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## Looking to Make the Transition Into IT

Dynamic blend of language and learning experience. Exceptional language proficiency with near-native fluency. Passionate educator with tireless dedication and a commitment to excellence. Personal commitment to lifelong learning.

### Technologies

- HTML
- Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
- JavaScript
- jQuery
- Bootstrap
- node.js

### Languages

- Near-native fluency in German with advanced knowledge of Latin, French, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese.

### Education

**Georgia Tech Full Stack Coding Boot Camp**

Atlanta, GA

Part-time student in a 24-week certification program covering both front-end and back-end web development. Will be completed in June 2022.

**Master of Education (Latin)**

University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Greensboro, NC

Currently enrolled in the online degree program

**Master of Arts**

Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

Washington, DC

East Asian Studies with a concentration in Chinese Language and Literature

**Bachelor of Arts**

George Washington University

Washington, DC

*Summa cum laude*

*Majors:* Chinese Language and Literature & French Language and Literature

*Minor:* German Language and Literature

Teaching assistant at the Lycée Henri IV in Paris, France

### Awards Received

- Goddard Award in French Studies
- Outstanding Student Achievement Award
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Dean's List

## Technology Projects

### Reddit Data Dive

**Technologies Used:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, Reddit API, Wikipedia API

For our first project, our team conceived and executed a design that solves a real-world problem by integrating data received from multiple server-side API requests. The server-side APIs used in the project were Reddit and Wikipedia. The first was to search for a topic of interest to see the hottest posts on that particular topic within the last month. The second was to look up word(s) from the Reddit post title to obtain more information on that topic from Wikipedia. By working collaboratively, we learned agile development methodologies and implemented feature and bug fixes using git branch workflow and pull requests.

### Areas of Specialization

- *Foreign Language Education* – Commanding knowledge of the structure and content of French, Spanish, German, Latin, Classical Chinese and Mandarin Chinese languages including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition and grammar, and pronunciation. In addition to the principles and methods for foreign language curriculum design, teaching and instruction.

### Certifications (Georgia)

Chinese	(P-12) [FLD834]	Latin	(P-12) [FLD735]
French	(P-12) [FLD836]	Spanish	(P-12) [FLD837]
German	(P-12) [FLD838]		

### Endorsements (Georgia)

ESOL	[FLD825]	Gifted-in-Field	[FLD881]
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## Work Experience

### Foreign Language Teacher

Gwinnett County Public Schools	2015 – Present
DeKalb County Public Schools	2004 - 2015

Identification of students' educational and developmental needs, creating formal curriculum leveraging ideas and information to produce effective classroom instruction. Organization and prioritization of specific goals to accomplish classroom activities. Collaborate with colleagues to address teaching strategies and concerns. Evaluate and grade students' class work, assignments, and papers. Prepare course materials for gifted students in preparation for advanced placement classes as early as 10<sup>th</sup> grade including syllabi, homework assignments, and handouts.

- Gifted-certified in: French, Spanish, Latin, German, ESOL, and Mandarin.
- All languages except for Latin taught through immersion.
- Provide individualized tutoring for any student prior to the beginning of school.
- Incorporate art, music, and language to provide a creative learning experience.
- Pioneered interactive whiteboard use and trained peers to incorporate multimedia to enhance learning materials.