

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1994-2000** University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, MA German.
1996-1999 University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, Certificate TEFL
1981-1986 University of South Carolina, Spartanburg, SC, BS Economics

TEACHING

- 2003- present** **Clemson University – BMW Lecturer of German**
- Third year Business German
 - Fourth year Business German
 - Conversation and Composition Course
 - First through fourth Semesters of German
 - Five-week Summer Immersion Program in German (Eight hours per day of classroom instruction and extracurricular activities (third and fourth year German students)
 - German Play (written and produced with German students) (until May 2012)
 - Weekly German Language Lab Sessions (1st and 2nd year German)
 - German Club Advisor (until August 2016)
 - German Professional Society Advisor
 - Language and International Trade Society Advisor (2005-2009)

2002-Aug.- June 2003 Eastside High School, Taylors, SC -- Teacher of German.

2002-2003 Wetzel Educational Services, Greenville, SC -- ESL Instructor

- Position also involved professional business translations (from German to English)

2000-2001 Lingo School, Takamatsu, Japan – English Instructor

1997-2000 Yamakawa Board of Education, Yamakawa, Japan – English Instructor

OTHER

TEACHING

EXPERIENCE

1996-1997 University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC -- Teaching Assistant/German

1995-1996 Otto-Friedrich Universität , Bamberg, Germany

- Teaching Assistant/English
- Assisted in Language Lab and Study Abroad Library

1994-1995 University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC – Teaching Assistant/German

PROFESSIONAL

AFFILIATIONS

AND

ACTIVITIES

2018-2020 AATG-SC Membership chair. Duties include outreach to German teachers within the state, support of German programs and connecting with college students considering teaching German language

2015 AATG Conference, presentation “Networking for German Teachers in our State”, USC-Columbia, 22 March, 2015

2014-Present (term will end May 2016) President American Association of Teachers of German-South Carolina (AATG). Organize events for German teachers in the state, promote communication between teaching professionals and networking from high school to career.

2009-Present Advisor of Clemson University German Professional Society. Advise students of German learning German for their professional, organize related conference each fall, promote and direct visits to German Companies for purpose of education and networking for students.

2008-Present German-American Chamber of Commerce member

2006 CIBER Business German Conference
"Online Resources for Business German," presented at Georgia Tech, April 6, 2006

2003-Present AATG (American Association of Teachers of German), SC Chapter
“Cardgames in the Foreign Language Classroom,” presented in Greenville, SC, Oct. 2003
“Building connections with local businesses” Oct., 2009

2004 SCFLTA (SC Foreign Language Teacher Association)
SCOLT (Southern Council of Language Teachers)

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

- AATG Language Immersion Weekend, Pinopolis, SC September 14, 2019
- AATG Professional Development Day, Presbyterian College, May 7, 2019
- AATG Spring Conference, presentation: “Interactive Classroom Activities With Used Paper.”
- AATG Workshop, Fairy Tales and Music in the classroom. Conducted by Mohammed Esa, Lexington, SC, 17 Jan, 2015
- AATG Language Immersion Weekend, Charleston, SC., Oct. 2004
- Workshop on Business German, Internationales Institut fuer Kommunikation (IIK), Duesseldorf, Germany; 2 weeks, June 2004
- Advanced Course in Contemporary German, Treffpunkt (Language Institution), Bamberg, Germany; One week, June 2004
- Attend AATG meetings to learn about new techniques and opportunities in learning German, most recently, October 2009. Gave presentation “Building Relationships with German Companies.”

- Organizer of LAIB Alumni reunion in Greenville, SC June 16, 2021
- Co-organizer of Clemson University Language Day at Pelion High School, promotion of language department to high school students of language for all high schools in Lexington County, November 2018, October 17, 2019
- Co-organizer with Prof. Debra Williamson, second annual Forum for German and Spanish in the Professions. to highlight German investment in Latin America., Sept 2017
- Co-organizer with Prof. Allison Hinds first annual Forum for German and Spanish in the Professions Sept 2016
- Organized German Summit, an event to promote college German programs to high school students of German on the Clemson Campus. November 2014 at Wofford, 17 October 2015 at USC, 14 Feb 2017 at Clemson University; October 2018 at USC-Upstate
- Assisted in organizing activities related to the visit of Ambassador Dr. Klaus Scharioth on April 4, 2011 including outreach to business community and schools and arranging venues
- Assisted in organizing the 2010 German Week Activities, “20 Years of German Unification,” including arranging guest speakers, venues and publicity.
Arranged first German Alumni reunion, November 5, 2010 for alums of our German program.
- Advisor to German Professional Society, a pre-professional society for German students in other majors, begun summer 2009
- Organizer of 2011- Present. Conferences on German in the Professions (renamed German Professional Conference beginning Fall 2018) on the Clemson Campus. Events provide information and networking opportunities between German students and German Companies in the Upstate region ,
- Coordinator of 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2019 Language and International Trade Conferences. (responsibilities have included, Fundraising, scheduling, advertising, updating website and making business contacts in addition to coordinating conference committee). Event open to all languages in the major as well as to business and engineering majors.
Language and International Trade Conference Committee Member, 2008-2020: assisted in fundraising, Contacting businesses, producing documents for the conference, promoting among students and faculty
- Language and International Trade Society Advisor (this involves students of all foreign languages) 2005-2009
- Fundraising for the German Section (for awards to German students on Honors Day, to finance German play publicity and the production, etc.) as well as solicitation and contacts to raise funds for L&IT Scholarships for all L&IT students.
- Outreach to SC high schools to promote the study of German
(Generally one or two visits per week to high school German classes)
- Outreach to Upstate German companies to promote the study of German at Clemson University, especially to promote a closer relationship between these companies and our Language and International Trade program and to open communication with our German and International Trade students. From May 2005 – May 2008, arranged student informational visits to local companies and arranged three visits by local German business people to the L&IT Society.
- Student Advisor for German & International Trade majors.
- Representative of the CU German Section on the departmental Language and International Trade Conference Committee
- Co-Director of CU’s first German Week (for university-wide audiences and the local community)--Presentations to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, as well as various social/cultural activities to foster involvement with German on the CU campus
- Advising students on study abroad opportunities and internships
- Director of CU German Club
(Activities include bi-monthly conversation tables, weekly conversation tables for beginning students, monthly weekend hiking trips involving personnel from area German firms, German film evenings, large social events such as the annual Christmas and German Carneval parties for students, faculty and community)
- Coordinator of International House Activities (liaison work with campus organizations). 2003-2013

- Oversee maintenance of and repainting of International House (done in conjunction with the French and Spanish Clubs as well as other organizations regularly using this facility) House was demolished in 2014. 2003-2013.
- Administrator of German Placement Tests and Senior Exit Exams
- Annual departmental Declamation Contest for high school students from three states (assist with poetry selections; act as contest supervisor for German and Latin) 2003-Present
- Presentations and Information tables at major campus-wide events
Information week for freshmen; International Education Week; International Festival; Career Fairs; Study Abroad Fairs (2003-2011)