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**Education**

- **Gallaudet University, Graduate Student**  
Masters in Sign Language Education; Graduation date: May 2019.
- **Gallaudet University, Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude**  
Deaf Studies, minor in Communications Studies; May, 2017.
- Model Secondary School for the Deaf, 1989

**Teaching Experience**

**Instructor, Healthy Identity and You**  
**Gallaudet University**

August 2015 - to present  
Washington, DC

JumpStart program. 4 hour series on Deafhood, the critical importance of healthy identity for all Deaf\* people and how new signers at Gallaudet can embrace who they truly are and maximize their Deaf culture and ASL experience during their time at Gallaudet.

**Deafhood Instructor and Facilitator**  
**Deafhood Foundation**

January 2011 to present  
Nationwide

Developed Deafhood 101 and 201 course based on David M. Eberwein's course syllabus and reading assignments. Taught 16 classes to date with over 480 hours of instruction time in the U.S. and Canada. The course has received rave reviews and raised Deaf consciousness in new ways and thinking. Covers colonialism, specialists vs lay people, oralism, Deaf clubs, residential schools, deafness versus Deafhood, deficit thinking and possibility thinking, dimensions, discourses, accurate mapping of our battlefield of 132+ years of oralism, reframing, activism and resistance and reconstruction. Work on train the trainers program is underway. Trained two others to become teachers.

Provided training to Ameritech relay representatives in Deaf culture and the differences between two worlds.

### Publications

• **Hochgesang, J. A., & Miller, M. T. (2016).** A celebration of the Dictionary of American Sign Language on Linguistic Principles: Fifty years later. *Sign Language Studies Journal*, 16(4).



• **Legal, but is it ethical to mainstream Deaf\* kids? Final poster project for GSR240**  
Ethics class at Gallaudet University. The poster raises questions on whether it's ethical to mainstream so many Deaf children today, considering the negative impact on their academic, social, and mental well being as well as their need for healthy Deaf identity. (Unpublished) PDF: <http://bit.ly/EthicsMainstream>



• **Deafhood 101 curriculum, 2011-2013.** Based on Paddy Ladd's *Understanding Deaf Culture: In Search of Deafhood*. 10 Lessons with over 345 slides with a small percentage of slides from other's work such as David Eberwein and Ella Mae Lentz's. The slides include videos, vlogs, pictures and metaphors that help participants gain better understanding of a complex framework of colonialism, oralism, education, deficit thinking, resistance, activism, culture, identity and more. **30-45 course hours** for this curriculum is being taught across the country. As of October 2017, 27 classes taught.

• **Deafhood 201 curriculum, 2012-2013.** 10 lessons which expands in depth on the initial 101 course, exploring parallels with Mexican American Studies in Tucson, Arizona, understanding the role of shame in our lives and understanding resistance and activism. The course also challenges the participants to come up with a small project to advance our community in areas of education, activism, arts and/or media. As of August, 2015, 40 classes taught.

• **A Place of Our Own: Laurent, South Dakota.** 2004. A 22-page illustrated concept paper detailing why the Deaf community needs to build a signing town for all signers in South Dakota.

- **12 published articles in *NADMag*** from March 2004 to August 2005 on Laurent, South Dakota and its progress.
- **SIGNews** from September 2003 to January 2004. Editorials and articles.
- **DeafNation** from October 1995 to May 2000. Editorials and articles.
- **Interviews and articles in mainstream media:** Received tremendous coverage on signing town, Laurent, South Dakota, in the media including *The New York Times*, *People* magazine, *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, *Associated Press*, *The Argus Leader* of Sioux Falls and others. Did live and one on one interviews on *Enjeux* (Quebec French language TV show), *Perspektiv* (Swedish language TV for deaf), *YLE Finnish Deaf TV* with Mikaela Tillander, and Comcast's regional TV news channel with Connie Colla via remote satellite from Boston TV studio.
- [www.DeafhoodFoundation.org](http://www.DeafhoodFoundation.org) Web site development and maintenance including its vlog pages giving updated news on Deafhood Foundation and [www.DeafhoodMonologues.org](http://www.DeafhoodMonologues.org).

### Workshops, Seminars and Presentations

- **Deafhood and Allies, All-Day Training, Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** at Omaha, Nebraska. March 16, 2018.
- **Faculty and Staff All-Day Training, Harper College**, Schaumburg, Illinois. All day training on Deafhood and Allies. September 2017.
- **Endnote, American Sign Language Teachers Association Conference.** One hour and 15 minute presentation on the future of the Deaf peoples. June 2017.
- **Faculty and Staff 3 Hour training, Harper College**, Schaumburg, Illinois. 3 Hour training on Deafhood and Allies. November 2016.
- **Keynote, Southeastern Regional Institute on Deafness (SERID).** One hour keynote on Deafhood and You: Planting Seeds of Change. October 2016.
- **Workshop (2), Indiana Chapter Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf**, Indianapolis, Indiana. 3 Hour Deafhood and Allies training. October 2016.
- **Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf (RID) Community Forums.** Panelist and presenter. August, 2015 and July 2013.
- **All Deaf Children Deserve Healthy Identity.** June, 2015. American Society of Deaf Children (ASDC) Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- **Deafhood: Liberation, Healing, and the Sign Language Interpreter.** April, 2015. Presentation on exploring the Deafhood journey—the internal and external dialogue on what it means to be a healthy Deaf person today—and the role sign language interpreters have and can yet play in that journey. Video: <http://www.streetleverage.com/street-leverage-live-2015/streetleverage-live-2015deafhood-liberation-healing-and-the-sign-language-interpreter/>
- **Deafhood and you.** Training hosted by Sharp Eyed Group with RID CEUs, October 2012. All-day workshop on Deafhood and the Deaf community to audience of 40 Deaf people, ASL professors and interpreting students.
- **Introduction to Deafhood.** 3 hour presentation at DEAF Network in Greater Indianapolis Deaf Club. March, 2012.
- **Deafhood and the Future.** 50 minute presentation in class at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis (IUPUI) to ASL students. Two separate appearances in 2011-2012.
- **Deafhood and you.** Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky. All-day workshop on Deafhood and the Deaf community to audience of 40 Deaf people, ASL professors and interpreting students. November 2011
- **Why we must build a signing town?** TEDxIslay. Austin, Texas. May 15, 2010. Video available on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAmnGqjSB4M>
- **Building Laurent, South Dakota.** Presentation at University of Georgia. Athens, GA. October, 2005. News article: [http://www.redandblack.com/news/man-to-start-sign-language-community/article\\_e11907e8-b16f-58a9-bfd7-59262384997f.html](http://www.redandblack.com/news/man-to-start-sign-language-community/article_e11907e8-b16f-58a9-bfd7-59262384997f.html)
- **Why build a signing town?** Presentations at National Leadership and Literacy Camp (2005) and Youth Leadership Camp (2003).

### Works in Progress

- **My Deafhood Journey: What I learned from teaching Deafhood classes.** Book on my life journey thus far and how I re-discovered myself as a Deaf human being through teaching Deafhood classes. 50,000 to 75,000 word length non-fiction book.

### Work Experience

- **Relay Process Manager.** *Communication Access Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. January 2009 to November 2009.* Developed iChat Video Relay Service with URRelay, a first outside of Purple Communications. Significantly improved video quality on videophone platform for CACVRS. Analyzed revenue and expenses and made key recommendations to downsize programs at CAC in order for the organization to survive. Developed and implement public relations and communications plan for CAC to reach out to the Deaf community.
- **Consultant.** *Independent. January 2008 to present.* Consulted various clients on how to “step back” and sharpen their saw. Assisted one through start-up business in re-visualizing the business plan. Engaged in big picture efforts and wrote up reports. Evaluated video quality for a VRS company by breaking down specific video issues into categories and tallying them and delivering results in an easy to understand spreadsheet. Redesigned website in 4 days for a VRS company with emphasis on simplicity, clarity and elegance.
- **Executive Director.** *The Laurent Institute. August 2003 to December 2006.* Founded the non-profit organization (501c3). For Laurent, South Dakota, this organization will promote economic development; provide training and resource identification to future entrepreneurs; recruit key individuals and business owners to establish or relocate their businesses in Laurent; and provide civic and political leadership development.
- **Chief Executive Officer.** *The Laurent Company. August 2003 to December 2006.* Founded the private, for-profit company to lead land development and construction for the building of a new town, Laurent, South Dakota.
- **Editor-in-Chief and Founder, SIGNews.** *CSD. July 2003 to January 2004.* Developed and launched a brand new monthly national newspaper serving the signers – deaf, hearing or hard of hearing. Recruited a team and met an aggressive launch deadline. [www.signews.org](http://www.signews.org)
- **Video Relay Services (VRS) Division Marketing Director.** *CSD. January 2003 to July 2003.* Developed and coordinated marketing strategies and directed the development of a much easier to use and simpler website, USAVRS.com unveiled in May 2003.
- **Creative Media.** *CSD. October 2002 to January 2003.* Developed marketing packages for newly formed Marketing division at CSD. Oversaw development of logos, signage and brand image consistency.
- **Director of Publications.** *CSD. July 2002 to October 2002.* Directed all CSD publications including CSD Spectrum, Deaf USA, Horizons, CSD of Minnesota and The Real Word Newsletter.

- **Editorial Consultant.** *CSD. October, 2001 to July 2002.* (Full time employee) Revamped CSD Spectrum magazine and added 4 color process throughout the magazine. Added visual pizzazz to the publication. Worked on other publications.
- **Chief Content Officer.** *MyCities.com, Inc. April to August 2000.* Supervised the content department of 19 high-level employees with doctorate and masters or law degrees. Developed guidelines and systems in place to handle content management for over 3,000 interest/topic areas in MyCities.com.
- **Vice President of Media & Editor-in-Chief.** *WebbyNation, Inc. August 1998 to March 2000.* Established *DeafNation* in 1985 (before merging it into WebbyNation), a nationwide newspaper for the deaf and hard of hearing. DeafNation was a trendsetter by being the the first full-color cover newspaper in the industry. Responsible for entire production, and designed the layout from scratch. Oversaw various operations such as customer support, and Internet services. Supervised and hired full time employees.
- **Publisher/Editor-in-Chief.** *The Deaf Michigander, October, 1992 to September, 1995.* The Deaf Michigander, a statewide monthly tabloid-sized publication, had hit 1,100 subscribers and press runs of 2,000 copies before it was transformed into DeafNation in October, 1995.
- **Advertising Graphic Designer.** *Detroit Newspaper Agency, October 1995 to June 1996.* Recreated advertisements for The Detroit News and The Detroit Free Press.
- **ASL Translator.** *Ameritech, March 1992 to September, 1995.* Responsible in assisting Relay Representatives in translating relay calls from deaf/hard of hearing people.
- **Layout Editor, Associate Editor and Editor-In-Chief.** *Buff and Blue, Gallaudet University, 1989-1991.* Went through a series of promotions. Coordinated with the Advertising Manager regarding the design of advertisements. Supervised the staff.

### **Awards and Honors**

- Abraham Lincoln Scholarship, *Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War* for 17 page essay on Barnard Brothers and the Civil War, first place. April, 2016.
- The Special Award of Recognition for The Deaf Michigander by Michigan Deaf Association, 1993.
- Peter Hobbs Award, Model Secondary School for the Deaf, 1989.

### **Boards and Organizations**

- Founding board member of Deafhood Foundation
- Past President, Indiana Association of the Deaf & Michigan Deaf Association