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EDUCATION

M.A. Applied Linguistics

University of Massachusetts Boston (Boston, MA, USA)

- Thesis: "*The Parallel Architecture for First Language Literacy Development and Second Language Acquisition Studies: Prospective Theories and Applications*"
- Recipient of the Applied Linguistics Departmental Book Prize
- Recipient of the Robert W. Spayne Research Grant
- Summa Cum Laude (4.0/4.0 Grade Point Average)

B.A. (Dual major):

University of Massachusetts Boston

English

- Departmental Distinction in English
- Honors in English
- Honors in Creative Writing
- Summa Cum Laude (3.96/4.0 Grade Point Average)

Social Psychology

- Summa Cum Laude (3.95/4.0 Grade Point Average)

Trinity College, Oxford University, Oxford, England, UK
Oxford Summer Seminar, July-August 2004

- Recipient of the Peter Brooks Butler Scholarship
- Recipient of Hofer Book Prize

WORK EXPERIENCE

(EDUCATIONAL)

Instructor

Boston Academy of English (Boston, MA)

July, 2006 through present

- Responsible for teaching English grammar and

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communication skills to adults learning English as a foreign and/or second language; this includes syllabus preparation, lesson preparation, and both student- and teacher-evaluations for three classes of ten to fifteen students

Co-teacher / Tutor

Directions for Student Potential, Summer Session (Boston, MA)

June, 2006 through July, 2006

- Responsible for co-teaching English composition, verbal skills, and computer research/word-processing to twenty-five ESL college freshman
- Duties included syllabus preparation, individual class preparation, teaching for 1 hour per day, and individual tutoring

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Charles Meyer

(ENG 440: History of the English Language), Univ. of Mass.

Boston

January through May, 2006

- Assisted in the teaching of 32 undergraduates during the Spring Semester
- Duties included lesson and classroom materials preparation, the leading of discussion groups, and the tracking of student attendance

Spoken Word Transcriber

International Corpus of English

January, 2006 through present

- Responsible for providing detailed transcriptions of recorded conversations for Linguistics-based academic research under the supervision of Dr. Charles Meyer (see references)

Freshman Composition (ESL) Tutor

Office of Academic Support and Advising at Univ. of Mass.

Boston

September through December, 2005

- Responsible for the regular tutoring of Freshman Composition for twenty ESL students of varying ages

(BROADCAST/MEDIA)

WUMB Public Radio Network (91.9 FM) (Boston, MA)

October, 2006-March, 2007

- **Announcer/Director, "Extreme Folk" Radio Program:** Responsible for music selecting and scripting of a weekly, two-hour music show.

September, 2002 through May, 2006

- **Producer, "Morning Express" Radio Program:** Responsible

for the production/direction of a competitive daily morning show. Duties include generating, acquiring, and maintaining feature content for each four-hour program; scheduling and scripting content for airing; identifying, scheduling, conducting, and engineering interviews with public figures, including musicians and community leaders; serving as co-host/on-air personality for approximately 25% of all shows; maintaining and updating the Morning Express web-site. Directly responsible for delegating tasks to one part-time employee

- **Assistant to the General Manager:** Responsibilities emphasized professional writing, including statements from the General Manager, grants and applications, press releases, on-air copy, industry publication features, promotional materials, and web-site copy
Served as the Editor-in-Chief and produced copy for the 6th and 7th Annual Boston Folk Festival Program Guides, which were distributed to 10,000+ festival attendees. (August, 2002 to December, 2004)

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Robert W. Spayne Research Grant (MA thesis research grant, UMass Boston) 2007

Peter Brooks Butler Scholarship (Oxford Summer Programme) 2004

The Marco Cosentino Italian Heritage Scholarship 2004

HONORS & AWARDS

Applied Linguistics Departmental Book Prize 2008

Alfred R. Ferguson Prize for Distinguished Work in American Literature 2005

Hofer Book Prize (Oxford Summer Program) 2004

University Honors English & Creative Writing 2004

Watermark Literary Journal Poetry Prize 2004

Academy of American Poets Harold Taylor Prize 2nd Place 2004

Student Leadership Award 2004

Academy of American Poets Harold Taylor Prize, 1st Place 2003

PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS & READINGS

(2008) "The Parallel Architecture for First Language Literacy Development and Second Language Acquisition Studies: Prospective Theories and Applications" MA Thesis: University of Massachusetts Boston.

(2005) "So That the Poets Keep on Writing." In **Summer Home Review II: A Community of Words a Circle of Poets an Anthology of Selected**

Poems and Stories. Loring, Jacqueline, (Ed.). Authorhouse.

(2004) "Issues of Mark Twain's Literary Representation of Foreign Cultures in His Early Travelogues (1866-69)." **Massachusetts Statewide 10th Annual Undergraduate Conference.** 3 May 2004.

AFFILIATIONS / MEMBERSHIPS / COMMITTEES

Modern Language Association

Linguistics Society of America

Engsearch.101 English Dept. Faculty Hiring Committee

Dean of Student Affairs Hiring Committee

Chancellor's Convocation Entertainment Committee

"Fest-Of-Us" Student Event Planning Committee

The Watermark Literary Journal Poetry Judge (2004)

National Dean's List

Golden Key International Honors Society

National Scholars Honors Society

Psi Chi, National Honors Society in Psychology

Higher Education Advocacy Resources (Co-founder)

"Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges"
(2004)

The National Scholars Honor Society

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

M.A. Blind Community Services, Watertown, MA 2005

Recording studio reader of texts for the visually impaired and blind

William T. Joiner Center for the Study of War and Its Social Consequences, Boston, Massachusetts, 2002-2004

Assisted in special programs and events, assisted during Annual Writers' Workshop

REFERENCES:

Charles Meyer, PhD

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Lilia Bartolomé, PhD

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