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ABOUT ME

Certified EFL teacher and recent Master's graduate in Applied Linguistics. Effective communicator, with a passion for languages and the computer-assisted analysis of language data.

WORK EXPERIENCE

09/2022 – CURRENT

AI Contributor OneForma by Pactera Edge

- Contributions to long-term projects that aim to improve AI through, respectively, the transcription of audio content and search engine evaluation.

06/2021 – CURRENT

QA Agent Appen

- Contributions to long-term projects that aim to improve AI through the transcription of audio content.
- Direct transcription of data and, subsequently, promotion to Quality Assurance agent, ensuring that the work completed by fellow agents followed the project guidelines, which were implemented further by myself whenever errors were detected.

01/2020 – 05/2020 Cardiff, United Kingdom

Research Assistant Experience Cardiff University

- Collaboration with a member of staff on a project investigating the representation of disability in Australian media between 2000 and 2019.
- Compilation of a literature review, gathering of the data required for the creation of a specialised corpus on the subject matter, and preliminary analyses on a sample of the data.

12/2017 – 05/2018 Bristol, United Kingdom

Trainee ESOL Teacher University of the West of England

- Planned English lessons using suitable learning resources for Erasmus students.
- Delivered said lessons on a one-to-one basis, with a focus on the monitoring of progress, performance, and growth.
- Provided students with timely and clear formative feedback, as well as materials to be implemented in their independent study.

06/2017 – 09/2017 Bristol, United Kingdom

Intern Bristol Centre for Linguistics, University of the West of England

- Assisted a member of staff in the development of experimental materials for a project on linguistic relativity.
- Compilation of a literature review, analysis of child language data, and use of software pieces such as ELAN and CLAN for transcription and analysis purposes.

09/2016 – 05/2018 Bristol, United Kingdom

Student Representative University of the West of England

- Representation of students on my programme and year of study.

- Raised student feedback on academic experience on a formal and informal basis in meetings with academic staff and directed students to appropriate sources of help when necessary.

08/2015 – 12/2017 Swindon, United Kingdom

Sales Advisor Bonmarché

- Provided product information and assistance to customers, operated the tills, including cashing up, and handled refunds, complaints, and associated paperwork.
- Assisted with deliveries and restocking, as well as ensuring that the store adhered to cleanliness and maintenance standards.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

02/2023

Intercultural Competency in Education certificate Háskóli Íslands (University of Iceland)

Certificate attesting the acquisition of practical intercultural skills that, especially in the context of education, facilitate the identification and discussion of intercultural opportunities and challenges, allow to respond to diverse and hybrid identities in a fairer way, and promote social justice and respect for different languages, preventing conflicts and enhancing societal cohesion.

01/2022 – 06/2022

Level 5 TEFL Diploma + Teaching Young Learners certificate The TEFL Academy

- Internationally recognised Level 5 TEFL Diploma (168 hours), attesting the foreign language and teaching skills required to take up positions in educational establishments or to work independently as a private tutor.
- Supplementary certificate in teaching English to young learners, focusing on the main aspects of the development of cognitive and learning skills of children, in order to be able to tailor lessons and courses to their needs and learning styles.

Final grade Distinction

09/2015 – 07/2018 Bristol, United Kingdom

BA (Hons) English Language and Linguistics University of the West of England

- Modules taken include: Language Acquisition, Psycholinguistics, Forensic Linguistics, and Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).
- My final year project explored the linguistic priming of native speakers of English using atypical grammatical structures deriving from the interference with Italian, with the aim of investigating whether long-term priming effects deriving from cross-linguistic interference may be contemplated.

Address Bristol, United Kingdom | **Final grade** First Class Honours | **Thesis** Can Native Speakers Be Primed to Produce Atypical Grammatical Structures?

10/2019 – 03/2021 Cardiff, United Kingdom

MA Applied Linguistics Cardiff University

- Formally conferred July 2022.
- Modules taken focused on the acquisition of skills required to undertake independent research, especially in the context of my thesis, as well as the extensive use of software pieces to conduct analyses in the fields of Phonetics and Phonology, Corpus Linguistics and Public and Professional Discourse.
- My thesis entailed the creation of a corpus of public apology videos posted on YouTube by influencers and its macro- and micro-analysis respectively in terms of image-repair strategies and the lexical realisations of apologies.

Address Cardiff, United Kingdom | **Final grade** Distinction | **Thesis** "I'm sorry, you guys": An Analysis of Public Apologetic Statements Uploaded on YouTube by Influencers

LANGUAGE SKILLS

MOTHER TONGUE(S): Italian | English

Other language(s):

French

Listening
B2

Reading
B2

Spoken production
B2

Spoken interaction
B2

Writing
B2

German

Listening
A2

Reading
A2

Spoken production
A2

Spoken interaction
A2

Writing
A2

Icelandic

Listening
A1

Reading
A1

Spoken production
A1

Spoken interaction
A1

Writing
A1

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Honours and awards

2020 Cardiff University

Clifton Garwood Prize Best Performance in modules related to Applied Linguistics for the academic year 2019-20.

2019 Cardiff University

Master's Excellence Scholarship Scholarship conferred to the most talented postgraduate students.

2018 University of the West of England

Bristol Futures Award Employability award conferred to students who undertook extracurricular activities aimed at developing transferable skills.

2014 Region Calabria

Student of the Year Award Award conferred to the most talented high school student for the academic year 2013-2014.

2013 Pädagogischer Austauschdienst (PAD)

German Education Exchange Service scholarship Scholarship issued to the most talented Italian high school students learning German in the academic year 2012-13.

Digital, Interpersonal and Organisational Skills

Skills

- *Microsoft Office* and *Internet* proficient
- Use of corpus management and analysis platforms such as *Sketch Engine*, *BNCWeb*, *CQP Web*, *AntConc*, *Wmatrix* and *WordSmith*
- Use of transcription and annotation software pieces such as *ELAN* and *CLAN*
- Use of the software piece *PRAAT* for phonetic analysis
- Experience using the *International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)* for phonemic and phonetic transcription
- Extensive experience in the analysis of large language datasets, including the presentation of the findings obtained in both speech and writing
- Skilled academic writer and proofreader
- Highly-skilled at planning and executing tasks effectively, both in team- and independent work
- Flexibility to changing demands and fast adaptability to changes
- Open-minded and culturally sensitive

Driving Licence

Driving Licence: B