

## Academic Credentials

- M.A. **GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY** 2012  
Washington, D.C.
- Masters Arts in Sign Language Teaching
  - GPA: 4.0
- B.A. **GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY** 2011  
Washington, D.C.
- Bachelor Arts in American Sign Language (ASL)
  - GPA 3.9 in Major Courses/ 3.4 Cumulative
  - Graduated with Honors, Cum Laude
- B.A. **GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY** 2011  
Washington, D.C.
- Bachelor Arts in Deaf Studies
  - GPA: 3.5 in Major Courses/ 3.4 Cumulative
  - Graduated with Honors, Cum Laude

## Education Credentials

- ASL Teachers Association (ASLTA) Provisional Certification** 2012

## Teaching Experience

**American Sign Language Faculty** January 2012-May 2012  
Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

- Taught ASL 314: American Sign Language Literature, Co-Lectured with Dr. Benjamin Bahan.
- Taught students how to study selected videotapes and films ranging from the early 1900s to the present.
- Assisted students in creating a critical analysis of value of available videotapes and films (appropriate selection of grammatical features, cultural information provided in the tapes, mannerisms.)
- Taught students to produce original works of ASL literature.

**Motion Laboratory Facilitator** August 2011- Present  
Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

- Handle digital equipment used in animation necessary for ASL storytelling.
- Experiment and interact with digital media

**Deaf Studies Faculty** August 2011- December 2011  
Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

- Taught DST 314: Oral Traditions in the Deaf Community
- Developed and maintained the curriculum
- Co-taught with Benjamin Jarashow the development of oral literature and literary artists in other cultures.

- Introduced ASL literary tradition by looking at life histories, narratives, and poetry performances.

**American Sign Language Teacher Assistant**

August 2010 - December 2010

Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

- Assisted in teaching ASL 102: Basic American Sign Language
- Continued teachings from ASL 101 and emphasized the expansion and refinement of students' fundamental, comprehension, and production skills covered in ASL 101.
- Taught additional functional grammatical structure and targeted lexical items.
- Encouraged emerging signer to expand their basic skills and knowledge in ASL and Deaf culture.

**ASL Mentor**

August 2010- December 2010

Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

- Participated in the mentoring program for new signer students at Gallaudet University.
- Conducted face-to-face American Sign Language mentoring sessions at a freshman dorm
- Served as a positive role model, peer and friend for new signers
- Assisted students to set goals and work closely with them as they achieved them.

**American Sign Language Faculty**

June 2009- August 2009

Kapi'olani Community College, Honolulu, HI

- Taught ASL 1 & 2 to L2 students utilizing the *Signing Naturally* curriculum
- Taught English translational techniques and interpretation skills to interpreting students of various levels.
- Provided unique ASL assignments that encouraged student's creative linguistic application
- Assessed students' language development and provided critical feedback in a positive fashion

**Pacific Island Learning Initiative Instructor**

June 2009-July 2009

Kapi'olani Community College, Honolulu, HI

- Trained and mentored American-Samoa Teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing children how to assess and improve their programs abroad
- Developed and implemented ASL courses (levels 1-3) to suit the specialized needs of the American- Samoan teachers of deaf and hard of hearing children
- Educated teachers regarding the best strategies to advocate for the diverse and challenging needs of the student population they serve

## Additional Experience

**Graduate Assistant, Office of Residence Life** July 2011- Present  
Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

- Meet the needs of a diverse undergraduate and graduate residential student body.
- Create an environment that enhances students growth and developmental and the overall student experience.
- Assist with the selection, training, and supervision of paraprofessional staff.
- Assist with residential student developmental and problem solving.
- Serve on University planning committees and initiatives.

**Speaker of the House, Student Body Government** May 2010- May 2011  
Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

- Acted as leader of the House and combined several roles within the legislative branch.
- Presided over the legislative branch.
- Responsible for the enforcement of the Student Body Government's constitution.
- Was second in line to succeed the President, after the Vice President.

**Technician, eLearning Lab** August 2008-June 2011  
Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

- Staff-supported computer lab for faculty, staff and students interested in learning how to use current new technology and multimedia to improve teaching and learning experiences.
- Provided training and support for development of course materials including interactive presentations videos, DVDs, web links and documents.
- Provided orientation, training, and support on Blackboard, Gallaudet's learning management system.
- Assisted how to use Microsoft Office, Blackboard, Scan and Create PDFs, scan and edit photos and graphics,
- Assisted in creating video clips and uploading them online, transferring VHS or mini-dv video to pc or DVDs.
- Created tests and surveys with Respondus and created interactive PowerPoint presentation with TurningPoint

**Associate Justice, Student Body Government** August 2008-May 2009  
Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

- Conducted students' judicial issues
- Made decisions regarding students' disciplinary actions
- Supervised disciplinary actions when deemed necessary
- Revised SBG constitution

**Assistant Manager, Internship, Boundless Communication** September 2002- August 2003  
Washington, D.C.

- Sold assistive devices for the deaf and hard of hearing people.

- Supervised booth at expositions.
- Worked as a customer service representative assisting customers nationwide.
- Attended training conferences.

### Publications

Bottoms, A. R. (2012). La Terre des Perroquets. *Deaf Studies Digital Journal, Issue 3*.

Bottoms, A. R. (2012). Deflowered. *Deaf Studies Digital Journal, Issue 3*.

Bottoms, A. R. (2011). Proximalization & Nonmanuals in M2L2 Sign. *ASLized*. Fall 2011

### Honors & Achievements

- Vice-President, Kappa Gamma Fraternity, 2010-2011
- H.N. Brawner, Jr Memorial Scholarship, 2011
- I & B Gudlesky Scholarship
- Robert H. Triebig Memorial Scholarship, 2009
- Summer Robert Triebig Memorial Scholarship, 2009
- T.R. Johnson Scholarship Award, 2008-2009
- E.M. Gallaudet Scholarship Award, 2008-2009
- President's Scholarship Award, 2007
- Gallaudet University Dean's List, 2009 to 2011
- Play Director Award, 2003

### Courses Taught

- Gallaudet University ASL 314: American Sign Language Literature
- Gallaudet University DST 314: Oral Traditions in the Deaf Community
- Gallaudet University ASL 102: Basic American Sign Language II
- Kapi'olani Community College ASL 102: Elementary American Sign Language II
- Kapi'olani Community College ASL 201 Intermediate American Sign Language I
- Kapi'olani Community College IT 112 ASL/English Translation Techniques
- Pacific Island Learning Initiative Program: ASL 1, 2, and 3

### Graduate Courses Taken

- Sign Language Media Production (3)
- Sign Language Linguistics for Sign Language Instruction (3)
- Methods of Sign Language Teaching (3)

- Curriculum Development for Sign Language Instruction (3)
- Sign Language Practicum (3)
- Introduction to First and Second Language Acquisition (3)
- Sign and the Philosophy of Language (3)
- Sign Language Planning and Advocacy (3)
- Literary Traditions in the Deaf Community (3)
- Critical Pedagogy (3)
- Assessing Sign Language Skills (3)
- Seminar in Sign Language (3)
- Sign Language Teaching Internship (3)

### Relevant Undergraduate Courses Taken

- Introduction to Deaf Studies (3)
- Deaf Culture (3)
- Sign Language & Sign Systems (3)
- Introduction to the Structure of American Sign Language (3)
- ASL and English: Comparative Analysis (3)
- Classifiers: Theory and Applications (3)
- Fingerspelling and ASL Numbers: Theory and Practice (3)
- Non-manual Grammatical Signals in ASL (3)
- ASL Literature (3)
- Discourse Features in ASL (3)
- Introduction to ASL instruction (3)
- ASL Registers: Speaking to the Public (3)
- Communication in Gestures (3)
- History of the American Deaf Community (3)
- Dynamics of Oppressions (3)
- Oral Traditions in the Deaf Community (3)
- Deaf Studies Senior Thesis (3)
- Senior Seminar (3)