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EDUCATION

M.A.: Communications, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, anticipated May 2012
Concentration: Media Studies and Journalism

Thesis: “Tweeting from the Endzone: NFL Players and the Twitter Revolution.”
Committee: Orayb Najjar (chair), Sabryna Cornish, Kerry Ferris

M.A.: Linguistics and TESOL, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, [coursework toward degree]

B.G.S.: General Studies, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 1998
Minors: Japanese, German, History, Asian Studies, Political Science

TEACHING

Ball State University

ENFL 134: Speaking 2

English as a foreign language course for graduate students, emphasizing conversational speaking skills for everyday interaction in English.

ENFL 135: Listening 2

English as a foreign language course for graduate students, emphasizing intermediate listening skills in English.

ENFL 145: Listening 4

English as a foreign language course for graduate students, emphasizing high-intermediate listening skills in academic English contexts.

Elementary and Secondary Teaching Experience

Newcomer Academy at Shawnee – Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville, KY

Taught English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) for grades 6-8. Wrote, planned, and implemented county adopted ESOL and Language Arts curriculum. Oversaw IPT, CELLA, CATS assessments. Sophomore class sponsor, and student council faculty advisor.

Seminole County Public Schools, Sanford, FL

Taught ESOL at Jackson Heights Middle School (JHMS), grades 6-8, and at Lake Orienta Elementary School (LOES), grades K-5. Oversaw IPT, CELLA, Dibels, FCAT, & QPS assessments. At JHMS, taught both Language Arts and ESOL Development. At LOES, using inclusion model, rotated between 5th grade and kindergarten classes, also on school Reading Team teaching Intensive Reading for K-5.

American Language Academy, Lake Forest Academy, Chicago, IL

Taught high school ESL for international students during summer six-week sessions at Lake Forest Academy, including Grammar, Reading and Writing, and Speaking and Listening.

International Teaching Experience

TD English Academy, Gamagori, Japan

Taught English as a Second Language (ESL) for private academy in Gamagori, Japan. Over 200 children age 2-15 and 30 adults age 24-75 attended classes weekly.

Shin Sung High School Anyang, Seoul, Korea

Taught grade one English conversation for large elite Christian high school.

LCI Kids' Club Pangbae, Seoul, Korea

Taught morning and afternoon kindergarten and evening middle school classes.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Teaching Mentor, Intensive English Institute, Ball State University

Multicultural Ambassador Corps, Office of Admissions, Ball State University

Head English Teacher, TD English Academy

ESL Academic Program Coordinator, Highland Springs Language Camp, Cherry Valley, California

MEDIA & DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Chief Web Designer – Recreational Services Marketing & Promotions, Ball State University

Chief Reporter / OpEd Columnist and Cartoonist, Ball State Daily News, Ball State University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Let 'em Talk Until the Truth Flows’: Errol Morris and the Art of Silence.” Midwest Popular Culture Association Conference. Milwaukee, WI. October 2011.

“Anatomy of the Nuclear Meme.” Association of Internet Researchers Conference. Seattle, WA. October 2011.

“NFL Players and Twitter: How Do They Use it and What Does it Mean?” Association of Internet Researchers Conference. Gothenburg, Sweden. October 2010.

“Use and Meaning in Korean Color Terms: A Contrastive Approach.” Practical Criticism Midwest XVII. Muncie, IN February 2006.

“GoldenEye and Goldfingers: The Sexual Innuendo Of James Bond.” Practical Criticism Midwest XV. Muncie, IN. February 2004.

"An Analysis of Laugh, Chortle, Guffaw, Chuckle, Giggle, and Snicker." Practical Criticism Midwest XIII. February 2003.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate College Travel Grant Award
Northern Illinois University, 2010, 2011

Study Abroad Scholarship
Northern Illinois University, 2011

Indiana Collegiate Press Association Best Editorial Cartoon 1996

Community Service Award Motivate Our Minds Tutoring Enrichment Program 1997

SERVICE

Social Media Chair, Midwest Popular Culture Association, 2011-present

Practical Criticism Midwest, Conference Organizing Committee Chair, Ball State University, 2003-2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Internet Researchers

Midwest Popular Culture Association