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EDUCATION

2005 Middlebury College. M.A. Spanish Literature & Linguistics, with distinction

1998 The University of Vermont. B.A. History & Spanish: Vermont Scholar, Bogerad Award, Kidder Award, summa cum laude. Phi Beta Kappa.

TEACHING AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

2023-present Assumption University, Worcester, MA, Spanish 102

2006-present Worcester Academy, Worcester, MA, Spanish levels 1-AP

1999-2006 Lawrence Academy, Groton, MA, Spanish levels 1-AP

2001-2003 Apex Learning Inc, Co-author of Spanish I and II [on-line curricula](#)

1998 Open English Academy, Madrid, Spain English teacher

1994-1997 Exploration Jr. Summer Program, Southboro, MA, Teacher and Dean, Grades 4-7

1994-1997 UVM Writing Center, Burlington, VT, Writing and ESL tutor

1993 ACI volunteer, Costa Rica, National Museum Administration, Radio for Peace, University of CR

LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2006-2015 World Language Department Chair, Worcester Academy

Led a department of 12 faculty members. Duties included hiring, mentoring, sectioning, budgeting, evaluation, and curriculum committee membership. Successfully introduced the teaching of Mandarin in both Upper and Middle School; led the effort to create and implement departmental standards and benchmarks; created a place-based AP Spanish curriculum and developed travel courses to several countries including Mexico, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, China, and France.

2018-Present Director of Academic Partnerships/Urban Engagement, Worcester Academy

Coordinated academic integration and civic engagement in the city and forged many enduring partnerships with anchor institutions. Developed and taught 2 place-based and community-engaged courses:

- ComUNIDADES AP Spanish ([Documentary](#))
- Human Ecology and Public Health in Worcester ([Podcast series](#))

2002-2006 Language Department Chair, Lawrence Academy

Led a department of 11 educators with duties including hiring, mentoring, sectioning, budgeting, evaluation, and curriculum development. Planned and implemented the installation of a state-of-the-art networked language lab. Created several different travel courses.

COMMUNITY WORK

2023 Member of the Board of Trustees for the Worcester Historical Museum

2020 Poems for a Cause published in collaboration with the Poet Laureate of Worcester, Juan Matos, and students to raise COVID relief funds

2019-2022 Worcester Latino History Project at the Worcester Historical Museum, Steering committee

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

2005 Faculty Teaching Award, Lawrence Academy

2007-2023 Reader, AP Spanish Language Exam Reader

2008 MAFLA Presentation: Web 2.0 in the Language Classroom

2014 O'Connell Teaching Award, Worcester Academy

2016 NEASC Assessment of Inclusivity and Multiculturalism, Co-chair

2020 MAFLA Presentation: ComUNIDADES Creating a Community-Based AP Curriculum

For Fun

Music- Have been playing guitar since I was a teen and have produced several albums in my own studio. Here is a link to a song en español, [Casa hueca](#), from my latest album.

Hiking- I have walked the Camino de Santiago three times. Here is a documentary I made about playing music with my friend along the way: [Lessons of Footsteps](#)

Biking- Chronicle of my solo cross-country cycle trip, [Tour for Becky](#), that raised \$27,000 for various charitable causes in honor of my late mother-in-law Becky Lekberg