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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Luther College, Decorah, IA May
2022

Major: French
Minor: Spanish, Linguistics

Diplôme D'Université, Grenoble, France January
2022

Concentration: French Culture and Language Studies

University South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina August 2023
Linguistic Anthropology Master's Student

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant 2020 -
2022 **Luther College Language Learning Center**, Decorah, IA

- Tailored curriculum to assist students in developing grammar, vocabulary, oral and auditory skills
- Assisted students in improving academic achievement
- Clarified ambiguous concepts, reviewed, and edited students' projects
- Worked alongside professors providing feedback and room for improvement of assignments based on student performance

Class Ambassador Fall 2021
Centre Universitaire d'Etudes Françaises, Grenoble, France

- Communicated level international students' academic needs and student success in the B1 level classrooms
- Maintain strong relationships with all classmates
- Maneuvering language barriers between myself and other classmates
- Attending monthly meetings discussing how the University can support international students

English Language Tutor Fall
2021 **Self Employed**, Grenoble, France

- Collaborated with students and parents to determine students' needs, development plans, and, progress
- Planned and prepared material adjusting to each student's age and needs
- Created an engaging and entertaining learning environment to encourage English language use
- Provided language feedback based on second language acquisition research

Front of House Lead August 2022 - August
2023 **Big Grove Brewery**, Des Moines, Iowa

- Lead training for new front-of-house employees
- Maintained a professional and friendly attitude with coworkers and restaurant patrons
- Communicated between management methods to improve employee and guest experience
- Ensured teamwork between employees in high-stress environments

English Elementary Language Teacher January 2023 - June 2023
Colegio Dominicano, Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic

- Developed ELL lesson plans
- Participated in reflection meetings
- Managed behavior inside and outside the classroom

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2023 - Present

Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia Campus

- Deliver a range of teaching and assessment activities including tutorials directed towards the delivery of subjects at the undergraduate level
- Engaged in professional development as appropriate and regularly updated subject-related knowledge base
- Participate in the assessment process using a variety of methods and techniques and provide practical, timely, and appropriate feedback to students to support their learning

ACADEMIC HONORS

Phi Sigma Iota (2022)

Finished Universite Grenoble Alpes with an honorable mention (*mention assez bien*) for academics (2021)

Fulbright semi-finalist, Mexico (2022)

Luther College Dean's List, named five out of seven semesters

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Linguistic Anthropology
- Transnational migration
- Indigenous social movements
- Indigenous, Creole and, Minority languages
- Language documentation and revitalization
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Francophone Studies
- Languages status and rights

PUBLICATIONS

Exploring the role of personality traits in second language speech perception

Hutchinson, Amy & Rodriguez, Sophia & Dmitrieva, Olga. (2021). Exploring the role of personality traits in second language speech perception. *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*. 150. A43-A44. 10.1121/10.0007569.

RESEARCH

The Use of Media in Language Revitalization and Maintenance for Non-Dominant Languages

Completed under Luther College requirements for completing the Linguistics minor
2022 May

La Paradoxe de la migration haïtienne dans République Dominicaine,

Completed under Luther College requirements for completing the French major
2022 May

LANGUAGE SKILLS

ENGLISH, Native speaker

SPANISH, Highly advanced proficiency

FRENCH, Advanced proficiency