

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Appointments & Work History

2017-present	Post-Secondary Transition Specialist, Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind (IESDB)
2017-present	Idaho State Liaison, National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes
2017-present	Team Lead, Idaho Coalition on Transition with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth
2017-present	IESDB Representative, Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition
2017-present	Director, "Ready, Set, Go to Work" Summer Employment Readiness Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Students
2017-present	Lead Facilitator, Magic Valley Transition Team
2014-present	Adjunct Instructor, Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University
2011-2018	Adjunct Instructor, Department of Anthropology, College of Southern Idaho
2015-2017	Medical Video Relay American Sign Language Interpreter, InDemand Interpreting
2005-2015	Academic American Sign Language Interpreter, College of Southern Idaho
2008	Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University

Education

2008	M.A., Anthropology Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID Department of Anthropology – Medical Anthropology Emphasis Thesis Title: <i>Everyone Needs to Be Heard: The Phenomenology of Deafness in a Rural Setting.</i>
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1999 B.S., American Sign Language/English Interpretation
Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR
Division of Deaf Studies & Professional Studies

Teaching Experience

2017-present	Introduction to the Anthropology of Disability, Idaho State University, ANTH 4408/5508 – online course
2014-2017	Introduction to the Medical Anthropology of Diverse Cultures, Idaho State University, ANTH 2239 – online course
2011-2018	Cultural Anthropology, College of Southern Idaho, ANTH 102
2015	Introduction to American Sign Language Linguistics, College of Southern Idaho, SIGL 203

Grants and Awards

2021	Walmart Local Community Grant. Seeking travel funds for annual “Ready, Set, Go to Work” program. \$2,500.00 – application pending.
2021	Sorenson Video Relay Service. Seeking supply funds for annual “Ready, Set, Go to Work” program. \$1,000.00 – application pending.
2021	Sprint Relay Services. Seeking supply funds for annual “Ready, Set, Go to Work” program. \$1,000.00 – application pending.
2021	Idaho Central Union Community Involvement and Sponsorship. Seeking supply funds for annual “Ready, Set, Go to Work” program. \$1,000.00 – application pending.
2021	Northwest Farm Credit. Seeking funding for professional interview clothes for annual “Ready, Set, Go to Work” program participants. \$2,500.00 – application pending.
2021-2023	Chobani Community Impact Fund. Will fund the conversion of an old school bus into a food truck to teach entrepreneurial and leadership skills to transition-age (18-21-year-old) deaf, hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired students. \$55,000.00.
2020	Glanbia Golf Charity Challenge. To assist with covering facility repairs and the establishment of a comprehensive transition center in Twin Falls, ID for deaf, hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired young adults. \$25,000.00
2020	Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation. Celebration luncheon for annual “Ready, Set, Go to Work” employment readiness program for deaf and hard of hearing

	transition-age (14-21-year-old) students. \$1,000.00 – funds returned due to COVID-19 and program postponement.
2019	Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation. Purchased “Reality Town” Financial Literacy Program for Youth. \$650.00.
2018	Walmart Local Community Grant. Sponsorship for Magic Valley Transition Team’s “Career Awareness Day,” an annual event to promote employment opportunities for high school students with disabilities. \$500.00.
2018	First Federal Foundation. Sponsorship for Magic Valley Transition Team’s “College GPS Day,” an annual event to promote college attendance for high school students with disabilities. \$1,500.00.
2017	Blue Lakes Rotary Club. Sponsorship for Magic Valley Transition Team’s annual events. \$1,500.00.
2013	College of Southern Idaho Foundation. Travel award for myself and two other staff members to Deaf Studies Today! Conference at Utah Valley University. \$2,500.00.
2010	College of Southern Idaho Foundation. Funds to establish a formal mentoring program for staff and hourly American Sign Language interpreters. \$2,000.00.
2008	Idaho State University. Kasiska College of Health Scholarship Recipient. \$2,000.00.
2007	Idaho State University. Kasiska College of Health Student Conference Presenter.

Professional Memberships, Certifications and Licensure

2019-present	Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses. Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board. Licensed American Sign Language Interpreter. License #SIGN-3467.
2012-present	National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. National Interpreter Certification (NIC).
2016-2018	Idaho Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. President.
2013-2016	Idaho Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. Professional Development Committee Chair.

Training and Professional Workshops

2021	Teen Slang in ASL An Introduction to Atypical Language: Contributing Factors
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2020	Atypical Language Among Diverse Populations Y-Summit Virtual Business Conference
2019	Intersectionality in Behavioral Health Interpreting Sexual Healthcare Interpreting Unpacking Sexuality and Unconscious Bias James Castle Educational Tour
2018	State of Alabama Mental Health Interpreter Training Deafblind Interpreting: Moving from Research to Practice Ensuring Communication Access for Deafblind Individuals Unpacking Use of Space and ASL Classifiers Idaho State Interpreter Licensure Update Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Region V Conference Real Estate and the Deaf Community Eye Spy: A Self-Care Adventure So You Get to Run or Interpret a Meeting: Basic Parliamentary Procedure
2017	ASL History: Viewing Our Present Through the Past Situational Ethics: What You Do When No One is Looking Interpreting in Medical Settings: Level II National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf LEAD Together National Conference Idaho Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf State Conference
2016	Building Our Community Begins with You Body Language: No More Digestive Distress Working with African American/Black Deaf Communities Working Together: How to Effectively Work with a DI Working as a Team (VR Settings) Introduction to Deaf-Hearing Teaming in Legal Settings Making the English Tangible Professional Autonomy in VRS Multicultural Content in Education Images of Race, Ethnicity and Gender Importance of Vagueness in ASL & English Introduction to Court Interpreter Basics Two Culture, One School: A Teacher's Reflection Social Bodies, Academic Bodies The Nitty Gritty of Interpreting: A Social Justice Perspective ISU Medical Interpreter Immersion
2015	Tools for Depiction: ASL Classifiers Medical Interpreting Immersion

- Be Strong Little Marshmallow: Using Soft Skills in Your Interpreting
- What in the World? How Country Signs are Created
- Delivery of Service via VRI
- Deaf/Hearing Teams in the Healthcare Setting
- Emerging Trends in Bilingual Communication
- Progression Towards Competency: Career Lattices
- Situated and Reflective Practice
- Transforming Ethics into Collaborative Value
- Educational Interpreter Summer Symposium
- Ethical Decision Making with Alingual Populations
- Exploring Empathy
- What Every Interpreter Should Know about Legal Settings
- An Evening with Betty Colonomus
- Deaf, Hearing and DPI Working in Teams
- A Storytelling Extravaganza!
- Let's Play in the Sandbox
- Interpreter Identities: Who are You?
- The Rural Interpreter
- Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf National Conference
- "What Did She Say?"
- The Joy of ASL Literature
- 2014 Trauma-Informed Interpreting: Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence within the Deaf Community
- Deaf Studies Today Conference
- Here's to Your Health: Infusing Healthcare into IEP
- Body Language: Put Some Meat on Your Bones
- Utah Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf State Conference
- The Seven Circle Model of Helping Relationships
- Body Language: Dealing with Diabetes
- 2013 Five Things You Can Do Now to Improve Your Interpreting
- ASL Expansion Applied in ASL Storytelling
- Anatomy of an Interpretation
- Harnessing Social Media to Maximize Your Professional Presence
- Best Practices for Educational Interpreters
- Accommodations 101
- Idaho RID Fall Conference