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**Curriculum Vitae**



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**EDUCATION**

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**2014, M.A. in Leadership**

*Saint Mary's College*

**2005, Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Literatures**

*University of Hawaii, Manoa*

Thesis title: "Five Measure of Interlanguage Pragmatics in KFL"

**2000, M.A. in Linguistics**

*University of Hawaii, Manoa*

**1999, B.A. in Linguistics, Second Language Learning and Teaching**

*University of Hawaii, Manoa*

**1992, B.A. in Physical Education and Taekwondo**

*Yong-In University, Korea*

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**PROFESSIONAL / TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*University of California, Berkeley*

2003 – Present: **Faculty, Physical Education Program**

2008 – Present: **Endowed Director** of Martial Arts at UC Berkeley

- Taught PE 11 activity classes (Taekwondo, Yongmudo, Judo & Kumdo) every semester
- Taught Introductory Martial Arts Seminars
- Developed curricula for all academic martial arts courses
- Assessed and evaluated students' physical performance
- Introduced new techniques and educated on the philosophical tenets of martial arts
- Proposed and implemented a new introductory lecture course on martial arts
- Sponsored two or three visiting scholars from Korea every year

2006 – Present: **Director, UC Martial Arts Program**

2005 – 2006: **Acting Director** of the UC Martial Arts Program

2003 – 2004: **Senior Associate Director**, UC Martial Arts Program

- Overlooked daily administration and operation of the UC Martial Arts Program
- Managed budget, finances and fundraising for the program and annual tournaments
- Supervised executive staff, coordinating instructors, assistant instructors, and club representatives of all six martial arts clubs (Taekwondo, Yongmudo, Judo, Karate, Wushu and Taichi) in operations
- Supervised safety and security issues of martial arts clubs and members
- Promoted martial arts club membership under UCMAP
- Organized special events such as UC Open Taekwondo, Yongmudo Championships and Chinese Martial Arts Tournaments
- Organized national and international tournaments, summer camp, international academic conferences and special events on a local, national, and international level by serving as tournament director or symposium director

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

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### International Organization Involvements

2015 – Present: **Taekwondo Technical Committee Chair, FISU (International University Sports Federation)**

2002 – 2015: **Taekwondo Assistant Technical Delegate, FISU**

2009 – 2011: **Taekwondo Technical Commissioner, Pan-American Representative of FISU**

- Made executive decisions for the championship with any technical issues as Technical Committee Chair of Summer Universiade Taekwondo Championship
- Evaluated overall preparation of the venue and the sport presentation by sight visitation
- Conducted general technical meetings for the Head of Delegates
- Hosted technical committee meetings for all FISU, WT TD and OC
- Officiated tournament results and records and prepared final report to FISU

July 2015: **Technical Delegate, 28<sup>th</sup> Gwangju Summer Universiade Games, World Taekwondo**

August 2011: **Technical Delegate, 26<sup>th</sup> Shenzhen Summer Universiade Games, World Taekwondo**

2010 – 2019: **Vice Chairman of Youth and Collegiate Committee, World Taekwondo**

2009 – 2010: **Collegiate Committee Chairman, World Taekwondo**

- Developed and helped facilitate university Taekwondo initiatives worldwide
- Provided support for World University Taekwondo Championship, Summer Universiade Games

2016 – Present: **Education Council Member, World Martial Arts Committee, Cheongju Korea**

2013 – Present: **Deputy Secretary General, International Yongmudo Federation, Gyeonggido, Korea**

2012 – Present: **International Director, US Regional President, World Association of Hallyu 'Korean Cultural Wave Studies'**

2005 – 2007: **Collegiate Division Chairperson of Pan American Taekwondo Union**

*Pan American Taekwondo Union*

- Helped organize new events and assistant to PATU President
- Promoted and developed collegiate division Taekwondo events and tournaments

### National Organization Involvements

2011 – 2018: **Board of Director of USA Taekwondo (the National Governing Body)**

- Promoted Taekwondo in US, make executive decisions for US National Governing Body of Taekwondo
- Oversaw fundraising, marketing efforts and evaluated CEO performance for USA Taekwondo
- Made executive decisions for Olympic Taekwondo Movement

2011 – 2019: **President of US National Collegiate Taekwondo Association**

2007 – 2011: **Vice-President of US National Collegiate Taekwondo Association**

- Prepared funding for US National Taekwondo Team of World University Taekwondo Championship & Summer Universiade
- Promoted Collegiate Taekwondo in US and made executive decisions for NCTA
- Developed international students exchange program

June, 2013 & 2017, **Exchange Program between US National Collegiate Taekwondo Team and Korea University Taekwondo Team, Seoul Korea**

2013 – 2015: **The National Unification Advisory Council of Korea, Global Leadership Committee Chair, San Francisco, California**

June, 2013: **Program Director of the 1st Global Youth Leadership camp in Korea**

2008 – 2019: **President of US Yongmudo Association, USA, US Yongmudo Association**

2005 – Present: **Team Leader, Summer Korea Martial Arts Camps & Korea trip**

## ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZING DIRECTOR & EDITOR

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### International Taekwondo Symposium Director & Academic Journal Editor

*Taekwondo Promotion Foundation & UC Berkeley*

- 2014: The 8<sup>th</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium on “The Promotion of Health through Taekwondo Training”
- 2013: The 7<sup>th</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium on “Future Roles and Directions of Taekwondowon”
- 2012: The 6<sup>th</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium on "Olympic Spirt and Taekwondo"
- 2011: The 5<sup>th</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium “Women in Taekwondo and Para-Taekwondo Movement”
- 2010: The 4<sup>th</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium “Educational Value of Taekwondo & University Taekwondo’s Future Direction”
- 2009: The Pan Am Taekwondo Instructor Development Symposium “Instructor Developments for Taekwondo in Pan Am Region”
- 2009: The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium “Curriculum developments for Taekwondo”
- 2007: The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium “The History & Spirit of Taekwondo and Strategies for Globalization”
  - Wrote proposals to get grants of \$500,000 from Korean government
  - Edited and published academic journals after the symposium was done

April 2019: **Editor in Chief of “Academic Journal of Martial Arts” Vol.9**

June 2010: **Editor in Chief of “Academic Journal of Martial Arts” Vol.8**

August 2007: **Editor in Chief of “Academic Journal of Martial Arts” Vol. 7**

June, 2010: **Publisher of UC Martial Arts Program’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book**

January 2019: **Director, US Sports Industry Forum**

June, 2013: **Director, US Sports Industry Forum**

July, 2011: **Director, US Sports Industry Forum**

October, 2010: **Director, US Sports Industry Forum**

## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE / TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

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2003 – Present: **University of California Open Championship Tournament Director, UC Berkeley**

**34<sup>th</sup> – 50<sup>th</sup> Annual UC Open Taekwondo Championships**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual UC Open Yongmudo Championships**

2007: **US Team Leader, 1<sup>st</sup> World Yongmudo Championship, Yong-In University**

April 2014: **Tournament Director, 39<sup>th</sup> National Collegiate Taekwondo Championship, CA, USA**

May 2009: **Tournament Director, 1<sup>st</sup> Pan Am University Taekwondo Championship, CA, USA**

April 2005: **Tournament Director, 30<sup>th</sup> National Collegiate Taekwondo Championship, CA, USA**

- Tournament fundraising efforts through sponsorships
- Organized and ran large tournaments (700 + competitors)
- Coordinated competition facilities, meeting and drawing rooms
- Selected Head Referees, chairs for all committees and supervised opening and closing ceremonies
- Event advertising, creating provisional timetable at least six months before the competition

## TAEKWONDO COACHING EXPERIENCE

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2003 – Present: **UC Berkeley Taekwondo Team Head Coach**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Champion’s division in National Collegiate Taekwondo Championship for 17 years (from 2003 – 2012 and 2014 – 2018)

## AWARDS

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July 1, 2013 **Nomination of the National Unification Advisory Counsel of Korea**

*by President Park Geun Hye, Republic of Korea*

September 4, 2012: **Minister's Appreciation Award by Minister of Culture, Sport and Tourism Award #2012-284**, *Minister of Culture, Sport and Tourism, Republic of Korea.*  
 November 17, 2010: **Plaque of Appreciation, Special Recognition Award by President Kim Jungman**  
*Korea Institute of Sports Science, Seoul, Republic of Korea*  
 July 2008: **Citation of Outstanding Contribution**, *World Taekwondo, Korea*  
 April 2005: **Plaque of Appreciation**  
*30<sup>th</sup> National Collegiate Taekwondo Championship, Tournament Director, NCTA, Iowa*

## CERTIFICATIONS

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### *Taekwondo*

2015: **Taekwondo 8<sup>th</sup> degree black belt**, *Kukkiwon, Korea*  
 2010: **International Taekwondo Referee 3<sup>rd</sup> class in Poomsae**, *World Taekwondo, Korea*  
 1994: **Certified Taekwondo Coach 2<sup>nd</sup> class**, *WT & Department of Education, Korea*  
 1993: **3<sup>rd</sup> class Instructor of Sport for All**, *Seoul National University, Korea*,  
 1992: **Taekwondo Instructor 3<sup>rd</sup> class**, *World Taekwondo Headquarters, Korea*

### *Other Martial Arts*

2017: **Judo 4<sup>th</sup> degree black belt**, *Korea Judo Association, Korea*  
 2016: **Kumdo 4<sup>th</sup> degree black belts**, *Korea Kumdo Association, Korea*  
 2008: **Yongmudo 7<sup>th</sup> degree black belt**, *International Yongmudo Federation, Korea*  
 1992: **2<sup>nd</sup> class Certified Yoga Instructor**, *Yong-In University, Korea*

### *Physical Education*

1991: **Certified Physical Education Teacher 2<sup>nd</sup> class**, *Department of Education, Korea*  
 1990: **Physical Fitness Trainer**, *Korea physical fitness prescription Association, Korea*  
 1988: **Sport Massage Certification**, *National University Sports Massage Association, Korea*

## SELECTIVE PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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### *Physical Education, Martial Arts and Leadership*

- May 12, 2019: served as a speaker of 2019 World Taekwondo Conference. "Leadership Development for World Taekwondo," World Taekwondo. Manchester, England.
- December 5, 2014: served as **the moderator** of 8<sup>th</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium. "Health Promotion Through Taekwondo Training," Taekwondo Promotion Foundation, Muju Taekwondowon
- March 19, 2014: served as **the keynote speaker** of 2014 FISU Forum. "Educational Programs of World Taekwondo," *International University Sports Federation*
- November 27, 2013: served as **the main speaker** of 7<sup>th</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium. "Taekwondowon's Role for Taekwondo Development," Taekwondo Promotion Foundation, Muju Taekwondowon
- 2012 ~ 2013: served as a translator of **WT 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book**: "The 40 Year History of World Taekwondo." *World Taekwondo*
- September 2012: **Presentation**: Olympic Values and Taekwondo: Understanding Olympic Values through Taekwondo *the 6<sup>th</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium, Seoul, Republic of Korea*
- October 2009: **Presentation**: World Taekwondo Academy final report: "Establishment of World Taekwondo Academy and Its Purpose & Role."  
*Denmark International Taekwondo Symposium & World Taekwondo Championship*
- August 2009: **Presentation**: "Curriculum Development for Taekwondo Majors"  
*The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Taekwondo Symposium, UC Berkeley, California*
- November 2008: **Presentation**: "Curriculum Development for Traditional Values of Martial Arts."  
*International Martial Arts Symposium, Yong-In University*
- May 2007: **Presentation**: "Pedagogical Implication for College-level Taekwondo"  
*International Martial Arts Symposium, Yong-In University*
- 2007: **Book Chapters**: "The Book of Taekwondo" translated from Korean, *World Taekwondo*

Linguistics

- 2007: **Article:** “How raters, item functions, item types, item characteristics, affect the dependability of L2 pragmatics tests.” *Journal of Pragmatics*.
- 2003: **Presentation and Article:** “Three Measures of Korean Interlanguage Pragmatics (based on pilot study)” 8<sup>th</sup> AATK conference at University of California Berkeley
- 2002: **Workshop:** “Web-based Workshop (Korean) for Advanced Reading and Writing,” NFLRC Summer Institute, University of Hawaii
- 2002: **Presentation and Article:** “Why Taekwondo Should Be Taught as a Martial Art Rather Than a Martial Sport,” First Annual IMARI (International Martial Arts Research Institute) Symposium, University of California, Berkeley
- 2002: **Article:** “Web-based Placement test items (Korean)”  
*Center for Korean Studies, University of Hawaii*
- 2002: **Article:** “Guidelines for Item-writing for the Curriculum-Based Placement Test; Development and Application,” *University of Hawaii, Manoa*
- 2001: **Article:** “Web-based workshop (Korean) for advanced reading and writing development and maintenance,” NFLRC Summer Institute, University of Hawaii.
- 2000: **Article:** “Idioms in Korean Newspaper Headings”  
*LLL Graduate Student Conference, University of Hawaii*

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*University of California, Berkeley,*  
*Dept. of East Asian Language and Culture*

June – July 2003: **Guest Instructor**

*University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI, USA*

2000 – 2002: **Teaching Assistant**

- Taught Korean language courses (KOR 111, 112, 201, 202, and 399 advanced Korean reading & writing)

*Kapiolani Community College, HI, USA*

1996 – 2002: **Korean Language Instructor**

- Taught Korean as non-credit course & developed curriculum and tests for students

*Seoul Japanese School, Seoul, Korea*

1992 – 1994: **Korean language Instructor**

- Taught Korean to elementary, middle school students and Japanese teachers
- Worked as translator and interpreter (Korean & Japanese)

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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**Korean: native speaker**

**English: near native fluency**

**Japanese: near native fluency**

**Chinese: intermediate fluency**

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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- How to cultivate educational values through physical education
- Methods of Self-care & Wellness (with a focus on learning how to accept transitions in life, deep listening and developing human relationships)
- How to promote cultural understanding of Asian martial arts, yoga, meditation, dance, aquatics, fitness, and sports activities
- Curriculum development for physical education
- Psychological benefits of physical education
- Fostering multi-disciplinary research projects (education, psychology, sociology, public health), with a particular interest in studying how to build self-confidence, develop coping strategies, manage and reduce stress, maintain focus and concentration, and avoid adversaries through physical activities and martial arts training