associate Instructor, University of Utah, Linguistics Department **2011 - 2022**

- ◆ Online & In-Person Courses Taught:
 - ESL/EAS 1040 Grammar and Editing for non-native Speakers
 - ESL/EAS 1050 Composition for Non-native Speakers
 - ESL/EAS 1600 Teaching and Learning Across Cultures
 - ESL/EAS 3400 Arts Around the Globe
 - ESL/EAS 3600 Cross-Cultural Communication
 - ESL/EAS 4300 Advanced Pronunciation
 - ESL/EAS 6040 Spoken English for Graduate Students
 - ESL/EAS 6050 Advanced Spoken English for Graduate Students
 - LING 3500 Intro to English Grammar
 - LING 5813/6813 Practicum
- ◆ Related Accomplishments:
 - Provide classroom experience for undergraduates & graduates earning Certificates in TESOL or Master's Degree in Linguistics
 - Assess students in the International Teaching Assistant Program (ITAP) for oral proficiencies for scheduling needs
 - Frequently update methods to employ current technology
 - Consistently receive high student evaluations

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Teacher Trainer, "Jingqiao Global International Education Technology (Beijing) Company" **2019**

- Two 3-day intensive workshops providing teaching tips, materials, and methodology at Beijing High School Four (BHSF), a public beacon high school in Xicheng District, Beijing
- Same at The High School Affiliated to Beijing International Studies University

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ESL Instructor, Salt Lake Community College

1998 - 2011

- Taught ESL Pronunciation, Conversation, Vocabulary, Business English and Reading
- Taught TOEFL iBT classes to international and immigrant students
- Embraced Technology early on. In 2002, designed the program's first online ESL courses in Business English and Vocabulary

Coordinator, U.S. State Department funded program, SLCC

2010 - 2011

- Worked with the International Student Services director to develop cultural programs for participants in the U.S. Department of State's Community College Initiative (CCI) Leadership Program
- Provided project planning and implementations
- Interacted with community businesses and educational programs to develop internship opportunities for international students from Egypt, India, South Africa, and Ghana
- Provided administrative support to meet all programming needs including the budget

Community Coordinator, Program for Academic Exchange

2007 - 2011

- Coordinated the placement of U.S. Dept. of State high school foreign exchange student ambassadors into local schools and homes to promote a better understanding of the world
- Students came from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, West Bank, Saudi Arabia, Ghana, Morocco, Mexico, Spain, Italy, and Germany
- Conducted all interviews and inspections with potential host families, school officials and community leaders
- Acted as student advocate. Provided community service opportunities, community educational programs, and student enrichment opportunities
- Promoted the program through local news, community, Internet forums, and at public events to encourage new families to host and provide public awareness of the program
- Educated regarding community improvement through volunteerism, project organization, fundraising, and public relations activities

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Volunteer EFL Teacher, Chile's English Open Doors Program **2008**

- Taught for 3 months in Chilean schools
- Led an intensive 2-week English summer camp in Tocopilla, Chile
- Created communicative projects, coordinated presentations for the graduation ceremony
- Mentored instructors new to working with ESL students

ESL Instructor El Paso Community College **1995 - 1998**

- Taught bilingual adult learners at the Career Training Center, an open entry program to teach displaced workers marketable skills
- Instructed students re: pre-reading, skimming, highlighting and other reading strategies
- Developed Career Training Center's first online resources for bilingual students

San Elizario Middle School, Texas, ESL Teacher **1994 - 1995**

- Taught all levels of ESL, including two ESL reading classes
- Supervised ESL computer lab
- Regularly evaluated students' ESL levels for program exit purposes

Peace Corps, Agricultural Extension, Papua New Guinea **1989 - 1991**

- Received intensive intercultural and language training and lived two years immersed in a foreign culture. I had the unique experience of living with a pre-literate culture
- Created curriculum and taught Pidgin English, health, and numeracy skills to pre-literate students. Taught basic reading skills using self-created materials based on *Language Acquisition Made Practical* (LAMP) methods

CERTIFICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

- John N. Gardner Institute, "*The Humanity of Inclusive Practices: Keep Walking, Teaching, and Learning Academy Signature Course*," earned certificate **2021**
- "*Global Learning Across the Disciplines*," awarded grant, University of Utah Office of Global Engagement **2019**
- "*Building a Team and Building Yourself*" **2019**

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- workshop presentation at the University of Utah Women's Leadership conference
- Awarded Certificate of Appreciation by Peace Corps Director, Dr. Jody Olsen **2019**
- Attended 7 International TESOL Conferences **2002 – 2019**
- Presentation to volunteers at the International Rescue Committee **2018**
- Presentation for teenagers from Sudan for Utah Department of Refugee Services **2017**
- "Peace Corps: New Opportunities," Presentation at Intermountain TESOL, West Yellowstone **2015**
- "Cultural Values that Influence Interaction," paper co-presented with Karen Marsh Schaeffer at Intermountain TESOL **2015**
- Earned 3 semester hours of Nursing Geriatrics **2015**
- "Lesson Planning," 3 presentations to U of U teaching assistants **2013 – 2015**
- Awarded Certificate of Appreciation by Office of Citizen Exchanges, U.S. Department of State **2010**
- TESOL/Houghton Mifflin Award for "Dedication to Community College ESL Teaching" **2005**
- Elected to the Board of Intermountain TESOL **2004 – 2009**
- "Generation 1.5. Students Speak Out," presentation at International TESOL Conference **2002**
- Completed 6 semester hours of Upper Division English courses at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse **1992 - 1993**
- "Reading comprehension and second language acquisition," capstone project University of Texas at El Paso **1998**
- Earned Texas Public School Secondary English Certification with ESL Endorsement **1998**

SERVICE and INTERESTS

- Reviewed Textbook for Houghton Mifflin, New York, NY
- Worked 2 years at a community refugee program with Hmong people
- Volunteered with Utah's first Cohousing Community for 20 years
- Volunteered as coordinator for the Peace Corps Volunteer Association of Utah for 20 years
- Volunteered at Open Classroom K-8 Charter School for 15 years
- Volunteered with the SERVAS Peace Organization for 18 years.
- Volunteer board member with SABU Help providing educational opportunities for women in Ghana
- Learned Melanesian Pidgin English with native-like fluency in the

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- Peace Corps, have lived and taught in Papua New Guinea and Chile
- Hosted 6 international exchange students in our home over several years, from Korea, Ghana, Philippines, Iraq, England and Germany
- Have traveled to 21 foreign countries
- Studied abroad with the Student Project for Amity among Nations in Malaysia and Singapore, University of Minnesota
- Have minimal knowledge of Spanish, Hmong, Hagahai and Japanese