

Derek Whitaker

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SKILLS

Qualitative Research

Ethnography

Participant Observation

Interviewing

Surveys & Questionnaires

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*.