

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION:**

- 2013**      **M.A., University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**  
Department of Communication Sciences Disorders  
Thesis: *College Students with Dyslexia: A Case for Examining Phoneme Manipulation, Rapid Automated Naming, and Timed Single-Word Reading*
- 1988**      **Ph.D., University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA**  
Concentration: Germanic Languages and Literatures with emphasis on Eighteenth Century German Literature  
Thesis: *The Intellectual Development of German Women in Selected Periodicals from 1725 to 1784.*
- 1982**      **M.A., University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA**  
Concentration: Germanic Languages and Literatures
- 1980**      **B.A., Magna cum Laude, Emmanuel College, Boston, MA**  
Majors: German and Theological Studies. Minor: Russian

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- 2018-Present**      **Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**  
Responsibilities consist of teaching undergraduate courses of speech, language and hearing sciences, including Speech Acoustics, Fundamentals of Hearing, Language Development, Introduction to Speech Disorders, and Audiometry.
- 2016-2018**      **Co-Director of ThinkFirst National Brain Injury Prevention Program  
Brooks Chapter; Inpatient Rehab Hospital**  
Responsibilities included educational presentations on brain injury and brain injury prevention.
- 2013- 2018**      **Clinical Speech-Language Pathologist, Brooks Outpatient  
Rehabilitation, St. Augustine, Florida**  
  
Provided evaluation and therapy for adults and children with cognitive, language, swallowing and voice disorders.  
Assessed and treated adult population with dysphagia, voice, motor speech, aphasia, cognitive-linguistic, and fluency treatments.  
Assessed and treated pediatric population with early literacy disorders, fluency, articulation, cognitive-linguistic, motor speech and feeding aversion.  
Provided educational support for caregivers and patients about disorders and

treatment plans.  
Ensured proper medical codes and billing.

**2013 - 2015 Assistant Professor of Speech and Language Pathology, Jacksonville, Florida**

Responsibilities include: teaching hybrid and online courses (Anatomy and Physiology of Speech, Introduction to Communication Science Disorders, Phonetics, Clinical Observation, Language Development and Reading Disorders), developing Anatomy and Physiology of Speech (300 and 310) for cross listing with nursing electives, promoting new CSD program on campus and in the Jacksonville community, recruiting and advising students, programmatic planning, curriculum development, participating in professional conferences, and creating library resources for CSD at Jacksonville University.

**1994 –2013 Associate Professor of German, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**

Responsibilities include teaching German language, literature and culture courses, developing curriculum, coordinating the language program (both traditional textbook and electronic platform) and supervising the Dutch and German graduate teaching assistants.

**2004 – 2007 Undergraduate Advisor for Germanic Studies, Gainesville, Florida**

Responsibilities included advising UF students pursuing a BA degree in Germanic Studies.

**1989 – 1994 Assistant Professor of German, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**

Responsibilities included coordinating the language program, teaching German language courses and supervising the Dutch and German graduate teaching assistants and tutors.

**1989 Visiting Assistant Professor of German, University of New Orleans in Innsbruck, Austria**

Responsibilities included teaching intermediate and advanced language classes.

**1988 – 1989 Visiting Lecturer of German, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**

Responsibilities included teaching language classes and supervising the graduate teaching assistants.

**Spring 1988 Visiting Assistant Professor, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA**

Responsibilities included teaching language classes, coordinating free conversation sessions and supervising tutors

**1987 – 1988 Learning Disabilities Tutor Coordinator, University of Massachusetts,**

### **Amherst, MA**

Responsibilities included hiring, training and supervising tutors for learning disabled students on campus.

### **1987 – 1988 Internship Program Assistant Coordinator, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA**

Responsibilities included planning, developing and implementing an adult literacy program in Western Massachusetts.

### **INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

- 2007 Guest professor at the Universiteit Utrecht, the Netherlands fall 2007.
- 2005 Guest professor at the Universiteit Utrecht, the Netherlands fall 2005.
- 1996-2012 Utrecht Summer Program Director. Responsibilities included recruitment of summer school participants, advising UF students abroad, and lecturing in program.
- 1994 Co-Director of the Mannheim Summer Program, Mannheim, Germany. Responsible for teaching language and culture courses and advising UF students.
- 1989 Visiting assistant professor in the Innsbruck Summer Program, Innsbruck, Austria. Responsibilities included teaching intermediate and advanced German language courses.

### **CLINICAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS:**

- 2015 Florida Clinical License
- 2015 Lee Silverman Voice Therapy Loud Awarded Certificate
- 2014 ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence
- 2013 Certification for NOMS Adult User Guide Training

### **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- 2019 Nominated for UF Career Influencer Award
- 2007 Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship at the Hadassah Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University for book project She who has Health has Hope: Dr. Aletta Jacobs' Work in 19th Century Europe.
- 2006-2007 Dr. Madelyn M. Lockhart Faculty Fellowship in Women's Studies University of Florida for book project After Glikl von Hameln: Jewish Women Writers in Germany and The Netherlands from the 18th century to WWII
- 1996 TIP (Teaching Improvement Program 1993-1996) Award, University of Florida
- 1991- 92 College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Advising Award.

- 1990- 91 College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Teaching Award.
- 1984 Governor's Recognition Award for Germanic studies at the University of Massachusetts.
- 1982-1983 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Scholarship at the Universität Freiburg, Germany.
- 1980-1981 University of Massachusetts Scholarship for study abroad at the Universität Freiburg, Germany.

### **GRANTS:**

- 2003 Internationalization of Curriculum (Gallo-Meagher, Irani, Rudd and DiFino), University of Florida (\$3,000)
- 1992 Sponsored Research Grant University of Florida (\$7,500). Conducted research in München, Germany
- 1991 Sponsored Research Grant, University of Florida (\$3,000)

### **PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- "Understanding Reading Disorders and Their Impact on Academic Performance: Recognizing the Signs, Performing Diagnosis, and Implementing Treatment Options." "Speech Language of Alachua County Gainesville, FL, February 22, 2019
- "Phonological Deficits in College Students with Dyslexia." ASHA (American Speech and Hearing Association) Orlando, FL, November 20-24, 2014
- "Stuttering Treatments in Europe: A Case Study of Henry Freund, Co-Founder of the Stuttering Foundation of America," Florida Conference of Historians, St. Augustine, FL, 2014
- "Linguistic Schizophrenia: Pluricentricity of the German Language with Focus on Austria," ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language), Orlando, FL, 2013
- "Teaching German to Students with Special Needs: College Students with Dyslexia," ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language), Orlando, FL, 2013
- "Du sagst Tomate, ich sage Paradeiser: Pluricentricity of the German Language and Instruction in the L2 Classroom," ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language), Philadelphia, PA, 2012.
- "Memory Mechanisms and their Application in the L2 Classroom" Roundtable Discussion at ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language), Boston, MA, 2010.
- "Dutch and German Perspectives on Women's Health in the 18th and 19th Centuries," SAMLA (South Atlantic Modern Language Association), Atlanta, GA, 2009.
- "Teaching with Technology: Effective Integration of Online Tools and TA Training In the High

- Tech Age" (AATG German panel at ACTFL), Orlando, FL, 2008.
- "Non-Traditional Texts in the Second Language Classroom: Henriette Herz' Memoirs of a Jewish Girlhood" (SAML A- South Atlantic Modern Language Association), Charlotte, NC, 2006.
- "Understanding Dyslexia and other Learning Disabilities" (AATG-American Association of Teachers of German-panel paper at ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language), Nashville, TN, 2006.
- "The Influence of Native Language Skills on Foreign Language Learning" (ASHLA – American Speech Language and Hearing Association), Philadelphia, PA, 2004.
- "Multi-media Approach to Popular Culture in the German Language Classroom" (SAML A), Atlanta, GA, 2003.
- "German Heritage Speakers: Who Are They and How Can We Help Them?" (SAML A), Baltimore, MD, 2002.
- "Teaching Assistant Video Diary as an Alternative Training Strategy" (ACTFL), Boston, MA, 2000.
- "Language Program Coordinator as a Symphony" (ACTFL), Dallas, TX, 1999.
- "The Afro-German Theme in the Classroom" (ACTFL), Nashville, TN, 1997.
- "The Foreign Language Requirement and the Student with Learning Difficulties (Modern Language Association), Toronto, Canada, December 1993.
- "Female Bonding: The Importance of Relationships Between Women Portrayed in Eighteenth Century Journals." (German Studies Association), Washington, DC, October 1993.
- "Women's Literacy in Eighteenth-Century Germany: The Question of the, gelehrtes Frauenzimmer'." (GSA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 1992.
- "Filling in the Gaps: Unearthing Women's Literary Achievements in Eighteenth – Century Germany." (AATG), Washington, DC, November 1991.
- "Patriotism in Gottsched's Moral Weeklies." (GSA), Los Angeles, CA, September 1991.
- "A Look at the Involvement of German Women in Eighteenth Century Literary Journals" (Florida State University, Conference on Social and Political Change in Literature and Film), Tallahassee, FL, January 1990.

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

*The Intellectual Development of German Women in Selected Periodicals from 1725 to 1784.*  
New York: Peter Lang, 1990 (180 pp).

### Refereed Publications:

DiFino, S., Johnson B., Lombardino, L.(2008). The Role of the SLP in Assisting College Students with Dyslexia in Fulfilling Language Requirements: A Case Study. *Contemporary Issues in Communication Science and Disabilities*, 35, 54-64.

Lori Unruh Snyder, Maria Gallo, Stephen G. Fulford, Tracy Irani, Rick Rudd, Sharon M. DiFino, and Timothy C. Durham (2008) European Union's Moratorium Impact on Food Biotechnology: A Discussion-Based Scenario. *Journal of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Education* 37:27-31.

DiFino, S., Lombardino, L. (2004) Language Learning Disabilities: The Ultimate Foreign Language Challenge, *Foreign Language Annals*, 37, 390-400.

### **SERVICE AND COMMITTEES:**

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|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2018-Present | Member of Financial Aid/Scholarship Committee in PPHP                         |
| 2018-Present | Chair of Search Committee for Audiology Assistant/Associate/Full Professor    |
| 2018-Present | Graduation Ceremony Marshall in College of PPHP                               |
| 2018-Present | Faculty Advisor to UF National Student Speech Language Association            |
| 2015-Present | ASHA Special Interest Group #16 Editorial Board                               |
| 2013-2014    | Member of the CAO Faculty Search Committee, Jacksonville University           |
| 2000-2006    | University Minority Mentor, University of Florida                             |
| 1998-2004    | University of Florida Center for Excellence in Teaching (UCET) Advisory Board |
| 1996-2013    | Ruth O. McQuown Women's Scholarship Committee, University of Florida          |
| 1994-2008    | UF-Utrecht Exchange Program Committee for Faculty and Students                |
| 1990-1994    | Member of Innsbruck Exchange Committee, University of Florida                 |

### **ORGANIZATIONS:**

Kiwanis Brooks Corporate member (2017-2018)  
American Speech and Hearing Association (Certified Member)  
Member Brooks-JU Advisory Board member (2013-2018)

### **LANGUAGES:**

German, Dutch, and reading knowledge of Russian

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