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HONORS AND AWARDS

English Language Fellow Program Alumni Impact Award, United States Department of State, 2019
Outstanding Achievement Award, Maine Department of Education, 2019

CERTIFICATIONS

Assistant Building Administrator (045), Maine Department of Education, 2023-present
SIOP Certified Trainer - Level 3, Center for Applied Linguistics, October 2024
Professional Interpreter in Education Certificate (French & Portuguese), University of Georgia, September 2025

EDUCATION

M.A., TESOL, G.P.A. 4.0 May 2009
University of Central Florida, Orlando
Recipient of Graduate Merit Fellowship

B.A., German and French (Minor, Philosophy) G.P.A. 3.81 May 2005
University of Maine, Orono
Recipient of Edward R. Reid Scholarship

Study Abroad Fall 2003-Spring 2004
University of Salzburg, Austria

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Egyptian Arabic - intermediate
English - primary language
French - superior (certified)
German - advanced
Portuguese - advanced-mid (certified)
Spanish - intermediate

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

The Language Table, Portland (Vice Chair) November 2025 to Present
Educators for a Multilingual Maine July 2017-July 2024

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Multilingual Programs

January 2023-Present

South Portland School Department

- Oversees all aspects of the district program for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Supervises and evaluates ESOL teachers, ESOL program coordinator, multilingual specialists (interpreters/cultural brokers), and administrative assistant
- Led the development of the district Multilingual Learner Master Plan, a comprehensive strategic plan for improvement of our educational programs and family engagement
- Provides professional learning related to multilingual learners and their families to all staff
- Advocates for multilingual learners and their families in district- and building-level decision making
- Coordinates district Lau Plan, Language Access Plan, and other guidance for school staff
- Supports World Languages programming & the coordinates the Seal of Biliteracy
- Supports partnerships between district and community organizations and agencies
- Coordinated summer programming for middle and high school multilingual learners
- Manages local and federal funding for multilingual learners
- Member of district Budget Council
- Member of Maine Department of Education Multilingual Learner Advisory Council
- McKinney-Vento Liaison (starting July 2025)
- Co-led district Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging Committee
- Co-led district Family Engagement Committee

Director of ESOL/Bilingual Programs & Title III

December 2017-January 2023

Maine Department of Education

- Provided support to districts in understanding and implementing federal and state policies
- Coordinated the federal ESEA Title III grant to improve the education of English learners
- Served as ESEA federal funding regional coordinator for Cumberland County
- Collaborated with World Languages Specialist on language/bilingual education initiatives
- Served a secondary role as the World Languages Specialist for one year
- Collaborated with WIDA Assessment Coordinator regarding Department policies
- Served on the board of the Educators for a Multilingual Maine (formerly FLAME)
- Facilitated the Multilingual Learner Advisory Council
- Supervised ESOL Consultant positions
- Maintained an ESOL resource and policy guide for Maine educators
- Advised teams across the Department to ensure equity for English learners in all policies, programs, and activities
- Co-led Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Team
- Provided technical assistance and training to educators
- Led the development and implementation of the Maine Seal of Biliteracy
- Coordinated professional learning opportunities across the state and online
- Utilized student data to inform state-level policy decisions
- Assisted in developing Maine's Model of School Support, including the Progress in English Language Proficiency Indicator
- Collaborated with SupportEd to develop a SLIFE screening assessment for statewide use
- Participated in annual WIDA Board meeting and item review

ESOL Consultant

March 2017-December 2017

Maine Department of Education

- Collected extensive stakeholder input regarding English learner identification and exit policies
- Drafted a report detailing stakeholder input and proposing recommendations
- Revised identification and exit procedures, including the creation of a new Language Use Survey to be used statewide
- Provided technical assistance and training to educators

Teacher Trainer and English Teacher

September 2013-July 2015

AMIDEAST at Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt (U.S. State Department and AMIDEAST Grant)

- Conducted an induction and training program for new teachers
- Led professional learning workshops on teaching methodology and academic English skills
- Taught an intermediate level English course for graduate junior faculty members

English Language Fellow

September 2012-December 2012

American Legation & American Language Center, Tangier, Morocco (U.S. State Department Fellowship)

- Developed and implemented a curriculum for adult women in a literacy program
- Led supplementary speaking practice sessions for teenagers and adults
- Facilitated teacher-training webinars

English Teacher

August 2011-June 2012

Foxcroft Academy, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine

- Taught English to both native- and non-native English speaking high school students
- Developed and implemented a curriculum based on state standards
- Supervised international students in a residential program as a dorm parent
- Conducted SAT Preparation Course for international students

English Teacher

March 2011-July 2011

Intensive English Institute, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

- Taught ESOL courses using the Focal Skills method
- Co-conducted a 20-hour TEFL Certificate Program

English Language Fellow

August 2010-March 2011

Academy of Graduate Studies, Tripoli, Libya (U.S. State Department Fellowship)

- Taught courses in linguistics, teaching methodology, and academic writing to graduate students
- Developed and conducted extracurricular activities
- Collaborated with major universities across Libya in an effort to improve English curriculum nationwide

English Teacher

April 2009-July 2010

English Language Services (Berlitz) at Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida

- Taught classes in general English, American culture, research skills, and TOEFL preparation to university-bound international students
- Followed a structured curriculum, as well as developed supplementary materials, activities, and assessments to promote fluency and academic skills
- Implemented experiential learning through field trips and interaction with native speakers
- Evaluated new students for placement
- Proctored the TOEFL as a Certified Test Administrator

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Spring 2009

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, University of Central Florida, Orlando

- Assisted in teaching an undergraduate elective course on English as an International Language, including topics in grammar for ESOL and issues in teaching abroad
- Facilitated a weekly conversation exchange between ESOL students and undergraduate native-speakers
- Designed and graded assessments

Graduate Research Assistant

Spring 2009

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, University of Central Florida, Orlando

- Collected, organized, and analyzed data concerning the attitudes of pre-service teachers regarding ESOL students and language acquisition

Graduate Teaching Associate

Fall 2008-Spring 2009

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, University of Central Florida, Orlando

- Independently taught a course titled Issues in Second Language Acquisition to undergraduate Elementary Education majors seeking ESOL endorsement
- Presented topics in first and second language acquisition, applied linguistics, sociolinguistics, and issues in TESOL
- Supervised a 15-hour service learning experience

Education and Outreach Specialist

August 2007-August 2009

Project Response HIV Center, Melbourne, Florida

- Coordinated a county-wide HIV/AIDS education and testing program
- Conducted presentations and trainings for community organizations and social service professionals
- Developed programs appropriate for various ages and settings
- Administered rapid HIV testing, including pre- and post-test counseling

English Teacher - Volunteer

June 2008-August 2008

Action for Rural Rejuvenation: Isha Vidhya (non-profit school), Coimbatore, India

- Conducted small group activities with elementary students to increase oral proficiency in English
- Provided teacher training on effective storytelling activities

Zookeeper

November 2005-July 2007

East Coast Zoological Society, Melbourne, Florida

- Provided feeding, medication administration, health monitoring, and daily enrichment to animals of the Central and South American rainforests and Africa, including primates, birds, jaguars, giraffes, and rhinoceroses
- Conducted educational presentations for the public on various animal species