

CURRICULUM VITAE

Mary Frances Early College of Education
Communication Sciences and Special Education

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Education:

Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

M.A. in Deaf Education- Secondary

May 2008

Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

B.A. in Drama Education

May 2003

Work Experience:**Teaching:**

ASL Coordinator for the ASL program - University of Georgia, Aug. 2023-present.

ASL Lecturer- University of Georgia, Aug. 2019-present (ASL 1,2,3,4, Deaf Studies)

ASL Faculty- Visiting Lectuer- Northeastern University, Aug. 2017-present (ASL 1,2,5, Deaf History and Classifiers

ASL Instructor at Northeastern University Summer Symposium, ASL Immersion, June 28- July 2, 2017

ASL Specialist - R.E.A.D.S- DHH - Norton, MA, April 2016-June 2017

Teacher- R.E.A.D.S. - DHH, Bristol-Plymouth Regional Tech HS, Aug. 2011 - June 2016

Teacher.- R.E.A.D.S. - DHH, 4th and 5th grade, Aug. 2009 - 2011

Teacher aide - R.E.A.D.S. - DHH- K to 1st grade, Nov. 2008 - June 2009

American Sign Language Instructor - Bristol Community College, Fall 2016 – 2017 (ASL 1,2)

American Sign Language Instructor - Suffolk University, Spring 2009 - May 2016 (ASL 1,2)

American Sign Language Instructor/ASL assessment - Boston Children Hospital, Spring 2010 - 2013

Sub teacher- American Sign Language class at Duxbury High School Sept. 2008

American Sign Language Instructor – Family Sign Language Program (FSLP), Aug. 2008 - 2013

Lead Teacher (Selective Courses) - Model Secondary School for the Deaf (H.S.), August 2007 - 2008

Fellow Performance Arts Teacher - Model Secondary School for the Deaf (H.S.) August 2004 - 2008

Sophomore Drama Teacher (Part-time) Model Secondary School for the Deaf (H.S.), Spring 2004

Mentoring:

Georgia Pines- Deaf mentor, 2022- present.

General Faculty Mentor- mentoring ASL students- University of Georgia, Jan. 2022- present

ASL Master/Coach/Consultant:

- I'll Sleep When You're Dead- low-budget film (Co-producer, ASL consultant and actress) Washington, D.C. July 2022-Aug. 2022
- Fear The Walking Dead TV series- Atlanta and Senoia, GA Aug. 2021-Sept. 2021
- The Walking Dead TV series- Atlanta and Senoia, GA Sept. 2020-April 2022
- e-Dynamic Learning- ASL 1-3 online-(Boston, MA and remote) April 2018- Nov. 2020
- Boston Common Shakespeare Theatre- Richard III (Boston, MA), July 25-Aug. 5, 2018
- Boston Landmark Orchestra (Hatch Shell- Boston, MA), Aug. 8-15, 2018
- Boston Opera House- Charlie and Chococate Factory (Boston, MA), Jan. 7-19, 2019

- Northeastern University Showcase, Carbret (Boston, MA), Nov. 12- Dec. 1, 2018
- Boston Opera House- School of Rock (Boston, MA), Feb. 12-23, 2019
- Northeastern University showcase, Spring Awakening (Boston, MA), Feb. 26-March 24, 2019
- Northeastern University showcase, The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Boston, MA), March 11-April 21, 2019

Workshops:

- “Open Your Eyes and Wave Your Hands with Us”- Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, University of Georgia, Nov. 5, 2021 (ASL faculty discuss about deaf community/common myths).
- ASL Immersion Summer Symposium at Northeastern University - Boston, MA - June 2017 and June 2018. (Lead Teacher and coordinator 2018, Teacher-2017).
- ASL Curriculum/ASL Narrative skills Workshop- Lead Lecturer, R.E.A.D.S. Collaborative Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program- Professional Development workshop- Middleboro, MA- April 29, 2010.
- Performance workshop age 4 – 12, Quest for Arts Fall 2002 - 2006
- Creative Drama Workshop age 4 – 6, Gallaudet University Fall 2001 - ‘02

Professional Development:

- Georgia Pines- Deaf Mentor Training, Tucker, GA- July 23-25, 2022.
- Visual Communication Sign Language (VCSL) Training, Chattanooga, TN- June 1-3, 2022.
- -DeafHood 101 workshop Aug. 2-Aug. 20, 2021
- -ASLTA Conference (American Sign Language Teachers Associations) July 28-Aug. 1, 2021
- -TWA (TRUE WAY ASL) Curriculum Training- hosted by DEAF, Inc at Northeastern University – June 2-3, 2019
- -Literacy Institute- Teaching Literacy Skills to Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and use ASL funded by Mass. Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education at The Learning Center for the Deaf, Framingham, MA- July 13-14, Sept. 28-29, and Oct. 26-27, 2018.
- -ASLRT (American Sign Language Round Table) Conference- Vancouver, WA - Nov. 10-12, 2016.
- -Literacy Institute- Teaching Literacy Skills to Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and use ASL funded by Mass. Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education at The Learning Center for the Deaf, Framingham, MA- July 22-23, Sept. 23-24, and Oct. 21-22, 2016.

Internships:

- -Smithsonian Museum, Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center, Winter 2003 - Spring 2003
 - Creative drama workshop development
- -Gallaudet Leadership Institute
 - Hostess and Interviewer for Winter Deaflympics Documentary, February - March 2003
- -Deaf Way 2: Assistant to Workshop Coordinator, Spring ‘02 and Summer ‘02
 - Working with performers and organizing schedule for the shows and workshops

Honors/Awards:

- Faculty Senate D. Keith Osborn Award (Assistant Level) for Teaching Excellence, 2024.
- Certificate of Recognition from UGA Career Center, 2021, 2022, 2023.
- VCSL certified evaluator (Visual Communication Sign Language assessment for Deaf/Hard of Hearing children from birth to age 5)- June 2022.
- -ASL EST certification (ASL assessment provider to Deaf/Hard of Hearing students for State of GA)- Jan. 2021
- -ASLTA certification -May 2019-present
- -Northeastern University Marie Jean Philip ASL Competition- Master of Ceremony - Boston, MA - April 2017.
- -Certificate of Recognition for The READS Leadership Team Awards
 - *Dec. 18, 2013 (recognition for my successfully coaching the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program Academic Bowl and my teachings).

- *June 6, 2013 (Providing workshop training to Bristol-Plymouth Regional Tech H.S. Staff about Deaf and Hard of Hearing students and interpreters).
- *Oct. 24, 2016 (ASL Specialist for R.E.A.D.S. Collaborative Deaf and Hard of Hearing program).
- -Suffolk University- The Student Government Association of Suffolk University nominee for Outstanding CAS Faculty of the Year- Boston, MA- April 2013, June 2014, and January 2016.
- -Gallaudet Athlete Hall of Fame - Gallaudet Women Volleyball, July 2014
- -Captain, Womens Varsity Volleyball. – 2001
- -Capital Athletic Conference Volleyball “Player of the Year” 2001
- -Gallaudet Women’s “Athlete of the Year” 2001-2002
- -Silver Medal – Woman’s US Volleyball Team – Deaflympics, Rome 2001
- -Bronze Medal – Women US Volleyball Team - Deaflympics, Australia 2005
- -Phi Alpha Pi Scholastic Honorary Society, Gallaudet University
- -Delta Epsilon Sorority, Vice President ’01 - ’02
- -Dean’s List (4), Gallaudet University, ’99 - ’02
- -2003 Agatha Hanson Service Award (Gallaudet University Award) - demonstrated high character and values, showing great promise for continued leadership and service to the Deaf Community.

Course Taught:

University of Georgia:

- AMSL 1010 ASL level 1
- AMSL 1020 ASL level 2
- AMSL 2010 ASL level 3
- AMSL 2020 ASL level 4
- AMSL 4010 PLA for ASL
- AMSL 3020 Visual-Gesture Communication (VGC)

Northeastern University:

- AMSL 1101- Elementary ASL 1
- AMSL 1102- Elementary ASL 2
- AMSL 3101- Advanced ASL 5
- AMSL 2900- Specialized Instructions in ASL (Classifiers)
- DEAF 2500- Deaf History and Culture

Services/ Other Activities:

- Spring 2024- ASL consultant/mentored ASL students for ASL interpreting for UGA Fine Arts production- Little Shop of Horror.
- Fall 2023- ASL consultant/mentored ASL students for ASL interpreting for UGA Fine Arts productions- Silent Sky and Heathers: The Musical
- Fall 2022- present: Lead teacher for ASL Immersive Experience under Experiential Learning Program- UGA.
- Sept. 2022-ASL consultant for UGA Fine of Arts- Torch Song Production.
- -2020-2021- Deaf Mentor, created YouTube videos with ASL storytelling for Deaf/Hard of Hearing K-8 students- Winterville elementary School, Coile Middle School.
- 2020-2021- Volunteer consultant for Dove Creek Elementary School ASL club.
- -2020-2021- UGA College of Education Search Committee for new Audiology Faculty position.
- -2020-2021- UGA College of Education Faculty/Staff Awards Committee
- -2020- ASL consultant with UGA ASL team working with Mayor of Savannah, on their interpreters for daily news briefs related to COVID-19.
- -2019-2020- State of Georgia Education; Language Milestone Documents for children who are Deaf/Hard of hearing age birth-8 committee. I helped created ASL milestones for grade level (5-8 years old).
- -2019-2020- Deaf mentor, visited K-3 grade Deaf/ Hard of Hearing classroom at Winterville Elementary School, read books in ASL- ASL storytelling.

