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EDUCATION

EC BOSTON ENGLISH SCHOOL Spring – Summer 2008 Boston, MA, USA
Accredited certification in TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) from a 90-day ACCET-accredited program

- Relevant coursework: lesson planning, learning objectives, syllabus design, cultural awareness, learning styles, classroom management, grammar, student assessment

BOWDOIN COLLEGE 2002 – 2006 Brunswick, ME, USA
Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies), Magna cum Laude, GPA: 3.38 (out of 4), Major GPA: 3.74 (out of 4)

- Major: Asian Studies (concentration: Japanese Language and Culture)
- Independent research Honors Project in Asian Studies
- Skills: Independent and critical thought, fast and accurate reading for content, research skills, information synthesis, clear expression, cross-cultural communication

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY 2006 - 2007 Beverly, MA, USA
Masters level courses in special education

- Simmons Graduate Program at Landmark School
- Relevant coursework: Learners with Special Needs, Multisensory Structure of Language Strategies

JAPAN CENTER FOR MICHIGAN UNIVERSITIES Fall 2004 Shiga Prefecture, Japan
Highly intensive student exchange program in Japanese language and culture

HOKKAIDO INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION LANGUAGE PROGRAM Summer 2004 Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan
Highly intensive student exchange program in Japanese language and culture

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Spring 2009-
current **INDIVIDUAL TUTORIALS** Sofia, Bulgaria

- Teach students in intensive, one-to-one tutorials
- TOEFL preparation
- GRE preparation
- SAT preparation
- Aid students in the college and university application process
- Advise students on American colleges and life
- Intensive English-language training
- Intensive Business English training
 - o Bulgartabac
 - o Estat
 - o Globul
 - o Sirma
 - o Interlease
 - o Sofia MelDocument proof-reading and correction
- Weekly conversation classes

March 2010-
current **INTERNATIONAL HOUSE SOFIA** Sofia, Bulgaria
English Language Teacher

- Teach general and business English classes for adults
- Teach TOEFL classes
- Design curriculum
- Organize Bulgarian classes for foreigners
- Participate in professional development activities

Oct. 2008 –
June 2010 **LETER LANGUAGE SCHOOL** Sofia, Bulgaria
English Language Teacher

- Conduct English conversation tutorials
- Teach Business English to corporate clients (intermediate/advanced level)
- Teach Legal English classes (advanced level)
- Design and conduct conversation clinics for all levels
- Instruct English as a Second Language classes (beginning and intermediate)

May 2009-Oct 2009	STUDY IN BG <i>English Language Teacher</i>	Sofia, Bulgaria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach Business English to corporate clients (intermediate level) • Teach conversation course 	
May 2009-Oct 2009	BELS AND BELIN <i>English Language Teacher</i>	Sofia, Bulgaria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught Business English to corporate clients (intermediate/advanced level) 	
Dec. 2008-Jan 2010	BRITANICA <i>English Language Teacher</i>	Sofia, Bulgaria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructed First Certificate English (FCE) preparation classes • Taught Business English to corporate clients (intermediate/advanced level) • Instructed children's intermediate English class 	
Oct.-Dec. 2008	LANGUAGE CENTRE MATEVI <i>English Language Teacher</i>	Sofia, Bulgaria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructed Cambridge Advanced Exam (CAE) and (FCE) preparation classes • Taught intermediate English as a Second Language 	
Sept. 2007 – Sept. 2008	EC BOSTON <i>English Language Teacher</i>	Boston, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught English as a Second Language (grammar, communication skills, reading and writing, and idioms) • Instructed Low Intermediate, Upper Intermediate, and Advanced classes • Instructed Academic Preparation (EAP) class • Developed materials for classes • Designed syllabus for Upper Intermediate reading and writing • Established curriculum for new Advanced level grammar and communication skills classes • Instructed TOEFL Preparation class • Instructed SAT Preparation class • Taught 'Executive Tutorial' tutor, one-on-one English with students of various levels (teaching and developing materials) • Conducted student activities • Performed administrative and clerical duties 	
Fall 2007	BOSTON CENTER FOR ADULT EDUCATION <i>Language Teacher</i>	Boston, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Low intermediate' teacher, taught, designed curriculum, and developed materials • 'Intermediate' teacher, taught, designed curriculum, and developed materials 	
Summer 2007	BOSTON LIFE <i>Language Tutor</i>	Cambridge, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-on-one tutoring English as a second language • Educated clients about American culture • TOEFL preparation 	
Summer 2007	SHOWA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, BOSTON CAMPUS <i>English Language Teacher</i>	Boston, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught English to Japanese college students in an intensive 4 week summer program • Designed curriculum and developed materials • Conducted student field trips 	
2006-2007	LANDMARK SCHOOL <i>Resident Teaching Assistant</i>	Beverly, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentored high school students with learning disabilities • Assisted students with homework • Created and maintained a safe and structured environment 	
Summer 2006	EXPLORATION SUMMER PROGRAM <i>Instructor, Residential Assistant</i>	Southborough, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and taught science classes to 5th graders • Supervised residential student group early morning, afternoon, and night • Monitored student interactions • Maintained safe environment for residential student group 	

2005 - 2006	COFFIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL <i>America Reads Tutor</i>	Brunswick, ME
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutored public school students (Kindergarten, 2nd, and 3rd grades) in reading and writing • Assisted teachers in classroom management, lessons, activities 	
Fall 2004	SHIGA PREFECTURAL UNIVERSITY <i>Volunteer English Teacher</i>	Shiga, Japan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted extra-curricular English classes at Japanese university • Planned curriculum • Lead classes 	

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2009 - current	SOFIA CONVERSATION SWAP <i>Founder and Organizer</i>	Sofia, Bulgaria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize meetings that allow participants to practice English and Bulgarian conversation • Maintain Conversation Swap webpage • Produce conversation materials 	
2002 - 2006	BOWDOIN COLLEGE TAIKO CLUB <i>Founder and Club Director</i>	Brunswick, ME
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requisitioned funds from college organizations and national grants and managed club finances • Planned and organized concerts • Led practices 	
2002-2006	MISSOULA NATURAL HISTORY CENTER <i>Nature Camp Volunteer Science Tutor</i>	Missoula, MT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led class discussions on ecology • Oversaw classroom activities • Monitored students and maintained safe environment on field trips 	
2003-2004	SUSSEX SCHOOL <i>Volunteer Japanese, Music Teacher</i>	Missoula, MT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran a series of three week workshops on Japanese language and drumming for 3-5 graders • Planned curriculum • Lead classes 	

COMPUTER SKILLS & LANGUAGES

- MS Windows & Office, FrontPage, Mac OS, Adobe Photoshop, 3D Max Studio, FrontPage (HTML), StatView
- Japanese (proficient), Bulgarian (intermediate), French (beginner), and English (native)

PERSONAL

Art, Writing, Reading, Taiko, History, Linguistics, Choir singing, Figure skating