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## EDUCATION

MA	<i>Sign Language Teaching</i> (GPA 3.8) Gallaudet University, Washington, DC	2012-2013
BA	<i>American Sign Language</i> (GPA 3.5) Minor: Deaf Studies & Linguistics Gallaudet University, Washington, DC	2009-2012
AA	<i>Deaf Studies</i> (GPA 3.1) Camden County Community College, Blackwood, NJ	2009

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013	<b>American Sign Language (ASL) Teacher</b> <i>ASL and Deaf Studies Department, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop tailored ASL lessons and activities</li><li>• Create activities increasing student ability to master ASL mouth morphemes</li><li>• Utilize formal and informal assessment tools tracking ASL acquisition</li></ul>
2012	<b>Supplemental Instructional Leader: American Sign Language 102</b> <i>ASL and Deaf Studies Department, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide intensive ASL coaching and diagnostics for students</li><li>• Apply ASL activities to practice information learned from class</li><li>• Monitor and assess ASL development</li></ul>
2012	<b>Supplemental Instructional Leader: General Studies 103</b> <i>ASL and Deaf Studies Department, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support fluent ASL signers in learning about different ASL registers</li><li>• Gave feedback to students' academic language use in ASL</li><li>• Diagnose language errors and provide strategies for improvement</li></ul>
2012	<b>Teacher Assistant, Advanced ASL for Interpreters: American Sign Language 203</b> <i>ASL and Deaf Studies Department, Gallaudet University, Washington DC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implemented ASL lessons and activities to advance interpreters' ASL skills</li><li>• Diagnosed language errors and suggested strategies for improvement</li><li>• Corrected and graded students' assignments</li></ul>
2012	<b>Teacher Assistant, General Studies 103</b> <i>ASL and Deaf Studies Department, Gallaudet University, Washington DC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supported fluent ASL signers in learning about different ASL registers</li><li>• Gave feedback to students' academic language use in ASL</li><li>• Created instructional video clips that were incorporated in course lessons</li></ul>

- 2012                    **Bilingual ASL/English Peer Counselor**  
*JumpStart Program, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC*
- Supervised and guided new deaf, hearing and hard of hearing students
  - Created and implemented ASL activities throughout the day
  - Taught ASL to emerging signers shared progress reports with teachers.
- 2012                    **Research member, Dr. Miako Villanueva's Dissertation**  
*Linguistics Department, Gallaudet University, Washington DC*
- Assisted in collecting linguistic data
  - Utilized a linguistic software incorporating video annotations (ELAN)
  - Analyzed and transcribed language milestones within video data
- 2012                    **American Sign Language (ASL) Intern**  
*JumpStart Program, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC*
- Supervised tutorial program including graduate students as tutors
  - Provided 1:1 tutoring sessions for new signers
  - Created and implemented ASL activities during evenings
  - Taught ASL to new signers shared progress reports with teachers
- 2011                    **Teaching Assistant, Conversational American Sign Language**  
*ASL and Deaf Studies Department, Gallaudet University, Washington DC*
- Developed teaching materials
  - Created video clips to demonstrate ASL variation
  - Provided 1:1 support for students to enhance their ASL skills
- 2010                    **Bilingual ASL/English Peer Counselor**  
*JumpStart Program, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC*
- Supervised and guided new deaf, hearing and hard of hearing students
  - Created and implemented ASL activities throughout the day
  - Taught ASL to emerging signers shared progress reports with teachers.
- 2010                    **Teaching Assistant, Special Topics for Transfer Students: First Year Seminar 495**  
*Gallaudet University, Washington DC*
- Developed digital presentations and learning activities
  - Provided resources and information for job opportunities
- 2010                    **Teaching Assistant, Special Topics: First Year Seminar 195**  
*Gallaudet University, Washington, DC*
- Assisted teacher with grading homework
  - Fed in grades in Blackboard Learning Management System
  - Provided 1:1 support for students
- 2010                    **American Sign Language (ASL) Tutor**  
*Department of Administration and Finance, Gallaudet University, Washington DC*
- Provided 1:1 and group tutoring sessions to faculty members and staff
  - Developed ASL activities to enhance their ASL skills

## CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSURES

American Sign Language Teachers' Association (ASLTA) Certification: Provisional	2013
National Association of Black Interpreter Training Certification	2012
American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) score: 4	2010

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS / PANELIST / PERFORMANCES

Williams, F. (2013, June). *Is ASL for The Whites Only?* Triennial National Deaf people of Color Conference III, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC.

Williams, F. (2013, July). *Is ASL for All?* American Sign Language Teachers Association Conference, Charlotte, NC.

Williams, F. (2013, February). *Black Deaf Student Panel*, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC.

Williams, F. (2012, April). *JumpStart Program Panel*, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC.

Williams, F. (2011, February). *Vagina Monologues*, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC.

Williams, F. (2010, December). *Dare to Utter*, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC.

## RELEVANT COURSES TAKEN

2009-2013

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES:

GSR 103: ASL & Deaf Studies  
 ASL 301: ASL & English: Comparative Analysis  
 ASL 302: Visual Language Resource Development  
 ASL 303: Depiction in American Sign Language  
 ASL 304: Fingerspelling & ASL Numbers  
 ASL 305: Non-manual Grammatical Signals in ASL  
 ASL 314: ASL Literature  
 ASL 380: ASL Elocution: Applications  
 ASL 490: Senior Seminar  
 ASL 401: Practicum  
 ASL 405: Discourse Features in ASL  
 ASL 421: Introduction to ASL Instruction  
 DST 311: Dynamics of Oppression  
 DST 314: Oral Traditions of Deaf Community  
 DST 402: Deaf Women's Studies  
 HIS 111: History of American Deaf Community  
 LIN 101: Sign Language and Sign Systems  
 LIN 263: Introduction to the Structure of ASL  
 LIN 301: Introduction to Phonology and Morphology  
 LIN 302: Introduction to Syntax and Discourse  
 LIN 480: Linguistics Research Experience  
 LIN 510: Introduction to First and Second Language Acquisition

**GRADUATE COURSES:**

ASL 709: Sign Language Media Production  
 ASL 724: Sign Language Linguistics for Sign Language Professionals  
 ASL 741: Methods of Sign Language Teaching  
 ASL 743: Curriculum Development for Sign Language Instructors  
 ASL 752: Sign Language Practicum  
 ASL 760: Assessing Sign Language Skills  
 ASL 762: Seminar in Sign Language Teaching  
 ASL 770: Sign Language Planning & Advocacy  
 ASL 790: Sign Language Teaching Internship  
 ASL 795 Special Topics in ASL and Deaf Studies Digital Media and Marketing  
 DST 705: Sign & the Philosophy of Language  
 DST 710: Literary Traditions in the Deaf Community  
 DST 714: Critical Pedagogy

**AWARDS**

ASL and Deaf Studies Department George Veditz Academic Achievement Award, Gallaudet University	2012
Leadership Foundation, Gallaudet University	2009-2012
Brian Shomo's Foundation, Camden County Community College	2009-2010

**REFERENCES**

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 Rochester Institute of Technology

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