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Position: Assistant Professor
Department of Reading
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Education: 2009
Doctor of Philosophy
University of Kansas, Lawrence
Curriculum & Instruction; Literacy & Linguistics focus

2000
Secondary Certification & Licensure
University of Texas at El Paso
Secondary Education; Bilingual/ESL/English focus

1993
Master of Arts
University of Missouri at Kansas City
English; Writing focus

1990
Bachelor of Arts
University of Kansas, Lawrence
Theatre & Media Arts

Work Experience: 2006-2008
Lawrence Public Library; Lawrence, Kansas
Young Adult Library Assistant
Assisted adolescents with the use of print and electronic resources;
Implemented programs to encourage reading through the summer months

1995-1996

Interactive System International; New Orleans, Louisiana

Scriptwriter

Wrote scripts for interactive training CDs and corporate education videos

2001-2004

U.S. State Department & School for International Training, Russia

English Teacher Educator

Designed and implemented various curriculums based on needs assessments to English education institutions in Northwest Russia:

Wrote grants to fund English enhancement programs throughout

1996-1997

Lansing Correctional Facility; Lansing, Kansas

Special Education Para-educator

Taught General Education Diploma curriculum; Fostered positive social skills and feelings of self-worth

1991-1993

University of Missouri at Kansas City Conservatory of Music

Public Relations Assistant

Wrote press releases and brochures for conservatory events

**Professional
Academic:**

2008-2009

Southwest Junior High School; Lawrence, Kansas

English Teacher/ELL Resource

Taught comprehension in all content areas for English Language Learners

2005-2008

University of Kansas, Lawrence

Curriculum & Teaching Graduate Teaching Assistant

Taught one section of *Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum (C&T448)*, *Teaching Literature to Young Adults (C&T430)*, *Reflective Practitioner in Secondary Schools (C&T414)*, and three sections of *Curriculum and the Secondary Learner (C&T324)*; Supervised student teachers of Humanities

2004-2005

Northern Arizona University

English Education Instructor

Taught two sections of *Foundations of Language and Literacy (ENG301w)*, and one section of *Current Trends and Theories of English Teaching (ENG300)*; Supervised student teachers of English at secondary level

1999-2001

Canutillo & Montwood High Schools; El Paso, Texas

English Teacher

Taught 9th, 10th and 11th grades to Hispanic majority classes

1997-1998
East China University; China
English/TEFL Teacher
Taught comparative mythology, American Literature, modern theatre, and conversational English

1997-1998
Shanghai High School; China
English/TEFL Teacher
Taught reading, writing, listening and speaking to students ages 14-17

1996-1997
Kansas City Kansas Community College
Composition Instructor
Taught two sections of *Composition 1*

1993-1995
US Peace Corps & Gymnasium 3; Odessa, Ukraine
TEFL Teacher
Taught reading, writing, listening and speaking to students ages 14-17;
Wrote grant resulting in over \$1 million in humanitarian aid to the city

1992-1993
University of Missouri at Kansas City
English Graduate Teaching Assistant
Taught two sections of *Composition 1*

1991-1993
Westport High School; Kansas City, Missouri
Westport Senior High School
English Teacher
Taught 9th grade English on part-time basis

**Non-Professional
Academic:**

1987-1990

- College internship KUDL/WBH radio; Kansas City, Missouri
- College internship KMBC-TV; Kansas City, Missouri
- College radio KJHK-FM disc jockey; Lawrence, Kansas

**Area of
Specialization:**

Adolescent literacy and English Language Learners

**Research Areas/
Interests:**

My research focuses on motivation for literacy among adolescents using a combination of Self-Determination and Discourse Analysis Theories

Publications:

Juried:

Massengill Shaw, D., & Berg, M. (2009). Jail participants actively study words. *The Journal of Correctional Education* (60)2, 100-119.

Massengill Shaw, D. & Berg, M. (2008). Effects of a Word Study intervention on spelling accuracy among low-literate adults. *Adult Basic Education and Literacy Journal* (2)3, 131-139.

Professional Presentations:

Juried:

Berg, M. (2009, May). *Reading, Writing and Conversations of Adolescents Engaged in Online Networking*. Presented at the annual International Reading Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Berg, M. (2007, February). *From Reflective Teacher to Reflective Teacher Educator*. Presented at annual conference of the Association of Teacher Educators, San Diego, CA.

Shaw, D. & Berg, M. (2007, November). *Word Study Intervention at the Local Jail*. Presented at the National Reading Conference, Austin, TX

Berg, M., Scales, S. & Worthington, K. (2007, November). *Reorienting the Compass: Motivations and Curricular Goals*. Presented at the annual conference of the National Council of Teachers of English, New York, NY

Shaw, D. & Berg, M. (2006, December). *"Now I understand!" Adults with limited literacy proficiency engage in word study*. Presented at the National Reading Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Shaw, D. & Berg, M. (2006, May). *To Double or Not to Double that is the Question: Spelling and Adult Learners*. Presented at International Reading Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Professional Association Participation:

American Education Research Association

Guest/Non-member

Washington, DC

2010 Annual Meeting Proposal Reviewer

International Reading Association

2005-Present

Member

Newark, DE

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

1999-Present

Member

Washington, DC

National Association of Teachers of English

1999-Present

Member

Urbana, IL

Teaching:

2009, Assistant Professor, Department of Reading

EDRD 340: Developing Language and Literacy in the Content Areas

EDRD 620: Reading in the Middle and Secondary Schools

Other teaching as stated above under "Work Experience" & "Professional Academic"

Honors and Awards:

2009 Nomination for Outstanding Dissertation in the School of Education, KU

2008 School of Education Achievement Scholarship, KU

2007 Allane Corcoran Scholarship in Education, KU

2006 Helen Rowles Hansen Scholarship in Education, KU

2005 Outstanding Entering Graduate Education Student Scholarship, KU

1999 Peace Corps Fellow of El Paso

1993 Peace Corps TELF Team 1 to Ukraine

1985-2001 Creative Writing Grants and Productions