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Professional Experience

Linguistic Data Consortium

Research Project Coordinator November 2011 - present Operational and administrative support for Senior Associate Director and Annotation Group staff; coordination of grant-funded project reporting, documentation development, part-time staff, and maintenance of part-time staff environment and equipment; contribute to grant-funded research papers and grant proposal development; manage organization-internal weekly speaker series

Writing Program - University of Southern California
Assistant Lecturer 2009-2010

Writing and Critical Reasoning (Writing 140): teaching of a required undergraduate course designed to develop analytical, critical thinking and argumentative writing skills. Development of twice weekly lecture/group discussion, modeling of various techniques for idea generation, and structuring and supporting arguments; developing students' general familiarity with expectations for college level reasoning, argumentation and writing

The LINGUIST List

Managing Editor, late 2005 – July 2008

Supervision and training of editorial staff (15+/-); development of editorial and other organizational policy; maintenance of publishing standards and deadlines; development of customer service standards for editorial staff; resolution of mid-level user issues; conceptualization of new student portal website module; lead or participate in design, building and testing of modules

Editor, May 2004 – late 2005

Editing and posting of user-submitted announcements; various project work as assigned

Humanities Center, WSU
Administrative Assistant, 2003-4

Administration: processing of graduate student travel fund request applications; various event planning and preparation tasks; assisting visiting scholars in temporary relocation; preparation and distribution of publication materials for Center events

PFIC, Inc.

Regional Account Manager, 1998-2001 Primary responsibility for commercial client

relationships, and their overall satisfaction with products and services. Executive level relationship building and maintenance, business reporting; project management of system-to-system

conversions

Sr. Customer Service Rep, 1995-1998 Medium-large client service, proprietary software

support, client software training, processing of

\$1M+ invoices

Fleet Finance, 1993-1995 Preparation and processing of mortgage loan

application and closing document

Jabil Circuit Co., Inc. 1983-1993 Various positions for this pc manufacturing

concern including supervision and training; production, inventory and quality control; ISO

documentation development

Education

2010 M.A. Linguistics, University of Southern California, May 2010

Area of interest: Articulatory phonology

Advisor: Louis Goldstein

2008 B.A., Wayne State University, May 2008, cum laude

Linguistics, sub-concentration: Japanese language and literature

Publications Edited Volumes

2011 Mary Byram Washburn, Katherine McKinney-Bock, Erika Varis, Ann Sawyer, and Barbara

Tomaszewicz (eds.). Proceedings of the 28th West Coast Conference on Formal

Linguistics. Cascadilla Proceedings Project, Somerville, MA, USA.

Papers

2014 Zhiyi Song, Stephanie Strassel, Haejoong Lee, Kevin Walker, Jonathan Wright, Jennifer

Garland, Dana Fore, Brian Gainor, Preston Cabe, Thomas Thomas, Brendan Callahan, Ann Sawyer *Collecting Natural SMS and Chat Conversations in Multiple Languages: The*

BOLT Phase 2 Corpus. LREC 2014, Reykjavik, May 2014

David Graff, Kevin Walker, Stephanie Strassel, Xiaoyi Ma, Karen Jones, Ann Sawyer

The RATS Collection: Supporting HLT Research with Degraded Audio Data

LREC 2014, Reykjavik, May 2014

Service

2014, 2013 Member of reviews panel, Interspeech Scientific Review Committee