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EDUCATION

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY — Master of Arts in Linguistics: Forensic Linguistics

- January 2022—December 2022 (Expected) | 4.0 GPA

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY — Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, Minor in Music

- August 2020—December 2021 | 4.0 GPA

AWARDS

- Provost's Scholar for Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Fall 2021
- Recipient of the Adele Leonard Memorial Endowed Scholarship Award for Spring 2021 for innovative approaches to the analysis of language as judged by the Hofstra University Linguistics faculty
- Recipient of Spring 2022 and Fall 2022 Graduate Research Fellowships

SELECT COURSEWORK

Phonetics and Phonology	Linguistic Field Methods (Transcription/Narrative Analysis)
Morphology and Syntax	Corpus Linguistics (Software-Assisted Data Analysis)
Semantics and Pragmatics	Nonverbal Communication in Human Interaction
Sociolinguistics	World Cultures
Historical Linguistics	Cybersecurity

- Research focus on gender and LGBTQIA+ issues
- Capstone Project to analyze Florida's Parental Rights in Education Bill from the perspective of semantic, pragmatic, and syntactic ambiguity
- Intensive Forensic Linguistics Certification in Counter-Terrorism, Intelligence, Counterintelligence, Threat Assessment, and Law Enforcement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intern | Forensic Linguistics Death Penalty Innocence Project, Hempstead, NY | January 2022—Present

- Contribute to the analysis of active court cases through research and methods including lexical, topic, conversation, and authorship analysis
- Collaborate and strategize with advisors and peers to develop and implement innovative methodologies based on the uniqueness of each case's data
- Share presentations with lawyers to teach them relevant linguistic concepts
- Receive feedback from lawyers, evaluate, and adapt analyses accordingly
- Prepare reports, tables, charts, and annotated bibliographies for use in court with the purpose of teaching relevant linguistic concepts to judges and jurors
- Volunteer position: five hours of independent work per week, either individually or partnered, as well as weekly or bi-weekly meetings

Graduate Research Fellow | Institute for Forensic Linguistics, Threat Assessment, and Strategic Analysis, Hempstead, NY | June 2021—Present

- Maintain the Forensic Linguistics Database Website which provides access to data for research and teaching purposes to students, educators, and scholars
- Gather new data for the website and suggest improvements for facilitating website navigation
- Train incoming fellows on data collection and website management strategies and techniques
- Three hours of work per week

Assistant Store Manager | Talbots Outlet, Deer Park, NY | May 2016—Present

- Partner with a leadership team to meet and exceed set sales goals in a \$1+ million revenue store
- Supervise a team of between ten and fifteen employees and oversee training and development
- Engage with customers from varied backgrounds in a manner described as the standard to which other companies aspire and focus on forming strong and lasting relationships
- Provide marketing feedback to adapt business planning and financial management strategies
- Observe and assess employee performance following a Store Observation Guide to provide constructive coaching for continued professional advancement
- Participate in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives and customer conflict management and mediation workshops
- Execute critical operational activities and loss prevention procedures, reflected in a three year Average Daily Loss decrease of over \$20
- Organize customer and vendor record keeping systems and maintain quality control standards
- Lead annual Dress for Success community engagement partnership to aid local women in becoming economically independent, most recently exceeding fundraising target by 26.5%
- Implement all ongoing COVID-19 protocols
- Thirty-two to forty hours of work per week

Admissions Ambassador | Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY | February 2021—April 2021

- Connected with between fifty and one hundred prospective students each week
- Communicated with students in a mentoring capacity to answer questions and address concerns about the college admissions process
- Interacted with parents and encouraged participation in their children's educational goals
- Logged calls in a record keeping database and updated contacts and statuses on a regular basis
- Achieved the highest percentage conversion of enrollment deposits resulting from 2% of calls
- Five to ten hours of work per week

TECHNOLOGY

- AntConc freeware corpus analysis toolkit for concordancing and text analysis
- Python programming language (IBM Python for Data Science, AI & Development Certification)
- WordPress and Wix website managers
- Basic Microsoft Office and Google Suite

LANGUAGES

- Latin: three college semesters culminating in the study of advanced prose
- Italian: four years in high school with the last year at college-level
- Japanese: one college semester

SOFT SKILLS

Organization	Creativity	Collaboration
Flexibility	Innovation	Interpersonal skills
Tolerance	Problem solving	Networking skills
Critical thinking	Decision making	Cross-cultural communication