Derek Whitaker

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SKILLS

Human-Centered Research

Interviewing
Field Studies
Focus Groups
Participant Observation
Surveys & Questionnaires

Coding

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 general and 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.

Assess performance and track progress of six 1st and 2nd grade students.

Administrative Associate **Collège Raymond Badiou**
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 ethnograhpic 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*.