# KAYLA RAKITA

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### Education

2014 M.A., Teaching English as a Second Language

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

2011 B.A., English Spanish Minor

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

# Experience

2016 - present **Instructor** 

College of Integrative Sciences and Arts, Arizona State University

- Planned and taught various writing courses, including curriculum, lesson plans, assessments, and writing projects
- Taught 68 in-person and 11 online classes made up of 2,007 total students
- Taught first-year composition (ENG 101, ENG 102), and first-year composition for multilingual writers (ENG 107, ENG 108) in person at the downtown Phoenix campus
- Taught writing courses, including Writing for the Professions and Travel Writing for ASU Online
- Worked with a team to develop and teach the innovative Stretch Writing Program (WAC 107, WAC 101, ENG 101, ENG 107) at the downtown Phoenix campus
- Created and implemented a grading contract for in-person first-year composition courses
- Supervised 15 Barrett Honors Enrichment Contracts

#### 2015 - 2016 Faculty Associate

College of Integrative Sciences and Arts, Arizona State University

• Taught first-year composition (ENG 102), and first-year composition for multilingual writers (WAC 107, ENG 107)

#### 2015 - 2016 Adjunct Faculty

English Department, Mesa Community College

- Taught developmental English (ENG 091), First-Year Composition (ENG 102), and First-Year Composition for ESL Students (ENG 097 and ENG 107)
- Participated in faculty round tables

#### 2015 Instructor—Summer Session

Program in Intensive English, Northern Arizona University

- Taught ESL classes (Projects, Level 2 and Content Based Instruction, Level
   3) to a diverse population of learners
- Developed pedagogy and taught innovative project-based learning courses
- Created curriculum, materials, and lesson plans based on research and best practices
- Participated in weekly professional development activities

# Projects and CBI Area Coordinator; Level 2 and 3 Coordinator—Summer Session

- Developed curriculum and coordinated Projects level 2 and Content-Based Instruction Levels 3 and 4
- Supervised CBI Level 4 teachers and oversaw curriculum, lesson planning, and materials development
- Observed and evaluated CBI Level 4 teachers for effective teaching practices
- Led Level 2 and 3 teachers in meetings to establish connections across the curriculum and develop strategies for student success
- Worked with teachers to resolve individual student concerns
- Worked with the Assistant Director on programmatic issues

#### 2014 - 2015 **Instructor**

Program in Intensive English

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

- Taught ESL classes (Grammar and Writing, Level 1; Content Based Instruction, Level 3; Content Based Instruction, Level 4; Writing, Level 5; and Writing, Level 6) to a diverse population of learners
- Taught a Content Studies course for a one-month, short term program for Mexican Proyecta 100,000 Students
- Created curriculum, materials, and lesson plans based on research and best practices
- Served on the Curriculum Committee to evaluate and revise course goals and objectives in pursuit of CEA Accreditation
- Led rating sessions for achievement tests and placement and exit exams
- Administered and scored achievement, placement, and exit exams for the program

#### Level 3 Coordinator

- Led two sections of Level 3 teachers in meetings to establish connections across the curriculum and develop strategies for student success
- Worked with teachers to resolve individual student concerns
- Worked with the Assistant Director on programmatic issues

# **Professional Development**

2024

Online Course: Teaching and Learning with Generative AI, Office of the Provost, ASU

2022	Antiracist Teaching and Assessment Practicum (ATAP), CISA, ASU
	<ul> <li>Participated in year-long practicum with cohort of professors, lecturers, and instructors in CISA</li> <li>Completed monthly readings, reflections, and participated in discussions</li> <li>Wrote teaching philosophy and articulated goals in revising curriculum</li> </ul>
2022	Global Advocacy Certificate Program (GACP) – Continuing, ASU
2021	Attended Antiracist Teaching, Language, and Assessment (ATLA) Conference
2021	Global Advocacy Certificate Program (GACP), ASU
2017	Attended the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC)
2016	Online Course: ASU Online Master Class for Teaching Online, ASU
2016	Attended the Symposium on Second Language Writing (SSLW)

# **Professional Activities and Service**

2015 - present	Honors Faculty, Arizona State University
2015 – 2021	Stretch Writing Program Team, Arizona State University
2016	Volunteer, Words on Wheels, Arizona State University
2015	Curriculum Committee, PIE, Northern Arizona University
2014 –2015	Level Coordinator, PIE, Northern Arizona University

## **Presentations**

- From Concept to Curriculum: CBI Unit Design. AZ-TESOL, 2015.
- Directing your ensemble of language learners: Insights from choir. AZ-TESOL, 2014.

# **MA-TESL Practicum Experience**

### 2014 Teacher, Beginner's English

The Literacy Center, Flagstaff, AZ

• Co-taught a weekly two-hour class for adult learners in the Flagstaff community

### 2012 Teacher, English Enhancement

Center for International Education, Northern Arizona University

- Developed and co-taught a class for visiting Chinese scholars meant to enhance their English conversational skills based on a needs analysis
- Integrated cultural perspectives in lessons about current issues

# Organizational Membership

- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Arizona Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (AZ-TESOL)

### **Awards**

2023	Professor of Impact Award, Arizona State University
2016	SUN Award, Arizona State University
2013	Sybill Hall Shott English Scholarship, Northern Arizona University