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Areas of Interest:

Intercultural and International Communication
Educational and Instructional Communication
Training Assessment and Development
Organizational Communication
Service Learning

Key Coursework:

Intercultural Communication and Advanced Intercultural Communication
Critical and Cultural Studies
Organizational Culture and Context
Organizational Communication Application
Interpersonal Communication: Theory and Context

Education:

Ph.D. 2010 (expected): University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
Intercultural Communication

M.A. 2007: University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Interpersonal and Organizational Communication

B.A. 2005: Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas
CUM LAUDE
International Relations and Global Studies; Eastern European Emphasis
German (Minor)

Teaching Experience:

Teaching Assistant

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM – August 2007-current

- Public Speaking (Fall 2007- Spring 2008)

Diversity Education Coordinator

Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission, Little Rock, AR – January 2007-August 2007

- Facilitate meetings of the Education and the Youth Advisory Committees
- Work with the teacher sponsors of the Youth Diversity Councils to ensure sustainability of the program in each of the eight High Schools
- Develop and implement diversity program curriculum
- Compile the 2005-2006 Annual Report for the Education Committee

Graduate Assistant

University of Arkansas at Little Rock— November 2005-May 2007

- Lecture in the Basic Communication Course
- Guest lecture in Intercultural Communication

Tutor

University of Arkansas at Little Rock— December 2007-May 2007

- Develop curriculum and teach Russian Fundamentals

Hendrix College – September 2004-May 2005

- German I, II, III
- Composition and Conversation
- German Literature
- German Special Topics

Volunteer Instructor

Hendrix College – October 2001-May 2005

- Russian Language
- Russian Culture

Service Experience:

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM— August 2007-current

- Development Committee

University of Arkansas at Little Rock— August 2005-May 2007

- International Celebration Events Committee

Organizational and volunteer experience:

Heifer International, Little Rock, AR --November 2005 - May 2006

- Train employees of Heifer International in Intercultural Communication
- Assist in development of new employee orientation program
- Provide empirical data on organizational culture for management's review

Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission, Little Rock, AR – August -September 2005;
January-August 2007

- Assist in volunteer management for the annual citywide international event, World Fest, and promote event to the campus community
- Develop and organize youth facilitated activities for the WorldFest

Arkansas Russia Initiative, Little Rock, AR

September 2000-Current

- Raise funds for the Russian building campaign, recruit numerous volunteers, simultaneously translate and interpret Russian to English and vice versa for groups and individual guests from Russia
- Assist in coordinating and organizing a mission trip to Russia and serve as a student leader, interpreter, and guide for the twelve volunteers from Hendrix College, Conway, AR.

Conference Experience:

Arjannikova, A. V., Driskill, G. & Schneider, T. (November 2006). *Towards the development of a common set of intercultural communication learning objectives*. Panel presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Antonio, TX.

Arjannikova, A. V. (February, 2008). *Exploring Issues of Intercultural Communication Competence*. Panel presented at the annual conference of the Western States Communication Association, Denver/Boulder, CO.

Arjannikova, A. V. (February, 2008). *Cognitive, Behavioral, and Affective Dimensions* Student debut paper presented at the annual conference of the Western States Communication Association, Denver/Boulder, CO.

Awards and Scholarships:

- Marian Williams Scholarship, August 2005-May 2007; \$6,000.00
- Hendrix College International Scholarship, September 2001-May 2005; \$80,000.00
- Arkansas United Methodist Foundation Scholarship, 2001-2005; \$20,000.00
- Raney Award for Outstanding Service and Citizenship, 2002
- Alice Hines Award for Excellence in Multicultural Leadership and Service, 2005
- Betty F. Bumpers Award for International Leadership and Fellowship, 2005
- The City of Little Rock WorldFest Volunteer Appreciation Certificate, September 2005

Professional Society Memberships:

- Western States Communication Association
- National Communication Association (NCA)
- Lambda Pi Eta NCA Student Honor Society
- Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society