

# Derek Whitaker

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SKILLS

Qualitative Research

Ethnography

Participant Observation

Interviewing

Surveying

Focus Groups

Literature Reviews

Coding Languages

Python

SQL

HTML/CSS

JavaScript

Analysis & Visualization

NumPy

Pandas

Matplotlib

Seaborn

Machine Learning

Scikit-learn

TensorFlow

Languages

French

Spanish

English

EDUCATION

**Université de Toulouse MA in Anthropology**  
*Toulouse, France | September 2016 - September 2018*  
Highest Honors (4.0 GPA)

**University of Mary Washington BA in Anthropology**  
*Fredericksburg, Virginia | August 2009 - May 2013*  
Summa Cum Laude (3.79 GPA)

WORK EXPERIENCE

**Substitute Teacher Fairfax County Public Schools**  
*Fairfax, Virginia | January 2020 - Present*  
Provide distance learning support to special education students at Garfield Elementary School.  
Collaborate with grade level teachers and subject matter specialists to develop lesson plans adapted to individual student needs.  
Asses performance and track progress of 5 kindergarten and 1st grade students.

**Administrative Associate Raymond Badiou Middle School**  
*Toulouse, France | September 2017 - September 2019*  
Assessed and resolved problems in the school’s daily operations, and authored reports for senior administrators concerning major incidents.  
Collaborated with team members to design and implement process improvements for disciplinary procedures and study hall protocols.  
Communicated with families to relay information and address any questions or concerns.

**English Language Instructor Independent Contractor**  
*Toulouse, France | August 2015 - August 2017*  
Wrote, designed, and produced 10 2-hour lessons weekly.  
Evaluated clients needs, strengths, and deficiencies, and tracked progress over time through diagnostic exams.

PROJECTS

**Dwelling in Monastic Space Master’s Thesis**  
*Toulouse, France | September 2016 - September 2018*  
Wrote grant proposals for and was twice awarded the Université de Toulouse’s selective field research grant (<10% of applicants accepted).  
Collected, organized, and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data.  
Managed financial and logistical aspects of 5 months of ethnographic fieldwork in El Rosal, Colombia and Fontgombault, France.  
Presented research at two conferences: *Anthropologie spécialisée* (December 2017) and *Empreintes sonores* (December 2018).

**Le Couvent de Saint-Geniez Collaborative Field Work**  
*Saint-Geniez-d’Olt, France | November 2016*  
Performed ethnographic fieldwork with two researchers, including 15+ hours of stakeholder interviews and 30+ hours of participant observation.  
Wrote and delivered a presentation disucssing research and results at the conference *L’apparent & l’invisible* (December 2016)  
Drafted, edited, and formated an article for publication in *Les Annales du Midi*.