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EDUCATION

MA in Applied Second Language Acquisition
Carnegie Mellon University—Pittsburgh, PA
May 2016

BA in Music
Cleveland State University—Cleveland, OH
May 2010

CERTIFICATIONS

Speaking Examiner, International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
British Council—Bogota, Colombia
October 2018

Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
Cleveland State University—Cleveland, OH
July 2015

Cambridge Certificate of English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)
Berlin School of English—Berlin, Germany
June 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Southern Illinois University—Carbondale, IL—January 2022-Present

Full-time assistant lecturer in the Center for English as a Second Language (CESL). Teach both in-person and remote classes for students of varying proficiency levels and language backgrounds. Courses include: Foundation English 2, Advanced English 2, English for Academic Purposes 2, and Graduate Student English.

Universidad Tecnológica de la Mixteca—Huajuapán de León, Mexico—September 2019-July 2020

Full-time professor of English in the Centro de Idiomas and coordinator of PET levels (from February 2020). Classes focused primarily on academic writing and on preparation for Cambridge ESOL examinations (KET, PET, and FCE). Founded the Article Discussion Group for department members to share and develop their professional practices and remain aware of current research in the field. Also served as a member of the Community Outreach Group, which sought to provide opportunities for English practice and advancement to UTM students and faculty, as well as the general public of Huajuapán de León.

Andrews Osborne Academy—Willoughby, OH—August 2019

Collaborated closely with the camp director to design and pilot a curriculum for the school's inaugural two-week ESL camp for middle school students from China.

Universidad del Norte—Barranquilla, Colombia—July 2016-June 2019

Full-time professor of English and level coordinator in the English Language Program (from July 2018). Worked primarily with intermediate (CEFR: B1) to upper-intermediate (CEFR: B2) students who were preparing for the TOEFL Level 1 (TOEFL ITP) Exam and the Aptis Exam from the British Council. Curriculum focused heavily on intercultural communication, with an emphasis on building academic writing skills. Other general responsibilities included: developing level-wide assessments, conducting placement interviews, and serving on scholarship review committee.

Carnegie Mellon University—Pittsburgh, PA—September-December 2015

Teaching Assistant for freshman writing course (76-100 Reading and Writing in an Academic Context) which was comprised of international students. Assisted with essay revision and led class discussions.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (continued)

Berlitz Learning Center—Independence, OH—February 2012-August 2015

Worked with Berlitz proprietary materials, including specialized modules focusing on pronunciation, business English, and social situations. Students were typically employees of larger corporations (e.g. Goodyear, Sherwin Williams, Lubrizol), so detailed instruction in relation to their occupation was required.

Koriphey Gymnasia—Yekaterinburg, Russia—April 2012

Month-long stay as visiting instructor. Worked in collaboration with other teachers to build a new English language program for the school.

Nordic School—Valkeala, Finland—January 2012

Intensive English study during week-long "language camp." Responsible for student testing and placement, lesson plans, and directing a class play at the end of the camp.

Private English Tutoring—Cleveland, OH—January 2009-August 2015

Periodically aided various high school and college students in a freelance capacity. Activities included essay revision, vocabulary assistance, and cross-cultural education.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Instituto de Idiomas Conference Presentation Funding (\$350)
Universidad del Norte—September 2018

Instituto de Idiomas Conference Presentation Funding (\$600)
Universidad del Norte—May 2017

Department of Modern Languages Conference Funding (\$200)
Carnegie Mellon University—April 2016

Graduate Student MLA Convention Travel Grant (\$400)
Modern Language Association—January 2016

Graduate Student Assembly Conference Funding (\$500)
Carnegie Mellon University—December 2015

Department of Modern Languages Tuition Scholarship (\$19,500)
Carnegie Mellon University—August 2015-May 2016

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Using Film Studies to Build Productive Skills in the CLIL Classroom"
CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) Symposium—September 2018

"Using Collaborative, Student-Centered Activities to Increase Student Motivation During TOEFL ITP Preparation"
TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Colombia—May 2017

"Developing a Music Appreciation Course for Non-Native Speakers of English"
CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) Symposium—September 2016

"Teaching English as a Foreign Language Through Virtual Study Abroad" (poster)
Innovation With Impact—Carnegie Mellon Graduate Student Expo—April 2016

"Enhancing Student Engagement in the Language Classroom with the Makey Makey"
Northeast Association for Language Learning Technology (NEALLT)—March 2016

INTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

"Using Film Studies to Build Productive Skills in the CLIL Classroom"
Universidad del Norte, Instituto de Idiomas
Department meeting—November 2018

INTERNAL PRESENTATIONS (continued)

“Creative Uses of Technology in the Language Classroom”
Universidad del Norte, English for Schools (EFS) Program
Teachers’ Introductory Development Sessions—January 2018

“Supplementing Level 6 Material with Film Studies”
Universidad del Norte, English Language Program
Level meeting—January 2018

“Creating Video Materials for TOEFL/Aptis Test Preparation”
Universidad del Norte, Instituto de Idiomas
Department meeting—November 2017

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Member

Modern Language Association (MLA) Member

Future Faculty Program at Carnegie Mellon University
Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence and Educational Innovation

Cleveland Council on World Affairs Citizen Diplomat

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE ABROAD

Volunteer Fundraising Coordinator
The Haven Wolverhampton Domestic Violence Shelter
Wolverhampton, England
January 2011-April 2011

Study Abroad
The American Institute for Foreign Study
Salzburg, Austria
September 2008-December 2008

LANGUAGES

English: native

Spanish: intermediate

German: elementary