

Magnus Stephen (Steve) Colvin

A direct and evidence-based teacher. A firm believer in diversity, equity and inclusion to foster a positive classroom culture. My approach to teaching entails employing multiple teaching modalities to accommodate diverse learning styles. I also possess strong organizational and management skills to ensure easy accessibility and comprehension of class information.

Personal Information:

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Skills:

Soft Skills

- Excellent interpersonal and intercultural skills
- Strong organization and management skills
- Effective team player

Hard Skills

- Canvas by Instructure
- Microsoft Office 365 applications particularly TEAMS (online)
- PowerTeacher Pro Gradebook by PowerSchool
- Apple OSX and IOS and related applications (Pages, Keynotes Numbers)

Education:

2008

BC Teacher Education Certificate -
(L181091) - Vancouver Island Univ., BC

2005

MA - Linguistics - University of Surrey,
Guildford, England

1999

Teaching English to Speakers of Other
Languages (TESOL) Certificate -
Vancouver Community College, BC

1991

BA - Bachelor of Music (Education
major, English minor) - St. Francis
Xavier University, NS

Professional Experience

September 2014 - June 2024

English 12 / Comm. 12 instructor, Dalian Maple Leaf International School

Responsibilities:

- Organized physical space to create a safe, accessible environment to support learning
- Engaged students with active, critical, and independent thinking
- Used effective assessment practices to provide effective feedback
- Prepared Grade 12 students for BC Provincial exams and post-secondary institutions

Sept 2008 – July 2014

English 10 instructor, Dalian Maple Leaf International School

Responsibilities:

- Created and implemented English diagnostic exams for placement of English 10 students
- Developed an original 160 hour English 10 curriculum for use by the independent school
- Engaged student in individual and collaborative student / project based learning
- Effectively planned for, instructed, assessed, and reported on student progress

Nov 2012 – July 2014

Dept. Head English 10 and Comm.11, Dalian Maple Leaf International School

Responsibilities as Dept Head:

- Oversaw the work of 10 instructors.
- Facilitated professional development seminars for the team on various topics, including:
 - o The Culture of Academic Dishonesty in China
 - o EFL Learners in China
 - o The Importance of Student Placement
 - o Using Word Processors to Create More Effective Worksheets

August 2004 – 2006

Full-Time Oral English Instructor, Dalian Translation / Interpretation College

Responsibilities:

- Developed and presented oral English classes to 12 separate classes of sophomore, junior and senior English Translation students.
- Evaluated, assessed, and diagnosed communicative abilities of the students
- Developed and presented PowerPoint presentations to the entire student body
- Topics included English Communication and Creating a Superior Speech

Licenses / Certification:

- Practicing Teacher Certification - B.C. - L181091
- Public School Teaching Certification
- TESOL Certificate

Interests:

- Archery
- Playing folk music on tin whistle / wooden flute
- Hiking

Research Experience:

MA Dissertation:

The Effects of Incorrect Placement Test Use on EFL Students in China: A Case Study

References:

Multiple reference letters and testimonials available on www.stevecolvin.com

Professional Experience (cont):

July 2003 – July 2004

Teacher Trainer, Maple Leaf Education Training Centre, Dalian, China

Responsibilities:

- Assisted in the development of the Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) program
- Conducted CLT program classes for Chinese English speaking teachers chosen for training by the Liaoning Provincial Ministry of Education in China
- Used the Canadian Language Benchmarks 2002 criteria to assess the listening, speaking, writing and reading abilities of the attending teachers.
- Led creative work and development of a Bilingual Education teaching program that I presented to the Liaoning Provincial Ministry of Education in China

August, 1999 – July 2003

EFL Program Coordinator, Maple Leaf International School, Dalian, China

Responsibilities:

- Acted as a liaison between the Chinese Administration and the Canadian instructors.
- Taught English classes.
- Prepared reports on the efficacy of the EFL Program and suggested solutions to obstacles.

EFL Instructor, Maple Leaf International School, Dalian, China

Responsibilities:

- Created instructional and entertaining student-based lesson plans centred on the vocabulary and concepts they would encounter in the following year in English 10.

Professional Achievement:

- Presented with the Maple Leaf Medal of Honour and Excellence by the Canadian Ambassador to China, the Honourable Guy Saint-Jacques for excellent teaching and contributions to the school in 2015
- Held workshops for the Ministry of Education of Dalian, China for Chinese English instructors in the Kaifaqu District of Dalian in 2002 on the following topics:
 - o Student motivation
 - o Current EFL and SLA theory
 - o Language testing and methodology.
- Presented on the topic "Bilingualism in Canada" for 300 attendees from the Ministry of Education for Liaoning Province, China's General Education Research and Training Centre on December, 2003.
- Featured on the front page of the daily newspaper for Dalian, China (a city of 7,000,000) as exceptional community volunteer English teacher for the 2004 Chinese Teacher's Day.