

Karolina Achirri, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Academic Qualifications

Ph.D. in Second Language Studies

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA, May 2020

Dissertation: Transformative Internationalization through Kindness: The Experiences of the Chinese Undergraduate Students and their Instructors at a U.S. Higher Education Institution

M.A. in English Philology

Nicolaus Copernicus University of Torun, Poland, 2009

Thesis: Madness and Death in Virginia Woolf's Life and Selected Works

B.A. in English Philology

Pila Academy of Business, Pila, Poland, 2007

Thesis: Critical Reception of John Milton's "Paradise Lost"

TESOL & TEFL Qualifications

American TESOL Advanced Certification

American TESOL Institute, 2015

Thesis: Intercultural L2 Teaching in China and Abroad

Certified IELTS Speaking and Writing Examiner

British Council, Shanghai, China, 2012

Certificate in Advanced English (CAE).

Sutton College of Learning for Adults, Sutton, Surrey, U.K., 2004

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, USA

Assistant Professor of Education, August 2022-present

Divine Word College, Epworth, Iowa, USA

Assistant Professor of ESL, May 2020-July 2022

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA

Instructor of Pedagogical Grammar, Summer 2019

Hangzhou No 4 International High School, Hangzhou, China

Teacher of English as a First Language, IELTS, TOEFL, SAT, Academic English, 2014-2016

Hangzhou Normal University, China

Lecturer of College English, 2013-2014

Strong International Group, Binjiang, Hangzhou, China

Teacher of IELTS, TOEFL, English for Academic Purposes (EAP), Advanced English Language Skills (AELS); AP Literature and Composition

Curriculum Developer: IELTS Speaking, IELTS, Writing, IELTS Listening and EAP, 2012-2013

New Oriental Elite, Hangzhou, China

Teacher of English as a Foreign Language, Curriculum Developer, Book Club Coordinator, 2011-2012

The TEFL Academy, Hangzhou, China

Teachers' Manager, Teacher of ESL Classes, English Corners, Business English, English for Specific Purposes, 2010-2011

Shuren University, Hangzhou, China

English Teacher of Oral English and Business English, 2010-2011

'Progress' Private Language School, Cracow, Poland

Founder, Proprietor, Director, English Teacher, 2009-2010

'Pigmalion' Language School, Torun, Poland

English Teacher of Cambridge Exams (FCE, CAE, CPE), Pronunciation, Comprehensive Reading, Speaking, Advanced Grammar, 2008-2009

English and German Teachers Training College, Zlotow, Poland

Lecturer of Practical English, Phonetics, Writing, Speaking, Extensive Listening, Extensive Reading, British Literature, British History and Culture, 2007-2008

Technical High School, Pila, Poland

English Teacher, Teacher of English for Specific Purposes, Polish Matriculation Exam classes, 2004-2007

Private Language School 'Accent Plus', Pila, Poland

English Teacher of Cambridge Courses (FCE, CAE, CPE), Pronunciation and Phonetics, Reading, Grammar (Basic and Advanced), Literature, Culture classes, British and American History, 2004-2007

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA

Teaching Assistant

Second/Foreign Language Teaching Methods (Fall 2019 & Spring 2020)

Pedagogical Grammar (Spring 2019)

Second Language Learning (Fall 2018 & Spring 2019)

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA
 Research Assistant to Dr. Shawn Loewen (Spring 2018)
 Research Assistant to Dr. Peter De Costa (Fall 2017)
 Research Assistant to Drs. Gass and Winke (Fall 2016 & Spring 2017)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2022 *English Tenses for ESL students* – in preparation
 2017 *Call me Li Nana: Memoirs of a Foreigner in China*. Kalahari Press
 2015 *IELTS Band 9: An Academic Guide for Chinese Students. Volume I*. Ann Arbor, MI: Chopstick Press
 2015 *IELTS Band 9: An Academic Guide for Chinese Students. Volume II*. Ann Arbor, MI: Chopstick Press
 2015 *IELTS Examiner's Tips: An Academic Guide to IELTS Speaking and Writing*. Ann Arbor, MI: Chopstick Press

Journal Articles

- 2021 *Life is Splendid Here in the U.S.": Intercultural Learning in Contemporary Chinese Students' Academic Adjustment*. *The Qualitative Report*, 26(4), 1200-1217.
 2020 *A Dynamic Interplay of Professional Identities: Teacher-Researcher's Identity (Re)Construction*. *The Qualitative Report*, Vol. 25, Number 6.
 2017 *Perceiving Identity through Accent Lenses: A Case Study of a Chinese English Speaker's Perceptions of her Pronunciation and Perceived Social Identity*. *MSU Working Papers in Second Language Studies*, Vol. 8, Number 1
 2017 *Interview with Professor Martha Bigelow*. *MSU Working Papers in Second Language Studies*, Vol. 8, Number 1

Other Publications

- 2022 *Putting The 'Human' Back into Humanities – Advances in TESOL Methodologies and the (New) Social Justice Turn*. A faculty professional development article in *Dialogos: An Academic Newsletter for Divine Word College*.
 2020 *Docendo Discimus – By Teaching We Learn*. A faculty professional development article in *Dialogos: An Academic Newsletter for Divine Word College*.
 2013 *'Panda-monium' at Hangzhou Zoo*. A Cultural Article in *China That's Zhejiang*
 2013 *Touching Heaven: Venturing up high at Yellow Mountain*. (Travel Article) in *China That's Zhejiang*
 2013 *The conundrum of Chinese Bamboo*. A Cultural Article in *China That's Zhejiang*
 2013 *The Eyes are Useless When the Mind is Blind*. A Cultural Article in *China That's Zhejiang*

AWARDS AND HONORS

2022	Divine Word College Scholarly Article Publication Award (\$250)
2022	Divine Word College Conference Presentation Award (\$600)
2021	Divine Word College Conference Presentation Award (\$150)
2021	Divine Word College Scholarly Article Publication Award (\$250)
2017	MSU Asian Studies Centre S.C. Lee Award for a research paper: "Perceiving Identity through Accent Lenses: A Case Study of a Chinese English Speaker's Perceptions of her Pronunciation and Perceived Social Identity" (\$500)
2004	Polish Prime Minister's Scholarship Award

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022	Divine Word College Professional Development Grant to attend professional development opportunities (\$1200)
2021	Divine Word College Professional Development Grant to attend MIDTESOL 2021(\$75)
2019-2020	The Hub for Innovation in Learning and Technology Graduate Fellowship, Michigan State University (\$5000)
2019	MSU College of Arts and Letters Summer Support Fellowship (\$4500)
2019	MSU Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$8000)
2018-2019	Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellowship Program, The Graduate School and James Madison College, Michigan State University (\$5000)
2018	Pronunciation Instruction Graduate Fellowship by the MSU English Language Center and Graduate School (\$1000)
2018	MSU College of Arts and Letters Summer Support Fellowship (\$4500)
2017	MSU College of Arts and Letters Summer Support Fellowship (\$5000)
2006-2007	Nicolaus Copernicus University of Torun Research and Study Grant
2005-2006	Pila Academy of Business Research and Study Grant

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

2022	18th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ICQI) , Creative Methodology: Blending two collective case studies into a multiple case study research project, May 19-21
2022	TESOL International , Pedagogy of Kindness and Chinese Students in the USA, March 24-29
2022	The TQR 13th Annual Conference , Exploring Interculturality in Education Through a Qualitative Multiple Case Study: Adaptation of Stakian Approach, Jan 19-21
2021	MIDTESOL 2021: Paradigm Shift in ELT , Transformative Internationalization: Teachers Changed by Students, Oct 22-23
2021	17th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ICQI) , Transformative Internationalization through Kindness: The Experiences of Chinese Undergraduate Students and their Instructors at a U.S. Higher Education Institution, May 18-21
2021	ITBE 2021 Convention: Re-Envisioning Multilingual Education: Transforming the Future , Two Birds, One Stone: Transforming Higher Education through Kindness, Feb 19
2020	ITBE Virtual Workshop , Participant, October 17
2020	MIDTESOL20 , e-Conference, participant, October 3
2019	Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA) , Michigan State University, Chinese Undergraduate Students' Intercultural Experiences in the U.S., October 4-6

- 2019 **15th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ICQI), University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL**, A Dynamic Interplay of Professional Identities: An Instrumental Case Study of Teacher-Researcher's Identity (Re)Construction, May 15-18
- 2019 **Michigan Academy 2019 (MASAL), Alma College, Alma, MI**, A Dynamic Interplay of Professional Identities: An Instrumental Case Study of Teachers'/Researchers' Identity (Re)Construction, March 1
- 2019 **COGS Graduate Academic Conference 2019, Michigan State University**, A Dynamic Interplay of Professional Identities: An Instrumental Case Study of Teacher-Researcher's Identity (Re)Construction, Feb 16
- 2017 **13th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL**, I Teach; Therefore, I am: An Autoethnographic Study of Teacher Identity Development, May 17-20
- 2017 **Michigan Academy MASAL 2017 Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI**, Input, Output, and Feedback in Relation to "Duolingo", March 10
- 2017 **Purdue Languages and Cultures Conference (PLCC), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN**, Chinese Students' Academic Adjustment in the US through the Lens of Interculturality, March 3-5
- 2015 **13th Asia TEFL International Conference Nanjing, China, IELTS BAND 9**: A Product Presentation, November 6-8

CAMPUS TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2022 6th Grade Culture and Diversity Conference at Waverly-Shell Rock Middle School, Waverly, IA, Keynote Presentation, November 22
- 2021 Let's Talk about Interculturality: Invited Lecture (by Dr. Katherine Moore), at Arcadia University for Cross-Cultural Psychology Class, October 12
- 2019 Teaching Interculturality Across the Curriculum: Activities for Instructors of International Students, CELTA Professional Development Series, Michigan State University, March 29
- 2019 Teaching Interculturality at James Madison College: A Practical Workshop for the Faculty. Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellowship, Michigan State University, March 18
- 2017 Certification in College Teaching Workshop, Graduate School, Michigan State University, May 11-12
- 2016 IELTS BAND 9 Book Tour, Hangzhou, China, Sept 2015-June 2016
- 2013 How to Effectively Teach IELTS Writing? Workshop for Teachers, Strong International, Hangzhou, China, June 14
- 2012 The Biggest Challenges in Achieving Fluency with Chinese Students. Workshop for Teachers, Strong International, Hangzhou, China, Dec 10

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- MIDTESOL Higher Education and Teacher Training Interest Section Chair, 2021-2022
- Host to Emmaus Bible College TESOL Students, Practicum, 2020-2021
- Team Program for Second Language Research Forum (SLRF 2019), 2019
- Abstract/Proposal Reviewer for Second Language Research Forum (SLRF 2019), 2019
- Reviewer for Journal of Language and Education, 2018-present
- MSU Working Papers: Editor, 2016-2017
- Midwest Association of Language Testers: MwALT Graduate Student Representative, 2017-2018

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Plagiarism and Academic Integrity Committee, Divine Word College, Fall 2021-July 2022
ESL Students' Advisor, Divine Word College, 2020-2022
Graduate Employees Union Pedagogy Committee Member, 2018-2020
Co-chair of Student Organization of Second Language Acquisition and Pedagogy (SOSLAP), 2018-2019
SLS Program Steward for Graduate Employees Union at MSU, 2018-2019
SLS Program Student Representative for Faculty Meetings, 2018-2019
Testing & Tasting: A Reading Group on Language Testing and Assessment, 2017-2018
SLS Weekly Digest Editorial Assistant, Fall 2017

LANGUAGES

Polish (native)
English (master)
Russian (advanced)
Ukrainian (intermediate)
Latin (intermediate)
Chinese (HSK4)

PROFESSIONAL MEMEBRSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

TESOL International, 2020-present
MITESOL Member, 2019-present
Association for Interdisciplinary Studies, 2018-present
National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, 2017-present
Modern Language Association of Poland (PTN), 2012-present
Asia TEFL (Teaching and Learning English in Asia), 2015-present
Linguistic Society of America, 2015-present
American Association for Applied Linguistics, 2016-present