

CAREER PROFILE

- Devoted Foreign Language Teacher and Consultant with 20+ years of experience.
- Able to work independently as well as collaborating with others, and use a wide array of instructional techniques, media, and technological tools.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Migration studies
- North African, Sub-Saharan, and Caribbean Francophone literature and cinema
- West African oral tradition and mythology
- Language and Identity in Quebec Literary adaptation.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Modern Languages Association (MLA), 2014 - Present
- Conseil International d'Études Francophones (CIEF), 2015 - Present
- Centre de la Francophonie des Amériques, 2014 - Present
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette Alumni Association, 2014 - 2018

EXPERIENCE

SECONDARY FRENCH TEACHER • CARENCRO HIGH SCHOOL • AUGUST 2018 – JULY 2019

- Designed relevant courses and materials to facilitate learning, developed speaking skills through presentations and role-play, provided study support to students in need, and worked cooperatively with other teachers in developing and sharing curriculum strategies
- Managed classrooms and conducted lessons in a way that learners achieved 80% of progress in the attainment of the learning target based on both a pre-test and a post-test
- Conducted lessons on U.S. foreign policy, economics, society, international politics, administrative, budgetary, and fiscal procedures and regulations.

TEACHING ASSISTANT & GUEST LECTURER • UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE • JANUARY 2013 – MAY 2018

- Taught French courses from introductory to intermediate high, and developed students' language skills and cultural competency.
- Provided learners with the tools they needed in a foreign language class so that most of them grew from a basic level to an intermediate level.

EDUCATION

- PhD in Francophone Studies - July 2018 - University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- MA in French - May 2015 - University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- CAPES in English - June 1993 - Ecole Normale Supérieure, Abidjan
- BA in English and French - January 1992 - University of Abidjan

PUBLICATIONS

- Brûler pour la vie dans Harragas de Merzak Allouache et Sin nombre de Cary Fukunaga, in *Nouvelles Etudes Francophones* Vol. 34, No1, 2019
- Silence et Résistance: L'Afrique Francophone et la Mobilité Postcoloniale *Dissertation*
- La parole traditionnelle dans *Le pagnon noir* de Bernard Dadié ou le passage de l'oralité à la scripturalité du conte, *The Coastal Review: An Online Peer-reviewed Journal*
- Langue et Identité dans les milieux populaires du Québec et des Antilles, *Master Thesis*

AWARDS & GRANTS

- Certificate of Academic Excellence, Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) Award, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Lafayette Jaycees Endowed Francophone Studies Scholarship, 2016
- Joan Cain Endowed Scholarship, 2014, 2015
- South Central Modern Language Association Travel Grant, Austin, TX, 2014

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- United Way 10-10-10 Project: Volunteer at the Scott Community Garden Build, 2019
- Region VI Social Studies Fair: volunteer, 2017
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette: Creating and (Re-Creating) Your Syllabus, Graduate School, 2016
- Lafayette Habitat for Humanity: Volunteer at the Restore facilities in Lafayette, 2016
- Festival du Livre/Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, volunteer, 2013

LANGUAGES

- French: native language;
- English: speak, read / write with high proficiency;
- German: read with basic competence

PERFORMANCE MILESTONES

- Nominated among the best teachers in Lafayette, Louisiana by the Lafayette Educators Foundation (LEF), 2019
- Achieved a GPA of 4.0 at the end of the graduate courses towards the PhD, and 3.95 during the Master program
- Represented the department of Modern Languages in the Graduate Students Organization
- Earned 3 credits in “Méthode de Planification Régionale” at the Université du Québec in Chicoutimi (UQAC)
- Completed an internship in the Department of Logistics of the Compagnie Ivoirienne d’Electricité (CIE)
- Completed all credit courses offered by Chaire Unesco in Humanitarian Project Management
- Supervised a team of five students for the American Knowledge Quiz organized by the American Embassy Public Affairs Section in Abidjan and earned the second place out of 20+ high schools
- Trained professional adults in English for Special Purposes, Cambridge Institute of Abidjan, 2008-2011

CONFERENCES & COLLOQUIUMS

- Corporalité et sens dans le silence et la résistance des émigrés clandestins d’Afrique francophone vers l’Europe, 20th & 21st Century French and Francophone Studies International Colloquium, Bloomington 2017
- Humour et imaginaire de la tradition orale en Louisiane: deux stratégies d’expression de l’identité des Cadiens, Contemporary French Studies Colloquium, Saint-Louis, Missouri, 2016
- La représentation du milieu urbain dans la bande dessinée francophone d’Afrique: l’exemple d’Aya de Yopougon de Marguérite Abouet, Journée d’étude Francophonies d’ici et d’ailleurs, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015
- La parole traditionnelle dans Le pagne noir de Bernard Dadié ou le passage de l’oralité à la scripturalité du conte, Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages & Literatures, Savannah, 2015
- Abla Pokou ou quand la légende des Baoulés rejoint le mythe des origines, 9th Annual Department of French Studies Graduate Student Association Conference, LSU, 2015
- Identité et statut de la femme dans la littérature et le cinéma marocain: mutation et résistance au changement, 20th & 21st Century French and Francophone Studies International Colloquium, Baton Rouge, 2015
- Oraliture et cinéma: la problématique de l’adaptation-transposition dans Rue Cases Nègres, SCMLA’s 71st Annual Conference, Austin, 2014