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## EDUCATION

2007 Hardin-Simmons University, Logsdon School of Theology Abilene, TX

MA, Religion (Theology, Cultural Studies)

2002 Baylor University Waco, TX

BA, University Scholar (Languages, Theater)

## LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

2010 BEI Advanced Interpreter Certification

2009 BEI Basic Interpreter Certification

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012 - present Baylor University Waco, TX

Full-Time Lecturer, CSD

Promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2019

Courses taught:

* CSD 1405 American Sign Language I
* CSD 1406 American Sign Language II
* CSD 2301 American Sign Language III
* CSD 2302 American Sign Language IV
* CSD 3311 American Sign Language V
* CSD 3312 Deaf Culture
* CSD 4322 ASL English Interpreting I
* CSD 4323 ASL English Interpreting II
* HON 3101 Honors Advanced Readings and Research
* HON 4V87 Honors Thesis

2011 - 2012 McLennan Community College Waco, TX

Adjunct Instructor, Interpreter Training

Courses taught:

* Visual Gestural Communication
* Interpreting II
* Fingerspelling and Numbering
* Interpreting Internship Instructor and Mentor

2009 - 2012 Texas State Technical College Waco, TX

Full time staff interpreter

2008 Sorenson Communications Austin, TX

Video Relay Interpreter

2007 - 2008 National Theatre of the Deaf Hartford, CT

Children’s theatre company member

ASL Workshop presenter for students and adults

2002 - 2003 Texas School for the Deaf Austin, TX

Teacher’s Aide for Parent-Infant program

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

* Robbins College Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Belonging 2022-present
* CSD Undergraduate Initiatives committee (current chair) 2022-present
* Committee member for Honors Thesis—Kyleah Druhan Spring 2023
* Committee member for Honors Thesis—Camille Watson Spring 2022
* Workshop Presenter—ASL Visual Language Tools March 2019
* Mentor for Honors Thesis—Ashley Marino 2014-2016
* Mentor for Honors Thesis—Amelia Baumgartner 2016-2018
* Mentor for Honors Thesis—Justin Potter 2016-2018
* Guest Lecturer—CSD 3310 Principles of Interpreting Fall 2018
* Guest Lecturer—CSD 4368 Intro to Aural Rehab 2018-present
* Workshop Presenter—Baylor ASL Club Fall 2017
* Guest Lecturer—CSD 5304 Advanced Aural Rehabilitation July 2016
* Collaborated with colleagues to develop new courses for ASL Minor 2019-2021
* Development of course applications for CAS and RCHHS distribution lists July 2018
* CSD Diversity and Equity Committee 2021-present
* Deaf Education Advisory Committee 2014-2020
* SACS Deaf Education Committee 2014-2020
* Coordinator for Baylor-TSD Pen Pal program for all ASL III and IV students 2014-2017
* Development of course curriculum and materials for ASL program

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf

Board Member and Local Chapter Representative 2010 - 2014

Heart of Texas Interpreters for the Deaf

Board President 2010 – 2014

Board Secretary 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

* Perspectives of Hearing academia to Sign Language and Deaf Culture
  + Education and Research in the field of deafness
  + ASL Language Equivalency in Higher Education
* Religion and the Deaf World
  + Theology and Culture
  + Liberation Theology and the Deaf minority
  + The Church and Deaf people
* Third Culture Kids / Global Nomads
  + Enculturation
  + The third culture journey into adulthood
  + Third culture kids and CODAs (children of Deaf adults)—similar experiences
  + Third culture college students—repatriation, assimilation, adjustment

2007 “The Deaf Christ: A Liberation Christology for the Deaf World” Master’s Thesis

Hardin-Simmons University, Logsdon School of Theology

Workshop development interests:

* Visual Language Tools in ASL—presented in March 2019
* The role of Role Shifting in ASL—workshop for interpreters and students
* The use of personification in ASL interpreting—workshop for interpreters and students

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

* Volunteer Interpreter for CSD Graduation 2013-present
* Faculty advisor for Baylor student organization—Baylor TCKs 2016-2020
* TCK coordinator for International Student Orientation and Global Bears Week 2017-2018
* Volunteer at Waco Civic Theatre (directing, acting, building costumes, 1998-present

set building, creating props and puppets, fundraisers, etc.)

* Volunteer at Relay for Life—American Cancer Association 2013-2016