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EAP Tutor

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About

In addition to teaching, I contribute actively to the development of new teaching resources. I coordinate the BFA student magazine 'The Key' and enjoy getting involved in the student social programme when time permits.

Qualifications

Degrees

- MA TESOL (University of Manchester)
- BA Hons in Modern Languages (University of Catania, Italy)
- BA Hons in Italian and German (University of Exeter)

Certificates

- RSA CELTA
- PGCE with QTS (Sheffield Hallam University)
- QTLS - ESOL (IFL)
- TEFLQ - British Council Upgrade

Biography

I lived in Sicily (Italy) for 17 years where I worked in a wide range of educational and professional environments. This included teacher training projects for the Ministry of Education and the development and delivery of ESP courses such as English for Surveyors, Business English and English for Quality Management in Education.

For many years I was project coordinator for a non-profit organisation (LILA) working with people affected by HIV/AIDs and substance abuse. From 2003 to 2006, I worked as an English tutor at the University of Catania, teaching mainly undergraduate writing classes.

Since relocating to the UK in 2006, I have taught both in Further and Higher Education contexts, including some challenging but rewarding work with refugees and asylum seekers. In addition to my university work, I also work as an EFL exam item writer and as a translator and proofreader for Italian-English texts in science and medicine.

Teaching

During the year I teach on the Foundation English Modules with a special focus on Engineering and Science pathways. In the summer I teach on the EAP2 preessional programmes with postgraduates from a variety of disciplines.

Other activities

Other responsibilities

I have written the 20- and 15-week EAP2 preessional course materials and the materials for the Advanced Academic Skills modules for the Foundation Programme. I am a key contact on the social networking pages of the BFA.

Academic Interests

I have a keen interest in teacher development and the use of multimedia resources and technology. I enjoy contributing to professional publications and conferences on these themes.

Publications

Conference papers

External

- November 2013: Peer review – making it work. BALEAP PIM, Oxford-Brookes University
- July 2011: All Aboard! Being smart without a Smartboard. NATECLA National Conference, University of Warwick
- November 2009: Smarten up! Use of the IWB in language teaching NATECLA Teacher Development Conference, Walsall
- March 2003: Effective team teaching in secondary schools – practical suggestions. British Council National Conference, Acireale, Italy

Internal

- June 2013: Moving beyond Powerpoint - An experience of the BFA Foundation English Module Teaching and Learning Conference, University of Birmingham. (with Hayley Maxwell)

- January 2014: Using Mailvu videomail to promote student interaction, E-Learning Practitioners' Forum, University of Birmingham.

Peer-reviewed papers

- McPake, N. & Sjoberg, J. (joint authors) (2012). Developing resources for community cohesion: a report on a small-scale IFL-funded action research project, *Language Issues*, 23(1): 66-78.
- Nigro L, Larocca L, Celesia M, Montineri A, **Sjoberg J**, Caltabiano E, Fatuzzo F & The Unit Operators Group. (2006). Prevalence of HIV and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases among Colombian and Dominican Female Sex Workers Living in Catania, Eastern Sicily. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 8(4): 319-323.

Articles

- Sjoberg, J. (2013). Talking Teaching. *Spotlight in the Classroom*, 9: 5.
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- Sjoberg, J. (2004). Teaching in Tandem, *English Teaching Professional*, 32, May 2004: 13-14 (Also published as 'Impress your students with a class double act', *The Guardian Weekly*, 171(1), June 25-July 1, 2004: 4)
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