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### SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

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An ecologically validating mentor, cognitive coach and professional educator committed to solving teacher shortages by fostering learning environments where educators envision themselves not only as individuals, but also productive members of a pluralistic society. Foundationally working to develop groups and autonomous individuals simultaneously. Interests include teacher recruitment and retention; student and teacher mentorship; language acquisition; the intersection of language and culture; state and federal education policy; educational leadership; and cognitive coaching as a reflection tool.

### EDUCATION

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- Ed.D. University of Nebraska – Lincoln, 2016  
College of Education, Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education  
Carnegie Project on Educational Doctorate  
Dissertation: Leveraging a Mentorship Program in a Complex System  
Chair: Ted Hamann  
Committee Members: Ali Moeller, Jenelle Reeves,  
Lauren Gatti, John Mackiel, Margaret Latta
- M.Ed. Doane University, 2007  
Educational Leadership  
New Teacher Induction  
Lincoln, Nebraska
- M.Ed. University of Nebraska – Lincoln, 1999  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Second Language Acquisition
- B.S. Ed. University of Nebraska – Lincoln, 1992  
College of Education, Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education  
English, ELL & Spanish

### LICENSES

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Certified Cognitive Coach, 2016 - Present  
Nebraska Professional Administrative Certification – Principal 7-12  
Nebraska Professional Educator Certification – English 7-12, Spanish 7-12

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### University of Nebraska at Kearney

2024 – present            Assistant Professor

- Teach courses and advise graduate students in the Transitional Certification Program
- Teach English as a Second Language course sequence
- Faculty sponsor for the Future Educators of Color Student Organization
- Active member of the American Democracy Project on campus
- UNK Education Association Board Member

### University of Nebraska at Kearney

2022 – 2024            Adjunct Professor

- Teach TE 831 in the Transitional Certification Program professional course sequence

### Nebraska Wesleyan University

Fall 2020                Adjunct Instructor

- Teach Romance Languages & Learning 223: Second Language Pedagogy

### University of Nebraska at Kearney

Summer 2019           Guest Lecturer

- Teach FORL 800: Curriculum Development & Research

### Lincoln Public Schools

1996 – 2024            District Office Administration & Teacher Leader

- Spanish Heritage Language Teacher, North Star High School, 2018 – 2023
- English 9 Summer School Teacher, Lincoln Public Schools, 2018 – 2023
- Boys and Girls Club Sponsor, North Star High School, 2018-2023
- Professional Development Specialist, Lincoln Public Schools District Office, 2006-2018
- New Teacher Mentor Program Coordinator, Lincoln Public Schools, 2006 – 2018
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards District Coordinator, 2006-2018
- World Language Curriculum Specialist, Lincoln Public Schools, 2006 – 2018
- Intercultural Student Experiences Student Trip to Germany, France & Spain, 2006 – 2018
- Intercultural Student Experiences Student Trip to Spain Chaperone, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000 & 2003
- Teacher Notice of Performance Concerns-Intensive Assistance Committee Chair, 2010-2011
- Teacher Appraisal Trainer of Trainers, Lincoln Public Schools, 2009-2010
- World Language Department Chair & Spanish Teacher, Southwest High School, 2002-2006
- Middle School Spanish Teacher, Pound Middle School, 1996-2002

### York Public Schools

1993 – 1995            Spanish Teacher

- Teach Spanish 1-V to freshmen through seniors
- Lead student trips to Spain for three weeks
- Club Sponsor: Radio, Spanish, Freshmen Class, Elementary German & Spanish

## PRESENTATIONS

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- UNK & ESU 10: Central Nebraska Recruitment and Retention, Nebraska Council of School Administrators State Conference, Omaha, NE 2024
- Educator Explorers Day Wrap-up, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2024
- Teacher Education Department Meeting, "Developing Collaborative Groups & Autonomous Individuals Simultaneously," College of Education, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2024
- Teacher Education Faculty Meeting, "Cognitive Coaching & Collaboration," College of Education, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2024
- TRIO Curriculum & Classroom Management for Camp Directors, "Discipline, Procedures & Routines", University of Nebraska – Lincoln, 2024
- Leader Development, Boys & Girls Club, North Star High School, 2019
- Central States for Teachers of Foreign Language Regional Conferences, 2006 & 2018
- Educational Technology Association, Omaha, NE 2017
- Nebraska International Language Association, Lincoln, 2002, 2005, 2017
- New Teacher Induction, Doane University, 2014-2017
- Nebraska International Language Association Annual Conference Host, 2016
- Classroom Routines & Procedures for Pre-Service Teachers, Doane University, 2013
- College of Ed & Human Sciences Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2012
- National Council of Professional Development, St. Louis, 2009
- Digital Stream Technology Conference, Monterey, CA, 2000

## COURSE INSTRUCTION

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TE 831 Professional Skills & Knowledge I  
TE 832 Professional Skills & Knowledge II  
TE 833 Professional Skills & knowledge III  
TE 327 Introduction to Language Minority Students  
TE 328 Content Methods in English as a Second Language

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

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- North Star High School Cultural Proficiency Committee Member, 2018 - 2022
- Nebraska World Language State Standards Committee Member, 2017 – 2019
- Nebraska Department of Education World Language Colloquium, 2016
- Nebraska International Language Association Conference Host, 2014 & 2016

## COMMITTEE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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- American Democracy Project, 2024 - present
- UNK Educational Association Executive Committee Member, 2024 - present
- Future Educators of Color Student Organization Faculty Advisor, 2024 - present
- North Star High School, Spanish for Spanish Bailable Dance Sponsor, 2019 & 2020
- YWCA Social and Racial Justice Committee Co-Chair, 2017 - 2019
- YWCA Social and Justice Committee Member, 2015 - 2017
- E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues Program Committee Member, 2015 - 2022
- NE Dept. of Education/University of NE-Lincoln LinguaFolio Grant Committee, 2003-2004

## AWARDS, HONORS AND GRANTS

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- Your Mentorship Matters Award, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2024
- May 2021 KFRX Teacher of the Month, Nominated by Jennifer Cortez Luna
- Spanish Teacher of the Year, Nebraska Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, 2019

## RESEARCH CONSULTATION AND ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Certified Cognitive Coach, 2018
- Adaptive Schools Agency Trainer in Training, 2016 – 2018
- Nebraska Department of Education World Language Standards Committee, 2016-2017
- Cognitive Coaching Foundations Professional Development Participant, 2017
- Adaptive Schools Professional Development Participant, 2009 – 2015

## PROFESSIONAL AND SCHOLARLY ORGANIZATIONS

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- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- American Educational Research Association
- Nebraska Council of School Administrators
- Nebraska International Language Association
- University of Nebraska at Kearney Education Association Executive Committee