# Shaunna O'Brien

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#### Education

Portland State University

• Master of Science, Speech Language Pathology. GPA: 4.00

March 2014

University of Oregon

• Master of Arts, Spanish Language and Literature. GPA: 4.00

June 2006

• Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Literature and Language. GPA 3.68

**June 2004** 

# **Hobbies and Skills**

- Fluent in Spanish (Studied abroad in Spain and Ecuador)
- Fluent in Italian (Lived in Italy from 2007 to 2011)
- Co-founded and sang with a small vocal ensemble

2013 - 2017

• Enjoy sewing, fabric design (using GIMP), cooking, playing guitar, dancing swing and tango

### **Coding Experience**

- Attended 12 hour course from Code Fellows in Seattle: *Code 101: Intro to Software Development & Careers in Tech.* Focus on HTML and CSS
- Completed Khan Academy Intro to JavaScript: Drawing & Animation
- Played around with Python independently. You can play rock/paper/scissor with a program I wrote, but be careful, it cheats! (https://github.com/sobrienpdx/dabblings)

#### **Work History**

### Speech Language Pathologist

2014 - 2017

Portland Public School District; Portland, Oregon. The Hello Foundation; Vancouver, Washington.

- Worked directly with children to improve Speech, Language, Social, and Cognition skills
- Met regularly with parents to provide updated education plans for their children with disabilities
- Maintained case files and legal paperwork for 50+ student

# **University Spanish Language Instructor**

Various intervals from September 2004 - March 2012

Chemeketa Community College; Salem, Oregon. Portland Community College; Portland, Oregon.

Western Oregon University; Monmouth, Oregon. University of Oregon; Eugene, Oregon.

- Taught first and second year undergraduate Spanish language classes
- Developed curriculum with emphasis on cultural awareness and literature
- Designed evaluations

## **English Language Instructor**

April 2007 - July 2011

Università Populare di Roma; Rome, Italy

The New British Center; Rome, Italy

- Taught English in group & individual lessons to adults and children with a variety of proficiency levels
- Developed culturally and contextually relevant curriculum
- Assessed placement for incoming students

#### **Volunteer Positions**

#### **Independent Researcher and Collaborator**

February 2009 - July 2010

Institute of Cognitive Sciences ISTC-CNR; Rome, Italy

- Conducted research project on how native English speakers process Italian words when reading
- Collaborated on experimental design and methodology
- Organized data collection and participant information
- Co-authored Bilingual Vocabulary Size and Lexical Reading in Italian (Acta Psychologica, 2013)