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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2014, M.A. in Leadership

Saint Mary's College

2005, Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Literatures

University of Hawaii, Manoa

Thesis title: "Five Measure of Interlanguage Pragmatics in KFL"

2000, M.A. in Linguistics

University of Hawaii, Manoa

1999, B.A. in Linguistics, Second Language Learning and Teaching

University of Hawaii, Manoa

1992, B.A. in Physical Education and Taekwondo

Yong-In University, Korea

PROFESSIONAL / TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley

2003 – Present: **Faculty, Physical Education Program**

2008 – Present: **Endowed Director** of Martial Arts at UC Berkeley

- Taught PE 11 activity classes (Taekwondo, Yongmudo, Judo & Kumdo) every semester
- Taught Introductory Martial Arts Seminars
- Developed curricula for all academic martial arts courses
- Assessed and evaluated students' physical performance
- Introduced new techniques and educated on the philosophical tenets of martial arts
- Proposed and implemented a new introductory lecture course on martial arts
- Sponsored two or three visiting scholars from Korea every year

2006 – Present: **Director, UC Martial Arts Program**

2005 – 2006: **Acting Director** of the UC Martial Arts Program

2003 – 2004: **Senior Associate Director**, UC Martial Arts Program

- Overlooked daily administration and operation of the UC Martial Arts Program
- Managed budget, finances and fundraising for the program and annual tournaments
- Supervised executive staff, coordinating instructors, assistant instructors, and club representatives of all six martial arts clubs (Taekwondo, Yongmudo, Judo, Karate, Wushu and Taichi) in operations
- Supervised safety and security issues of martial arts clubs and members
- Promoted martial arts club membership under UCMAP
- Organized special events such as UC Open Taekwondo, Yongmudo Championships and Chinese Martial Arts Tournaments
- Organized national and international tournaments, summer camp, international academic conferences and special events on a local, national, and international level by serving as tournament director or symposium director

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

International Organization Involvements

2015 – Present: **Taekwondo Technical Committee Chair, FISU (International University Sports Federation)**

2002 – 2015: **Taekwondo Assistant Technical Delegate, FISU**

2009 – 2011: **Taekwondo Technical Commissioner, Pan-American Representative of FISU**

- Made executive decisions for the championship with any technical issues as Technical Committee Chair of Summer Universiade Taekwondo Championship
- Evaluated overall preparation of the venue and the sport presentation by sight visitation
- Conducted general technical meetings for the Head of Delegates
- Hosted technical committee meetings for all FISU, WT TD and OC
- Officiated tournament results and records and prepared final report to FISU

July 2015: **Technical Delegate, 28th Gwangju Summer Universiade Games, World Taekwondo**

August 2011: **Technical Delegate, 26th Shenzhen Summer Universiade Games, World Taekwondo**

2010 – 2019: **Vice Chairman of Youth and Collegiate Committee, World Taekwondo**

2009 – 2010: **Collegiate Committee Chairman, World Taekwondo**

- Developed and helped facilitate university Taekwondo initiatives worldwide
- Provided support for World University Taekwondo Championship, Summer Universiade Games

2016 – Present: **Education Council Member, World Martial Arts Committee, Cheongju Korea**

2013 – Present: **Deputy Secretary General, International Yongmudo Federation, Gyeonggido, Korea**

2012 – Present: **International Director, US Regional President, World Association of Hallyu 'Korean Cultural Wave Studies'**

2005 – 2007: **Collegiate Division Chairperson of Pan American Taekwondo Union**

Pan American Taekwondo Union

- Helped organize new events and assistant to PATU President
- Promoted and developed collegiate division Taekwondo events and tournaments

National Organization Involvements

2011 – 2018: **Board of Director of USA Taekwondo (the National Governing Body)**

- Promoted Taekwondo in US, make executive decisions for US National Governing Body of Taekwondo
- Oversaw fundraising, marketing efforts and evaluated CEO performance for USA Taekwondo
- Made executive decisions for Olympic Taekwondo Movement

2011 – 2019: **President of US National Collegiate Taekwondo Association**

2007 – 2011: **Vice-President of US National Collegiate Taekwondo Association**

- Prepared funding for US National Taekwondo Team of World University Taekwondo Championship & Summer Universiade
- Promoted Collegiate Taekwondo in US and made executive decisions for NCTA
- Developed international students exchange program

June, 2013 & 2017, **Exchange Program between US National Collegiate Taekwondo Team and Korea University Taekwondo Team, Seoul Korea**

2013 – 2015: **The National Unification Advisory Council of Korea, Global Leadership Committee Chair, San Francisco, California**

June, 2013: **Program Director of the 1st Global Youth Leadership camp in Korea**

2008 – 2019: **President of US Yongmudo Association, USA, US Yongmudo Association**

2005 – Present: **Team Leader, Summer Korea Martial Arts Camps & Korea trip**

ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZING DIRECTOR & EDITOR

International Taekwondo Symposium Director & Academic Journal Editor

Taekwondo Promotion Foundation & UC Berkeley

- 2014: The 8th International Taekwondo Symposium on “The Promotion of Health through Taekwondo Training”
- 2013: The 7th International Taekwondo Symposium on “Future Roles and Directions of Taekwondowon”
- 2012: The 6th International Taekwondo Symposium on "Olympic Spirt and Taekwondo"
- 2011: The 5th International Taekwondo Symposium “Women in Taekwondo and Para-Taekwondo Movement”
- 2010: The 4th International Taekwondo Symposium “Educational Value of Taekwondo & University Taekwondo’s Future Direction”
- 2009: The Pan Am Taekwondo Instructor Development Symposium “Instructor Developments for Taekwondo in Pan Am Region”
- 2009: The 3rd International Taekwondo Symposium “Curriculum developments for Taekwondo”
- 2007: The 2nd International Taekwondo Symposium “The History & Spirit of Taekwondo and Strategies for Globalization”
 - Wrote proposals to get grants of \$500,000 from Korean government
 - Edited and published academic journals after the symposium was done

April 2019: **Editor in Chief of “Academic Journal of Martial Arts” Vol.9**

June 2010: **Editor in Chief of “Academic Journal of Martial Arts” Vol.8**

August 2007: **Editor in Chief of “Academic Journal of Martial Arts” Vol. 7**

June, 2010: **Publisher of UC Martial Arts Program’s 40th Anniversary Book**

January 2019: **Director, US Sports Industry Forum**

June, 2013: **Director, US Sports Industry Forum**

July, 2011: **Director, US Sports Industry Forum**

October, 2010: **Director, US Sports Industry Forum**

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE / TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

2003 – Present: **University of California Open Championship Tournament Director, UC Berkeley**

34th – 50th Annual UC Open Taekwondo Championships

1st – 12th Annual UC Open Yongmudo Championships

2007: **US Team Leader, 1st World Yongmudo Championship, Yong-In University**

April 2014: **Tournament Director, 39th National Collegiate Taekwondo Championship, CA, USA**

May 2009: **Tournament Director, 1st Pan Am University Taekwondo Championship, CA, USA**

April 2005: **Tournament Director, 30th National Collegiate Taekwondo Championship, CA, USA**

- Tournament fundraising efforts through sponsorships
- Organized and ran large tournaments (700 + competitors)
- Coordinated competition facilities, meeting and drawing rooms
- Selected Head Referees, chairs for all committees and supervised opening and closing ceremonies
- Event advertising, creating provisional timetable at least six months before the competition

TAEKWONDO COACHING EXPERIENCE

2003 – Present: **UC Berkeley Taekwondo Team Head Coach**

- 1st place in Champion’s division in National Collegiate Taekwondo Championship for 17 years (from 2003 – 2012 and 2014 – 2018)

AWARDS

July 1, 2013 **Nomination of the National Unification Advisory Counsel of Korea**

by President Park Geun Hye, Republic of Korea

September 4, 2012: **Minister's Appreciation Award by Minister of Culture, Sport and Tourism Award #2012-284**, *Minister of Culture, Sport and Tourism, Republic of Korea.*
 November 17, 2010: **Plaque of Appreciation, Special Recognition Award by President Kim Jungman**
Korea Institute of Sports Science, Seoul, Republic of Korea
 July 2008: **Citation of Outstanding Contribution**, *World Taekwondo, Korea*
 April 2005: **Plaque of Appreciation**
30th National Collegiate Taekwondo Championship, Tournament Director, NCTA, Iowa

CERTIFICATIONS

Taekwondo

2015: **Taekwondo 8th degree black belt**, *Kukkiwon, Korea*
 2010: **International Taekwondo Referee 3rd class in Poomsae**, *World Taekwondo, Korea*
 1994: **Certified Taekwondo Coach 2nd class**, *WT & Department of Education, Korea*
 1993: **3rd class Instructor of Sport for All**, *Seoul National University, Korea*,
 1992: **Taekwondo Instructor 3rd class**, *World Taekwondo Headquarters, Korea*

Other Martial Arts

2017: **Judo 4th degree black belt**, *Korea Judo Association, Korea*
 2016: **Kumdo 4th degree black belts**, *Korea Kumdo Association, Korea*
 2008: **Yongmudo 7th degree black belt**, *International Yongmudo Federation, Korea*
 1992: **2nd class Certified Yoga Instructor**, *Yong-In University, Korea*

Physical Education

1991: **Certified Physical Education Teacher 2nd class**, *Department of Education, Korea*
 1990: **Physical Fitness Trainer**, *Korea physical fitness prescription Association, Korea*
 1988: **Sport Massage Certification**, *National University Sports Massage Association, Korea*

SELECTIVE PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Physical Education, Martial Arts and Leadership

- May 12, 2019: served as a speaker of 2019 World Taekwondo Conference. "Leadership Development for World Taekwondo," World Taekwondo. Manchester, England.
- December 5, 2014: served as **the moderator** of 8th International Taekwondo Symposium. "Health Promotion Through Taekwondo Training," Taekwondo Promotion Foundation, Muju Taekwondowon
- March 19, 2014: served as **the keynote speaker** of 2014 FISU Forum. "Educational Programs of World Taekwondo," *International University Sports Federation*
- November 27, 2013: served as **the main speaker** of 7th International Taekwondo Symposium. "Taekwondowon's Role for Taekwondo Development," Taekwondo Promotion Foundation, Muju Taekwondowon
- 2012 ~ 2013: served as a translator of **WT 40th Anniversary Book**: "The 40 Year History of World Taekwondo." *World Taekwondo*
- September 2012: **Presentation**: Olympic Values and Taekwondo: Understanding Olympic Values through Taekwondo *the 6th International Taekwondo Symposium, Seoul, Republic of Korea*
- October 2009: **Presentation**: World Taekwondo Academy final report: "Establishment of World Taekwondo Academy and Its Purpose & Role."
Denmark International Taekwondo Symposium & World Taekwondo Championship
- August 2009: **Presentation**: "Curriculum Development for Taekwondo Majors"
The 3rd International Taekwondo Symposium, UC Berkeley, California
- November 2008: **Presentation**: "Curriculum Development for Traditional Values of Martial Arts."
International Martial Arts Symposium, Yong-In University
- May 2007: **Presentation**: "Pedagogical Implication for College-level Taekwondo"
International Martial Arts Symposium, Yong-In University
- 2007: **Book Chapters**: "The Book of Taekwondo" translated from Korean, *World Taekwondo*

Linguistics

- 2007: **Article**: “How raters, item functions, item types, item characteristics, affect the dependability of L2 pragmatics tests.” *Journal of Pragmatics*.
- 2003: **Presentation and Article**: “Three Measures of Korean Interlanguage Pragmatics (based on pilot study)” 8th AATK conference at University of California Berkeley
- 2002: **Workshop**: “Web-based Workshop (Korean) for Advanced Reading and Writing,” NFLRC Summer Institute, University of Hawaii
- 2002: **Presentation and Article**: “Why Taekwondo Should Be Taught as a Martial Art Rather Than a Martial Sport,” First Annual IMARI (International Martial Arts Research Institute) Symposium, University of California, Berkeley
- 2002: **Article**: “Web-based Placement test items (Korean)”
Center for Korean Studies, University of Hawaii
- 2002: **Article**: “Guidelines for Item-writing for the Curriculum-Based Placement Test; Development and Application,” *University of Hawaii, Manoa*
- 2001: **Article**: “Web-based workshop (Korean) for advanced reading and writing development and maintenance,” NFLRC Summer Institute, University of Hawaii.
- 2000: **Article**: “Idioms in Korean Newspaper Headings”
LLL Graduate Student Conference, University of Hawaii

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley,
Dept. of East Asian Language and Culture

June – July 2003: **Guest Instructor**

University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI, USA

2000 – 2002: **Teaching Assistant**

- Taught Korean language courses (KOR 111, 112, 201, 202, and 399 advanced Korean reading & writing)

Kapiolani Community College, HI, USA

1996 – 2002: **Korean Language Instructor**

- Taught Korean as non-credit course & developed curriculum and tests for students

Seoul Japanese School, Seoul, Korea

1992 – 1994: **Korean language Instructor**

- Taught Korean to elementary, middle school students and Japanese teachers
- Worked as translator and interpreter (Korean & Japanese)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Korean: native speaker

English: near native fluency

Japanese: near native fluency

Chinese: intermediate fluency

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- How to cultivate educational values through physical education
- Methods of Self-care & Wellness (with a focus on learning how to accept transitions in life, deep listening and developing human relationships)
- How to promote cultural understanding of Asian martial arts, yoga, meditation, dance, aquatics, fitness, and sports activities
- Curriculum development for physical education
- Psychological benefits of physical education
- Fostering multi-disciplinary research projects (education, psychology, sociology, public health), with a particular interest in studying how to build self-confidence, develop coping strategies, manage and reduce stress, maintain focus and concentration, and avoid adversaries through physical activities and martial arts training