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| Certifications | **Initial,** CT: Deaf and Hard of Hearing, English 7-12 MA: Hearing and Speech Disorders **Professional,** NY: Deaf and Hard of Hearing, English 7-12, Theatre |
| Languages | **Native:** English, American Sign Language, Universal Sign**Conversational:** Spanish, British Sign Language, Arabic Sign Language**Instructional Modalities/Tools:** Spoken English, American Sign Language, Signed English, Visual Phonics, Auditory-Oral Therapy, Boardmaker Software |
| Academic History | Columbia UniversityJan 2009 to Present* Ph.D. Candidate, Physical Disabilities: Deaf and Hard of Hearing
* Research Examples:
	+ “The Effects of an In-Service Training on Needs and Strengths of Deaf and

Hard of Hearing (DHH) Students in the Mainstream Setting on theSelf-Efficacy of Teachers.” *–Hickson HBSE6001** + “Graphic Adaptation and Essay Construction: Does Structure Impact Function?” –*Dudek HBSE6003*
	+ “Human Freedom and the Deaf Experience” – *Varenne ITSF5003*
	+ “Clinical and Cultural Resources: Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Services” *Kretschmer HBSE5901*
	+ “A First Language: Whose Choice is it? Disability Politics, Sign Language and the Deaf Experience” *Riehl EDPA4050*
	+ “Online Learning and Deaf Education”- *Lowe MTSU4050*
	+ “Social Cognition, Media and Critical Theory: Literacy and Development”- *Singer-Dudek HBSE6010*

Smith College May 2007* M.E.D. Deaf Education
* Research: *“Sign and Speech: Origins and Evolution”*

**Northeastern University** June 2003* B.A. English, Theatre
* Research: *“American Sign Language and The Rights of the Deaf Child”*
* Deaf Club President
* ASL Department Clerk, Lab Assistant and Tutor
* Dean’s List
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| Employment | **Teachers College, Columbia University-** 2014-present **Instructor*** ASL I and II

**New Milford Adult Education Program**- 2013- present **ASL Instructor*** Course design and Implementation
* Levels 1-2 ASL

**A Common Ground Danbury**- 2012-present **ASL Instructor** **New Milford Public Schools**- 2012-present **Teacher of the Deaf*** Case Management and Advocacy
* Push-in/Push-out Instruction
* Assessment and Report
* After-school Program Development

**PACES at the American School for the Deaf-** 2012-present **Summer Teacher*** Intensive Needs Classroom Teacher
* Adaptation- Multimedia
* Functional Academics
* Assessment and Report

**New York School for the Deaf-** 2009-2011-**Teacher** * High School English- REGENTS Preparation
* Multimedia Journalism: Photoshop, iMovie, Final Cut Pro
* IEP Direct, PowerSchool, Smartboard
* Trainings: ABA, Differentiated Instruction, ELA for the bilingual learner

**Walden School at The Learning Center -** 2004-2009- **Teacher*** Intensive Needs Classroom Teacher
* Interdisciplinary Team- Curriculum Development and Summer Programming
* Drama Program Director
* Lead Child Care Worker
* Professional Assault Resistance Training Certificate
* Trainings: Autism, ELA and Reading for the bilingual learner

**Clarke School** 2006-2007- **Dorm Assistant/Student Teacher*** Multilingual and auditory-oral instruction and tutoring.
* IEP development, assessment and advocacy
* Trainings: Multimedia and the deaf learner

**DeafBlind Community Access Network** 2001-2003- **Access Provider*** 40+ Hours of Training
* Worked with Consumers in Field and Home Settings

**Northeastern University ASL Office** 2000-2003- **Assistant*** Supervised ASL students in Video Labs and Library
* Provided Information and Guidance to Incoming Students
* ASL Festival Planning and Facilitation
* Office/Clerical Work
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| Scholarship | **The Diversity in Research and Practice Conference- April 2013****Teachers College- Columbia University** * Conference Presenter: “Deaf Education, Media and Cultural Literacy”

**The Cairo, Egypt Deaf Unit (August 2008, July 2010)*** Teacher-training Conference Instructor
* Presentations: “Media and Literacy: An American Perspective" “Media and Social Advocacy”.
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| Community Service | **Boston Access Advocates for the Deaf (2003-present)*** Founder/Internal Director
* Responsible for supervision and coordination of event planning and advocacy efforts of 50+ volunteer members.
* Participated in compiling a database and communication network for the Boston deaf community.

**Culture in Perpetual Motion Television (2007-2012)*** Writer/Producer/Director
* 6-Episode Show: “Eye to Eye” on Boston Neighborhood Network Spring 2009
* 2 Independent Films: “Energy” and “Unity”
* Competed with “Unity” in World Deaf Film Festival- November 2011
* Converted and Archived footage from 1980-1995 ASL TV series with Deaf Media Coalition, Inc.
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