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SUMMARY

I love teaching. I love the process of engaging learners in their development. I believe quality teaching should be purposeful, dynamic and mutually rewarding. Teachers learn from students, and that is what makes the experience of education so valuable. Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of the fire; good teachers must find the way to motivate students in this process. For over twenty years, I have taught IGCSE English First and Second Language, IGCSE English literature, IB English A literature, and in these various levels, I have understood the need for active, human engagement in the process of teaching and learning, attending to student interests, identifying strengths and areas for growth. Apart from a passion for teaching English, I have also worked as IB TOK Coordinator for over 10 years. In this time, student results were consistently above the world average, with over 50% of students achieving A/B in this challenging subject, summarized here: <https://bit.ly/3ykJPED>

SKILLS

- Second language acquisition
- Syllabus design
- Teaching and learning
- Teacher training
- English literature
- Classroom management
- Cultural background
- IB Theory of Knowledge
- IB English A: literature
- IB English A: language and literature
- IGCSE English as a First Language
- IGCSE English as a Second Language

EXPERIENCE

TOK Examiner / International Baccalaureate *03/2013 - Current*

- Evaluating TOK essay submissions globally, following curriculum updates in 2022 and 2015.

IB English Examiner / International Baccalaureate *04/2008 - Current*

- Evaluating examinations for the paper 2: comparative essay component of the English A: Language and Literature Course, following the latest curriculum (first examinations in 2021).
- Evaluating Individual Oral component, in accordance with current curriculum

TOK Coordinator / The British Schools - Montevideo, Uruguay *02/2013 - 05/2024*

- Achieved positive results through effective teaching and syllabus planning in Theory of Knowledge.
- Coordinated incorporation of TOK thinking into IB subjects' curriculum
- implemented new TOK curriculum guide for first exams 2022, 2015

English Teacher / The British Schools - Montevideo, Uruguay *08/2003 - 05/2024*

- Taught English language and literature to high school students of all grade levels.

- Specialized in International Curriculum - I.B. and I.G.C.S.E.

Teacher Trainer / Instituto Dickens Uruguay - Montevideo, Uruguay

02/2001 - 12/2010

- Developed training materials and curricula for teachers to use in the classroom
- Trained future teachers in area of cultural background, writing skills and language development

EDUCATION

Teaching Certificate: Teaching English As A Second Language (ESL)

05/1997

University of Cambridge - Vancouver, BC, Canada

Master of Arts: Second Language Acquisition

05/1996

University of Toronto - Toronto, Canada

Bachelor of Arts: Latin American Studies

05/1993

Queen's University - Kingston, Ontario, Canada

LANGUAGES

English and Spanish: First Language

French:  B1

Intermediate (B1)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Verified Certificate for **The Path to Happiness: What Chinese Philosophy Teaches us about the Good Life** (completed HarvardX Nov 2023) <https://courses.edx.org/certificates/039bc3788711400dbde0a425f616f366>
- ANEP: **hacia una transformación curricular integral** (docentes nivel 1 - completado Dec 2022) <https://edux.ceibal.edu.uy/certificates/4b45bf9fd0104b91a057f0e4ae42f495>
- Verified Certificate for **Smithsonian Summer Sessions: Interdisciplinary Teaching with Museum Objects** (completed Dec 2022) <https://courses.edx.org/certificates/c6b6578cf1a649cc8e607c5bf62352de>
- **TOK: Helping students write strong essays and assessing their work** - Category 3 IB workshop (completed March 2022)
- Verified Certificate for **Leaders of Learning** (completed Dec 2021) <https://courses.edx.org/certificates/3c02c5c74989401e8a548aef78762d66>
- **English A: Literature** - Category 2 IB workshop (completed March 2021)
- Verified Certificate for **Global Shakespeares: Re-Creating the Merchant of Venice** (completed Nov 2020) <https://courses.edx.org/certificates/15d497d137604ed5a9df8eb6acb931ae>
- Verified Certificate for **Competency-Based Education: The Why, What, and How** (completed March 2019) <https://courses.edx.org/certificates/a7660bc8ee294f949296f6f86cc960a0>
- Verified Certificate for **Inclusive Leadership Training: Becoming a Successful Leader** (completed Feb 2016) <https://courses.edx.org/certificates/f4bd5937582a4711b32c27044eb2a44a>
- Verified Certificate for **The Einstein Revolution** (completed May 2015) <https://verify.edx.org/cert/883a8371dcbe42de90be4dee66d576f5>
- Verified Certificate for **Introduction to Philosophy: God, Knowledge and Consciousness** (completed Jan 2014) <https://verify.edx.org/cert/24d2222309644a5497eeb49263a80d4b>