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EDUCATION

- 2006-07 **Weber State University, M.Ed., 2007, Curriculum and Instruction.**
GPA 3.99. Credit hours: 39
- 2000-04/
1997-98 **Weber State University, double B.A., 2004, Anthropology and Elementary
Education.** Minors: Spanish and ESL. GPA 3.99. Credit hours: 219

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2007 Graduate School of Education valedictory address
2004 Graduated Summa Cum Laude
2002-03 Education Professors' Honor Roll
2000-04 Dean's List
2000-04 High Honor Roll

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2014-15 UC Irvine Social Science Non-Resident Full-Tuition Fellowship
2004-05 Fulbright Teaching Assistantship Grant, Taiwan
2001-03 Abrelia Hinckley Scholarship
2000-04 Weber State University Institution Full-Tuition Scholarship

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2009 U.S. Department of Defense Educational Activity Educator Certificate:
Grades 1-8 elementary teacher and language immersion, 1-12 Spanish and ESL
2007 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Advanced-High Oral
Spanish Certificate
2004 State of Utah, Elementary Education and ESL Licensure
2002 Archeological Technician Certificate

LANGUAGES

- 2009 **Japanese.** Intermediate-high.
2008 **Turkish.** Novice-high.
2004 **Mandarin Chinese.** Intermediate.
1998 **Spanish.** Advanced-high.
native **English.**

RESEARCH

Reports

- 2014 *DoDEA Pacific, Far East LinguaFest.* After action report, 24 pages. Designed and coordinated instruction, excursion venues and data evaluation for a week long language immersion simulation event hosted in Okinawa for 82 Department of Defense dependent high school students traveling from Korea, Japan and Guam.
- 2007 *First Language Attrition in the Spanish Speaking Community: a Cultural and Educational Perspective.* Master's Thesis, 255 pages. Ethnographic study of four Latino immigrant families living in Ogden, Utah, exploring how language loss affects cultural belonging and educational success.
- 2001 *Site Report: Willard Bay, Utah's Prehistoric Surface Collection.* Publishable, 40-page archaeological lab analysis of Shoshone pot sherds and lithics salvaged before the flooding of Willard Bay.

Conference Presentations

- 2002 *Creencias Gitanas.* Paper presented in Spanish to participants of Weber State University's Study Abroad Spain program at Tarragona. Research included email correspondences, ethnographic observations, and one-on-one interviews with modern Gypsies living in Barcelona and around the world.
- 2002 *Labor vs. Leisure: Acculturation through Reading Primers.* Paper presented at the Anthropology Research Conference at Weber State University. Research included a statistical analysis of children's reading primers by assigning numerical designations to cultural values displayed in image and print.

Field Schools

- 2001 **Weber State University, Field School in Southern Idaho. Volunteer.** Skill focus: excavation of Paleo-Indian middens in the Shoshone cultural area.
- 1998 **Weber State University, Field School in Eastern Nevada. Student.** Skill focus: excavation, survey, and mapping of historic pronghorn hunting drives in the Paiute cultural area.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program coordinator appointments

- 2013-2014 **Department of Defense Education Activity, Pacific Area Director's Office, Okinawa, Japan. World Language and ESL Instructional Support Specialist.** Coordinate, evaluate, and oversee foreign language and ESL curriculum, instruction, and assessment across fifty DoDEA schools comprising four school districts: Korea, mainland Japan, Okinawa, and Guam.

Licensed educator appointments

- 2011-2013 **Department of Defense Education Activity, The Sullivans School, Yokosuka, Japan. ESL specialist, 1st grade.** Identify, evaluate, and service predominantly Japanese, Tagalog, and Spanish speaking English language learners affiliated with U.S. Naval Base Yokosuka.

- 2011-2013 **University of Phoenix, Yokosuka, Japan Campus. Adjunct instructor, Master of Education program.** Courses: “Models, Theories, and Instructional Strategies,” and “Structured English Immersion.”
- 2009-2011 **Department of Defense Education Activity, The Sullivans School, Yokosuka, Japan. Partial Spanish Immersion Homeroom Teacher, 5th grade.** Taught language arts, writing, math, science, and social studies using Spanish during 50% of instruction to linguistically and ethnically diverse U.S. nationals.
- 2008- 09 **Koç Elementary School, Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey. Math and Science teacher, 4th/5th grade.** Used English as the language of instruction to teach math and science lab courses to four cohorts of native Turkish speaking students at a prestigious private school. Organized a science fair.
- 2007-08 **Ogden City School District, Odyssey Elementary, Utah. Homeroom Teacher, 4th grade.** Taught language arts, writing, math, science, social studies, art, and P.E. to predominantly Latino(a) English language learners at a new, state-of-the-art aerospace magnet school.
- 2005-07 **Ogden City School District, Edison Elementary, Utah. Homeroom Teacher, 4th grade.** Taught language arts, writing, math, science, social studies, music, art, and P.E. to predominantly Latino(a) English language learners (school closed in 2007).
- 2004-05 **Fulbright Foundation for Scholarly Exchange, Song Lou Elementary Schools, Yi-Lan County, Taiwan. English as a Foreign Language Teacher, 1st-6th grades.** Team taught with a native Taiwanese educator at 3 different campuses in remote, Atayal-speaking aboriginal villages. Lectured on U.S. public education. Produced portfolios and reports for presentation at the Fulbright Foundation in Taipei.

Research appointments

- Summer 2004 **Sagebrush Consultants, Ogden, Utah. Archeological Technician.** Surveyed Sailor Creek Range, Idaho for cultural activity with a team of seven other scientists. Discovered dozens of lithic scatters ranging from 7000 B.C. to 1200 A.D. Recorded such activity using photography, sketching, field-notes, and mapping.
- Summer 2002 **National Park Service, Lake Clark National Park, Alaska. Archeological Technician.** Discovered 19 prehistoric sites in the remote Dena’ina cultural area with a team of 3 other scientists. Documented sites using photography, sketching, field-notes, mapping, and test excavations.

Unlicensed educator positions

- Summer 2003 **Davis County Migrant Program, Layton, Utah. ESL Instructor, 7th-9th grade.** Taught American young-adult literature and culture to a cohort of Spanish speakers representing mixed ages and ability levels.
- 2002-04 **Even Start, Clearfield, Utah. Adult ESL Instructor.** Taught essay writing for the GED (part-time).

- 2002-04 **Wasatch and America Reads, Davis and Weber Counties, Utah. Reading Tutor, Kindergarten-6th grade.** Tutored students one-on-one during school hours (part-time).
- 2001-03 **Weber State University, Student Support Services, Ogden, Utah. College Spanish/English Tutor.** As a licensed university tutor, worked one-on-one with college students (part-time).
- 2001-03 **Rise Incorporated, Ogden, Utah. Mentor/Advisor of Disabled Youth.** Organized activities, provided escorts, and facilitated group-home functionality for youth with severe behavioral and physical disabilities (part-time).
- Summer 2001 **Upward Bound, Ogden, Utah. Spanish Instructor, 9th-12th grade.** Taught Spanish to a cohort of native to novice Spanish speakers of mixed ages. Supervised summer camp activities.

Bilingual support positions

- 2006-07 **Talk-2 Incorporated, Salt Lake City, Utah. Spanish Interpreter.** Interpreted telephone conversations between medical professionals and patients (part-time).
- 2001 **Weststaff Staffing Services, Ogden, Utah. Hispanic Services Representative.** Processed and hired Spanish-speakers (part-time).

SERVICE

Department of Defense Education Activity, The Sullivans School, Yokosuka Japan

- 2013 Member, ESL Technical Evaluation Team. Domestic HQ, Georgia, U.S.
 2013 Instructor, High school Spanish Immersion, LinguaFest, Okinawa, Japan
 2012 Advisor, Spanish Club
 2011 Chair, Spanish Immersion Team
 2010 Co-Chair, Science Fair Committee
 2009-2011 Organizer/Master of Ceremonies, Hispanic Heritage Extravaganza

Ogden City School District, Edison and Odyssey Elementary Schools, Utah

- 2007 District Representative, Space Camp for Educators, Huntsville, Alabama
 2007 Member, Utah Behavior Initiative
 2006 Member, ESL Assessment Committee
 2005 Member/Trainer, ESL Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol Team

Community

- 2014-present President, Japanese Youth Organization, LDS Church, Okinawa, Japan
 2011 Post-tsunami Reconstruction Aid, three weekend trips, Sendai, Japan
 2010-2013 Instructor, Adult English Conversation Class, Yokosuka, Japan
 2006-08 Leader, BSA Venture Scout, Hispanic Troop, Ogden, Utah
 2005-08 Spanish/English Simultaneous Interpreter, LDS Church, Ogden, Utah
 2004-05 Instructor, Adult English Conversation Class, Song Lou, Taiwan
 1998-2000 Self-financed Humanitarian Missionary, LDS Church, La Paz, Bolivia

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2013-present Latin American Studies Association
2013-present TESOL International Association
2007-08 Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society
2004-05 Golden Key National Honors Society
2003-04 Intermountain TESOL

PUBLICATIONS

Newspaper and Magazine Articles

- 2012 “The Smells.” *Stars and Stripes Kanto. Special Issue: Reflections on the Great East Japan Earthquake*, March 9, 6-7.
(*Stars and Stripes Kanto* is a daily newspaper published for U.S. Military bases in the Kanto Plains region of Japan)
- 2012 “The Last Word: Getting Off Base.” *Metropolis*, September 28-October 11, 42.
(*Metropolis*, a biweekly publication, is Japan’s leading English magazine)

CITIZENSHIP

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REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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