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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 University  Jan 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 the  Self-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 |
| 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 |
| 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”. |
| 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. |