

I work in two fields: linguistics and technical communication.

Education

Master of Arts in Linguistics with a Concentration in Language and Communication. Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 2008. Papers and presentations included the following:

- Clarity in Death Penalty Jury Instructions: Ensuring Justice by Explaining the Law to Non-Lawyers (paper and presentation for Language and Law class)
- Jury Instructions: Imperfect Intercultural Communication (paper and presentation for Intercultural Communication class)
- Language in a Police Context (presentation to Introduction to Sociolinguistics class)

Certificate in Forensic Linguistics. Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. 2008. Linguistic analysis of ransom notes, stalker letters, and other potentially criminal communication.

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, Minor in Communications. *Magna cum laude*. Holy Names University, Oakland, CA. 1993. Core of the major was English, Philosophy, and History; minor included Graphic Arts, Public Speaking, and other Communications courses.

2009 Linguistic Institute: Language Structure and Language Ecologies. Sponsored by the Linguistic Society of America and the Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley. Classes: Computational methods in linguistic reconstruction, Language contact and language change, Gesture and language, Narrative and viewpoint.

“Presenting Data and Information.” A one-day course taught by Edward Tufte, Professor Emeritus at Yale University and author of *The Visual Display of Quantitative Information* and other books on information design.

Developmental editing class and copyediting class, University of California Berkeley Extension.

Publications

Book Note for *Bastard tongues: A trailblazing linguist finds clues to our common humanity in the world's lowliest languages* by Derek Bickerton. *Language in Society*, volume 38, issue 05, pp. 646-647, November 2009.

Multiple articles for the Holy Names University (formerly College) alumni magazine. My contributions included the following feature articles:

- “Holy Names and the High Court.” Profile of Justice Carol Corrigan, an alumna who was appointed to the California Supreme Court in 2006. *HNU Today*, Spring 2006 issue.

- “Educational Therapy: Holy Names Nurtures a Growing Discipline.” Article about the work being done by educational therapists at the Raskob Learning Institute. *HNU Today*, Fall 2004 issue.
- “Every Time You Turn on a Tap, You Should Thank a Meadow.” Description of a long-term research project on the ecology of alpine meadows in California conducted by Julia Smith, Ph.D. *HNC Today*, Spring 2004 issue.
- “First Woman President of Kaiser Permanente in Northern California has a Holy Names Background.” Profile of Mary Ann Thode. *HNC Today*, Winter 2003 issue.

Presentations

“Forensic Linguistics: Real-Life ‘CSI’ with Word People.” San Francisco Mensa Regional Gathering. November 2008; Society for Technical Communication, Berkeley chapter, September 2009. Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa Regional Gathering, February 2010.

“Managing Multiple Information Channels: Strategies for Effective Presentations.” Georgetown University Linguistics Department. March 2009.

“Clarity in Death Penalty Jury Instructions: Ensuring Justice by Explaining the Law to Non-Lawyers.” Conference of the International Association of Forensic Linguists. July 2009.

Classes Taught

“An Introduction to Adobe FrameMaker.” Society for Technical Communication, Berkeley chapter. 2006. A half-day class to teach technical writers how to use this publishing software. Designed, wrote, and delivered the class, which included slides, lecture, and in-class exercises with sample material I developed.

Service to the Profession

Presentation: “Careers in Technical Communication.” An overview of the field of technical communication, with an emphasis on career opportunities for people with degrees in Linguistics. The target audience was graduate students in Linguistics, presented in coordination with the Graduate Linguistics Student Association at Georgetown University, 2008.

Member, Committee On Membership Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), Linguistic Society of America, 2010.

Judge, International Technical Art Competition. Society for Technical Communication. 2005–2008. Judged approximately ten entries annually, evaluating them for effectiveness, originality, and technical competency. Assigned awards as part of a team of judges. Wrote individual evaluations for entrants on the entries’ strengths and weaknesses, and suggested improvements.

Honors and Awards

Distinguished Chapter Service Award. Society for Technical Communication, Berkeley Chapter, 2008.

Nominated for honorary rank of Associate Fellow of the Society for Technical Communication. (Names of new Associate Fellows will be announced by the Society in early 2011.)

Oak Society, Holy Names University, 1991 through graduation. Recognition of academic achievement and leadership qualities.

Kappa Gamma Pi, a nationwide graduate honor and service society, 1993 and continuing.

Council of Leaders, President's Level award, Pacific Bell Directory, 1990. Given to employees with significant contributions to the company, no more than 1 percent of staff annually.

Organizations

Member, Linguistic Society of America.

Member, International Association of Forensic Linguists.

Member, American Dialect Society.

Senior Member, Society for Technical Communication. Chapter president, three one-year terms.

Member, Bay Area Editors' Forum.

Member, Northern California Science Writers' Association.

Member, American Mensa.