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Education

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| | Master of Arts in English with a concentration in Linguistics |
| 1999 - 2002 | <i>North Carolina State University, graduated May 2002</i>
Degree coursework covering studies in social linguistics, discourse analysis, narratology, research methods, and literature |
| | Bachelor of Arts in English |
| 1994 - 1999 | <i>Virginia Tech, graduated May 1999</i>
Degree coursework covering English and American Literature; Spanish; general college courses |
| | Study Abroad in Quito, Ecuador |
| Fall 1998 | <i>Universidad de San Fransisco en Quito</i>
Classes in Ecuadorian Literature; Art; Latin American Literature; Spanish Language Conversation and Grammar |

Employment Experience

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| 8/09 - Present | Daruma An Farms, Sado City, Japan

090-4593-5007
<i>Farmer</i>
Responsible for activities associated with farming rice. This includes operation of heavy equipment, such as tractors and combines, crop planting and harvesting, land care and maintenance, building and equipment repair, weather observation, marketing, and distribution. |
| 8/04 – 8/09 | Sado City Board of Education - Hamochi Office, Hamochi, Japan

0259-88-0504
<i>English Language Teacher</i>
Responsible for the development and implementation of an English education curriculum for 7 elementary schools in and around Hamochi-town; assist with English education at the junior high school level; plan and coordinate cross-cultural activities for the Hamochi community. |

Academic Experience and Related Coursework

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2001 Instructor of Freshman Composition and Rhetoric (two sections).
North Carolina State University
- Spring 2001 Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Shakespeare
North Carolina State University
- Fall 2000 Teaching Assistant for English Literature (Middle Ages to 1660)
North Carolina State University

Conference Papers

“Narrative, Intertextuality, and Parallel Processing.”
Narrative 2002: An International Conference; April 2002

“Back to the Vernacular: A Historical Perspective on AAVE in
Hyde County, North Carolina.”
SECOL LXV; November 2001

“The Ethnolinguistic Role of Interdental Fricatives in English: A
Comparative Analysis.” With Maureen Matarese.
NWAV XXX; October 2001

Research Experience

- 2000-2001 Research Assistant for North Carolina State Linguistics
Department and the North Carolina Language and Life Project

Other Skills and Hobbies

Leadership Award and Certificate from NC State University, 2002

Japanese Language Proficiency Level 3; working knowledge of Spanish

Familiar with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint), LibreOffice,
Windows 7, Linux, XHTML, CSS, Python

References

Can be provided upon request