
EDUCATION

Washington State University, Pullman WA December, 1986
M.A. in English: Teaching English as a Second Language

Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA May, 1983
B.A. in English Literature

INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION

English Language Center (ELC)
Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA

ESL, MA/TESOL and Global Bridge, Lecturer 2006 – Present, 1990 - 1995

Senior Lecturer, 2015 – present; Lecturer, 2007 – 2015; Instructor, 2006 – 2007; Adjunct Instructor 2004-2005;
Instructor, 1994 – 1995, & 1990 – 1991

Design, revise, teach ESL, Global Bridge (GB) and Master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MTSL) courses (see courses taught below); advise ESL and MTSL students; supervise and mentor graduate students in practica and pre-practica; serve on committees to develop and contribute to the smooth running of the ELC programs; represent and advocate for the ELC and multilingual students at the University.

ELC Department Chair **AY 2015-16; Summer, 2014, AY 2012 – 2012**

ELC Faculty Coordinator **Fall 2014; AY 2009 – 2010**

Provide orientation and support for new ESL adjuncts; observe & mentor all adjunct faculty; oversee MTSL GAs in the ESL Tutoring Center; fill in for and support the ELC Department Chair as needed

Design and Teach in Gonzaga-Seikei University Summer Program **1991, 1992, 1995**

I assisted in the development of Gonzaga's first Summer English Language Program (SELP) and co-taught an integrated language and culture curriculum to students on a one-month exchange from SeiKei University in Tokyo, Japan.

Gonzaga University Teaching History

- ELCT Levels 1 – 5, all skills
- ELCT 121: Multilingual Student Writing, Fall 2016, 2017
- MTSL 291: Language and Culture in Zambezi, Zambia, FLSA Summer 2016 in Zambia
- MTSL Certificate in Methods and Practice of Language Teaching at Javeriana University, Cali, Colombia, July 2016
- MTSL 509: Writing for International Graduate Students, Fall 2013, 2016
- MTSL 408/508: Second Language Acquisition, 2007 – 2011, 2015

- MTSL 680: Professional Seminar, Fall 2014
- MTSL 604: Master's Research Project (Portfolio Group), AY 2013-14
- MTSL 570: History of the English Language, Summer 2012, (independent study in 2014)
- MTSL Certificate in Methods and Practice of Language Teaching for K-12 Teachers in Colombia, July 2010
- MTSL 690: Directed Study Curriculum Development, Fall 2009
- MTSL 401/501: Summer Institute, July 2008

Mukogawa - Fort Wright Institute

Spokane, WA

Full-Time English Language Instructor

1991-1993

Designed and taught Reading, Writing, Conversation and American Studies to students from Mukogawa Women's University during their semester study abroad program in Spokane, WA.

Course Development and Instructor for Food Sciences Program

March 1996 & 1997

Developed and taught a one week, intensive English course for food science students visiting Spokane from Mukogawa Women's University in Japan

I.T.S. Langues,

Paris, France

Head of English as a Foreign Language

Sept 1987 – Aug 1989

Developed an English Language curriculum compatible with the educational philosophy of the directors, whose primary focus was teaching North & South American languages and cultures; assisted in hiring, mentoring and supervising English instructors from Great Britain, the U.S., Australia, and Cuba; coordinated with the head teachers of Portuguese, Spanish, and Quechuan to insure uniformity within the program; prepared pedagogic portions of bids for prospective clients.

English Language Teacher

March 1987 – August 1989

Taught English for Specific Purposes (ESP) to diverse students, including doctors, engineers, bankers and civil servants

English Language Training

Paris, France

Part time Instructor

March 1987 – June 1988

Taught individual and group lessons to professionals in theater, film and television industry

I.FO.CO.P

Paris, France

Part time Instructor

March 1987 – Aug 1987

Washington State University
Pullman, Washington

Teaching Assistant

Sept 1985 – Dec 1986

ENG 101: English Composition, 1 semester
ENG 104: ESL Grammar and Writing, 2 semesters
ENG 106: ESL Conversation, 2 semesters
University Writing Lab Tutor

Intensive American Language Center

Pullman, Washington

Internship

Spring, 1986

Member of Adjunct Pool

Jan – Dec 1986

Related Professional Experience

Cambridge First Certificate Tutor,

Spring 2013

Heinemann International ELT Division

Free-lance editorial consultant for Reward/Move Up Series

1996 & 1997

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Presentations

Akins J. & Sevedge, J. (2016). *Bringing Multilingual Students into the Academic Life of the University*. English USA Professional Development Conference. Monterey, CA.

Akins, J. (2014). *Baby Steps: Or Stumbling Toward Incorporating Outside Sources in Writing*. WAESOL (Washington Association of Educators of Speakers of Other Languages) Conference. Des Moines, WA.

Akins, J. (2014) *Baby Steps: Or Stumbling Toward Incorporating Outside Sources in Writing*. Gonzaga University First Friday Forum & Taste of TESOL. Spokane, WA.

Akins, J. (2014). *Developing a Rubric for Reflective Writing*. Gonzaga University First Friday Forum. Spokane, WA.

Akins, J. & Arciszewska-Russo, B. (2014). *The Spelling/ Reading Connection: Focus on Arabic-Speaking Adult ELLs*. Spokane Regional Conference. Spokane, WA.

Akins, J. (2012). *Jesuit Commons: Higher Education in the Margins - ESL in Dzaleka, Malawi*. Gonzaga University First Friday Forum. Spokane, WA.

Akins, J. & Sevedge, J. (2012). *Making the Moves: Using Templates in Academic Writing*. Spokane Regional Conference. Spokane, WA.

Akins, J & Sevedge, J. (2011). Panel member - *The Role of ESL at Jesuit Universities in the US*. Mid-TESOL. St Louis, MO.

Akins, J. (2008). *It's Just Grammar*. Spokane Regional Conference. Spokane, WA.

Professional Memberships

- TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), intermittent 1990 to present
- SIETAR USA (Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research), 2011
- AAAL (American Association of Applied Linguistics), 2014
- WAESOL (Washington Association of Educators of Speakers of Other Languages), intermittent 1990 to present

ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP

University Appointments

- Academic Council elected representative: AY 2016 – 2019
- Academic Council Graduate School Sub-committee: AY 2016 – 2019
- MA/TESOL Transition to School of Education, Task Force: Fall 2016 – present
- FLSA faculty field assistant & course development in Zambezi, Zambia: Summer 2015
- CTA Advisory Board member: AY 2014-15
- Gonzaga Faculty Senate: AY 2009 – 2012
- Faculty Senate Subcommittee on Faculty Compensation: Spring 2012
- Gonzaga Ad hoc Committee on Diversity: Spring 2010

Community and University Engagement

- UMEC Leads Mentor: AY 2016-2017
- Meeting with the Writing Center tutors: Fall 2016
- Jesuit Commons: Higher Education in the Margins (JC:HEM) Academic Advisor for TESL Community Learning Track (CLT): Spring 2012
- JC:HEM essay reader: 2011, 2012
- Gonzaga Conversations on the CORE: Spring 2009

ELC/CGE Service

- Council on English Accreditation (CEA) Coordinator, June 2017 - present
- Hiring Committee: ELC Director, Fall 2017
- ELC Global Bridge Program Development: Spring 2014 – present
- ELC Department Chair: 2010-2012: Summer 2014, AY 2015-2016
- CGE Activities Committee: AY 2015-16
- CGE Diversity Scholarship Committee: Spring 2016

- ELC Faculty Coordinator: AY 2009 – 2010: Fall 2014
- Hiring Committee: ISSS Student Advisor: Spring 2014
- Guest Speaker on History of English Language in MTSL Sociolinguistics: Fall 2014, 2013
- Gonzaga UCIEP Membership Application Committee: Spring 2013
- Hiring Committee: ELC Full-time Faculty, Spring 2012
- Hiring Committee: ISSS Student Advisor and Recruiter, 2011
- Interview Committee: CGE Interim Director Appointment, 2010
- ELC Accreditation (CEA) Faculty & Student Achievement Committees: 2006-7 and 2012
- ELC Accreditation Assessment Committee: 2008-2009
- MA/TESOL Mock Interviewer
- MA/TESOL Thesis Committee
- MA/TESOL Portfolios, 2nd reader