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Education:

Bachelor of Arts: Psychology: Gallaudet University, 1996
Master of Science: Educational Psychology: University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 1998
Master of Arts: Sign Language Education: Gallaudet University, August 2015

Professional Experience:

Lecturer

January 2017-present: Department of Theory Practice in Teacher Education, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Knoxville, TN.

Instruct the American Sign Language courses in levels 2, 4 & 5 and Deaf Education Foundation course. Engaged discussion on curriculum planning for ASL courses with colleagues and Deaf Education Foundation course to ensure these courses are up to date and modified as the time evolve. Assist the planning for professional development to the ASL instructors.

Associate Professor

August 2002-December 2016: ASL/Deaf Studies, Maryville College, Maryville, TN.

Instruct the American Sign Language Level I-V, and lectures courses on Deaf History, Deaf Literatures, and ASL Linguistics, which included preparing the lesson plans, coordinated interactive activities for the students with native signers, discussions, and exposure to deaf culture. Coordinate and supervise the ASL Labs with the native signers. Advising the ASL/Deaf Studies majors, supervise and advise the senior study students, and supervise the practicum.

ASL Consultant

May 2010-July 2012: Center on Deafness, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Knoxville, TN.

Advised, developed, and consulted the project on Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) vocabulary DVD in American Sign Language. Supervised the deaf signers which included the corrections, modification and finalizing the film.

ASL Instructor

Summer 2004-2012: Orientation to Deafness, University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Instruct the American Sign Language Level 1-3 courses, which included preparing the lesson plans, coordinated interactive activities for the students with native signers, discussions, and exposure to deaf culture.

Adjunct Instructor

Spring 2013, 1998 - 2005: Department of Theory and Practice in Teacher Education, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Knoxville, TN.

Instruct the American Sign Language Level one, two and four courses, which included preparing the lesson plans, coordinated interactive activities for the students with native signers, discussions, and exposure to deaf culture.

Outreach Specialist

August 2000 - 2002: Postsecondary Education Consortium, University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Provide outreach/technical assistance and information/referral for several states in the Southern region; organize and prepare information regarding the project and its activities that will be included on the web site and other PEC publications; assist with the development and expansion of the PEC database; organize and analyze the data; and assist with project evaluation, quarterly progress reports, and annual progress reports.

Cottage Counselor/Supervisor

February 1998 - August 2000: Tennessee School for the Deaf: Alternative Cottage Program, Knoxville, TN.

Supervise five staffs and direct supervision to students, prepare and proofread the incident reports, record keeping, coordinate daily activities, manage students with multiple disabilities, and maintain contact with students' parents. Supervised 3-5 students from ages 11 to 16. Encourage them in their daily chores, homework, and activity participation as well as assisting them in learning how to cope with their anger.

Supervisor of Summer Youth Employment Training Program

Summer 1999: Tennessee School for the Deaf, Knoxville, TN.

Coordinate, assign tasks, and supervise youth that are involved in the Summer Youth Training Program who ranges in age from 14 to 16.

Lab Instructor

Summer 2000: Basic Interpreter Training Program, The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.

Instruct and assist the prospective interpreting students on how to translate from voice to sign and sign to voice. Provided role-plays for the interpreting students to practice.

Clerk

August 1997 – February 1998: Rehabilitation, Deafness, and Human Services, The University of TN.

Typed reports, lectures, and data entry work for the professors and the administrative secretary.

Peer Mentor

October 1996-June 1997: Omni Vision, Inc., Knoxville, TN

Mentored a deaf female teenager in Algebra, History, and Science. Advise of issues that were brought into our attention regarding biological family, court, or foster family.

Resident Advisor

Fall 1994 – Spring 1996: Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

Maintain order of the upperclassman dormitory. Advise the residents of the dormitory of rules, policy and conduct. Report of any incident occurred in or around the dormitory. Planned floor presentations to the residents on any interested topics. Documented of any type of hazards in or around the dormitory.

Awards:

American Sign Language Teacher Association: Stephen M. Ryan: Teacher of the Year, July 1, 2017

Conference/Workshop Attended:

9th American Sign Language Teacher Association National Conference on June 28-July 1, 2017.

47th Biennial National Association of the Deaf Conference on July 5-9, 2016

8th National Professional Developmental American Sign Language Teacher Association Conference on June 24-27, 2015.

7th National Professional Developmental American Sign Language Teacher Association Conference on July 3-7, 2013.

5th Deaf Studies Today Conference on April 4-7, 2012.

45th Biennial National Association of the Deaf Conference on July 3-7, 2012

5th National Professional Developmental American Sign Language Teacher Association Conference on October 28-October 30, 2009.

Sign Language Proficiency Interview training on April 16-17, 2009.

43rd Biennial National Association of the Deaf Conference on July 5-12, 2008

4th National Professional Developmental American Sign Language Teacher Association Conference on October 30-November 3, 2007

42nd Biennial National Association of the Deaf Conference on June 28-July 3, 2006

3rd National Professional Developmental American Sign Language Teacher Association Conference on Nov. 6-8, 2005

Signing Naturally Training Workshop on October 14-17, 2004

2nd National Professional Developmental American Sign Language Teacher Association Conference on April 10-13, 2003

Certification:

American Sign Language Teacher Association: Master formerly known as Professional Certified renewed January 2017.

American Sign Language Teacher Association: Professional Certified, 2010.

American Sign Language Teacher Association: Qualified Certified, 2007.

American Sign Language Teacher Association: Provisional Certified, 2004.

The University of Tennessee Sign Language/Communication Proficiency Interviewer/Rater, 1999 - present.

Professional Affiliates:

Tennessee Association of the Deaf: Member since 2003, Treasurer: July 2006 to 2009, and 2013-2015, President: 2015-present.

Knoxville Center of the Deaf: Member since 2003-present, Board of the Directors: 2004-April 2014.

Tennessee Council of Deaf/Hard of Hearing Board: Chair: 2016-present, Council member: 2015-present, & Council member: 2002-2005.

American Sign Language Teacher Association: Member since 2002

National Association of the Deaf: Member since 1999

Knoxville Chapter, Tennessee Association of the Deaf: Member since 1999, President: August 2003 to 2006; Vice-President August 2002-2003. Tennessee Association of the Deaf 2013 Conference and Expo planning chairperson.

Courses Taught

Maryville College

ASL I – Fall 2002-2016

ASL II – Spring 2003-2016, Fall 2017

ASL III – Fall 2002-2016

ASL IV – Spring 2003-2016

ASL V – fall 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 & 2016

History and Deaf Culture – fall 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 & 2017

ASL Literature – spring 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013 & 2015

ASL Linguistics – Spring 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 & 2016

University of Tennessee

- Elementary American Sign Language I
- Intermediate American Sign Language II
- Advanced American Sign Language I: Educational Contexts
- Linguistics of American Sign Language

University of Tennessee Service

Department Level

- Member, Search Committee, Clinical ASL Education 2017-2018
- ASL Program Coordinator 2018
- Member, TPTE, Diversity Committee 2017-2018

Presented

“Understanding Your Role as a Mentor” Tennessee School for the Deaf, September 12, 2017

Haggard, A.K. & Swaney, M.S. (2017). “Developing Cultural Competency through ASL courses” American Sign Language Teacher Association 9th Biennial ASLTA National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Haggard, A.K. & Swaney, M.S. (2017). “Canvas: Maximizing ASL Instruction” American Sign Language Teacher Association 9th Biennial ASLTA National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Haggard, A.K. & Swaney, M.S. (2017). “Round Table Discussion on ASL Curriculum & Instruction” American Sign Language Teacher Association 9th Biennial ASLTA National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

“Administration Spiritual Gift” Sevier Heights Baptist Church, East Tennessee Area Deaf Revival, September 29, 2012

“GLOSSING SONGS HOW?!” Sevier Heights Baptist Church, October 22, 2011.

“Should Tennessee have Sign Language Interpreting License?” Tennessee Registry of the Interpreting for the Deaf Conference, June 2009.

“Deaf 101” Knoxville Disability and Advocacy Center, April 21, 2009.

“Deafness, Seeing the Tip of Iceberg” at University of Tennessee Knoxville: October 16, 2006.

“How to establish a Deaf Church/Ministry?” Knoxville Chapter of Tennessee Registry of the Deaf, Spring 2006.

“ASL Story and Poetry: What’s so special?” Knoxville Chapter of Tennessee Registry of the Deaf: Spring 2003.