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Summary of Qualifications x 6+ years of experience teaching Japanese language courses at the university level. Courses taught include first
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and second
-year Japanese during academic year and summer intensive sequences. Participated in several
Japanese pedagogy workshops and seminars
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 x Received a Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award from the Department of Asian Languages & Literature at the University of Washington. x 7+ years of professional Japanese to English translation and interpretation experience in the fields of
entertainment,
 media,
 technology, business, journalism, tourism, and more. x Extensive background in Japanese studies with over four years of experience living in Japan. Acquired
 two M.As
in Japanese applied linguistics and Japanese literature. Completed
 Japan
-related courses on interpretation,
classical and modern literature, pop culture,
 history,
 and linguistics. x Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level N1
Education
University of Washington, Seattle June 2020
Master of Arts, Japanese Applied Linguistics
Thesis: “Playing Japanese: Fostering
 semantic language play in a Japanese as a foreign language classroom”,

Advisor: Professor Amy Ohta

Award: Distinguished Teaching Assistant

Portland State University, Portland September 2017

Master of Arts, Japanese Language and Literature
Thesis: “The Revolution Will Not Be Politicized: Political Expression in the Manga Adaptations of Kanikōsen”,
Advisor: Professor
 Jon Holt

Portland State University Honors Program, Portland June 2014

Bachelor of Arts, Japanese
Honor’s Thesis: “Fragments of Struggle: Five Short Stories by Kobayashi Takiji”, Advisor: Professor
 Jon Holt

Study Abroad
The Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama

 September 2015
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Nippon Foundation Fellow
Sophia University 上智大学, Tokyo
 September 2008
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 August 2012

Faculty of Liberal Arts 国際教養学部

Professional Experience
Graduate Teaching Assistant: Japanese ʹ University of Washington

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