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EDUCATION

- M.A. Foreign Language Education and Research, Kansai University, March 2009
Thesis: The Efficacy of Skype on Language Learning –In the Case of Interaction between Native Speakers and Primary Language Learners
- B.A. History of Religions, Department of Philosophy, Kansai University, March 2007

OTHER TRAININGS

- 2012 ACTFL OPI Assessment Workshop
- 2009-2011 Teaching Fellow, Department of Russian and East Asian Languages and Cultures, Emory University

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Aug 2022-present Assistant Teaching Professor of Japanese
School of International Letters and Cultures, Arizona State University
- Aug 2022 Senior Lecturer of Japanese
School of Modern Languages, Georgia Institution of Technology
- 2016- July 2022 Lecturer of Japanese
School of Modern Languages, Georgia Institution of Technology
- 2014-2016 Part-time Instructor of Japanese
School of Modern Languages, Georgia Institution of Technology
- 2011-2015 Adjunct Instructor of Japanese
Department of Russian and East Asian Languages and Cultures, Emory University

PUBLICATIONS

1. **McDaniel, A.**, Ogawa, Y. & Weiss, A. (In Press) *“Learning Intermediate-High Japanese through Anime”*, Routledge
2. Akiha, T. & **McDaniel, A.** (2011) *“Exploring Effective Methods for Japanese Double Consonants- Comparison of the Verbo-tonal Method and Audio-lingual Method (Summaries of Talks at the 251h General Meeting)”*, *Journal of the Phonetic Society of Japan*, Vol. 15 (3), p.86

AWARDS

May 2022	Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: Spring Semester 2022 CIOS Honor Roll, Center for Teaching and Learning, Georgia Institute of Technology
Aug. 2020	Face of Inclusive Excellence 2020, Institute Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Georgia Institute of Technology
Mar. 2020	The Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: Class of 1934 Award, Center for Teaching and Learning, Georgia Institute of Technology
Apr. 2019	GATJ Teacher of the Year, Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese

GRANTS

2025	MLA Pathway Consultancy Grant, The Modern Language Association (\$2000 worth consultancy-ship)
2024	Japanese Language Education Project Grant, The Japan Foundation Los Angeles (\$1009)
2023	Japanese Teaching Materials Purchase Grant, Japan Foundation Los Angeles. (\$500)
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2021	Class project grant, Digital Integrative Liberal Arts Center (DILAC), Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. Georgia Institute of Technology (\$4725)
2021	Instructor-planned activity funds, The office of the provost, Georgia Institute of Technology (\$100)
2021	Japanese-Language Learners Event Grant, Japan Foundation Los Angeles. (\$135) (Co-PI for Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese)
2021	Japanese program event fund, The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia. (\$300)
2020	Japanese-Language Learners Event Grant, Japan Foundation Los Angeles. (\$1000) (Co-PI for Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese)
2020	Japanese-Language Learners Event Grant, Japan Foundation Los Angeles. (\$1000) (Co-PI for Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese)
2019	Collaborative writing project with high school students, Japan Foundation Los Angeles. (\$1000)
2017	Developing 'Power up your Kanji workbook' for Extensive Reading Japanese Course, Curricular Development and Pedagogy and Instructional Effectiveness Funding 2017, Georgia Institute of Technology. (\$3500) (Co-PI)
2011	Curricular Development and Pedagogy and Instructional Effectiveness Funding The Center for Faculty Development and Excellence (CFDE) Classroom Mini-Grant. Emory University (\$150)

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University

JPN101 First-Year Japanese I

JPN110 Intensive Japanese I

JPN194 Special Topics: Anime, Gaming, and Technology

JPN201 Second-Year Japanese I

JPN202 Second-Year Japanese II

JPN301 Third-Year Japanese I

JPN302 Third-Year Japanese II

JPN394 Special Topics: Intermediate Japanese Conversation (Summer Study Abroad Course)

JPN445 Readings in Modern Japanese

Georgia Institute of Technology

JAPN1001 Elementary Japanese I

JAPN1002 Elementary Japanese II

JAPN2001 Intermediate Japanese I

JAPN2002 Intermediate Japanese I

JAPN3001 Advanced Japanese I

JAPN3813 Gateway to Advanced Japanese

JAPN3700 Reading on sustainability issues and societal changes in Japan

JAPN3693 Japan Today: Towards a Sustainable Society (Summer study abroad program course)

JAPN3694 Conversation Practicum (Summer study abroad program course)

Emory University

JPN101 Elementary Japanese I

JPN102 Elementary Japanese II

JPN201 Intermediate Japanese I

JPN202 Intermediate Japanese II

JPN301 Advanced Conversation & Conversation

JPN302W Advanced Conversation & Conversation II

JPN401W Advanced Language & Culture Studies I

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

2024 Fall, 2025	Member of Undergraduate Steering Committee
Fall-Present	
2025-Present	Member of Community of Practice – ASU Art Museum. Cooperative Craft: Artmaking of the Mingei Movement
May, 2025	A panelist at “Film Screening + Panel Discussion Crafting Empathy (Cooperative Craft: Artmaking of the Mingei Movement)” at ASU art museum https://asuartmuseum.org/event-exhibition/film-screening-panel-discussion/
2023 Summer	Co-Director of ASU: Japanese Language & Culture in Hiroshima

2023-Present	Treasurer of Arizona Association of Teachers of Japanese
2021-2022	Vice President and web master of Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese
2021-2022	The International Plan Committee, School of Modern Languages representative
2021Spring	Search Committee member for Spanish TT
2020-2021	President of Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese
2019-2022	LBAT Japan (faculty led study abroad program) co-coordinator
2019-2022	Member of Ivan Alan College Faculty Advisory Board
2019-2020	Vice President of Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese
2016-2020	Committee member of Georgia State Speech Contest
2018Spring	Search Committee member for Japanese VAP
2017-2020	Introductory Language Program Coordinator for Japanese

PRESENTATIONS

1. **McDaniel, A & Tezuka, M (2025)** "Creating a story with native speakers: COIL project in an advanced Japanese" The 12th Annual AZCALL, Tempe, AZ. October 2025
2. **McDaniel, A, Wilson, B & Hinojosa, K (2024)** "Building a Database for Elementary and Intermediate Japanese Courses: Constructing a Community through the Open Pedagogy Approach" The 2024 International Conference on Japanese Education, Madison, WI. August 2024
3. **McDaniel, A & Tezuka, M (2023)** "Summary writing with native speakers: COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) project for SLW" The 19th Symposium on Second Language Writing, Tempe, AZ. October 2023
4. **McDaniel, A (2022)** "Efficacy of flipped classroom using VoiceThread and Canvas quiz" ACTFL 2022 Annual Convention and World Language Expo, Boston, MA. November 2022
5. **McDaniel, A (2022)** "Cultural Experience sessions in class -Make time by flipping the class" The 29th Central Association of Teachers of Japanese Conference, Virtual. May 2022
6. **McDaniel, A & Goar E. (2022)** "Pilot study of 360 degrees video: What we learned from the project" The 37th Annual SEATJ Conference, Virtual. April 2022
7. **McDaniel, A. & Onuki, S. (2020)** "Collaborative writing project among college and high school using Social Networking Approach" AATJ 2020 Annual Spring Conference, Boston, MA. March 2020
8. **McDaniel, A (2019)** "Atlanta Food Bank visit in Japanese class" Georgia Tech Sustainability Showcase, Atlanta, GA. October 2019

9. Raggi-Moore, J., Li H. & **McDaniel, A.** (2014) "Promoting Innovative Teaching of FL through Technology Trainings." ACTFL 2014 Annual Convention and World Language Expo. San Antonio, TX. November 2014
10. **McDaniel, A.** (2014) "Haiku gakusyuu no kanoosee-Jokyu curasu ni yoru haiku waakushoppu"(The possibility of Haiku learning –Haiku workshop by advanced Japanese class students) AATJ 2014 Annual Spring Conference, Philadelphia, PA. March, 2014
11. **McDaniel, A.** & Li, H. (2014) "Multiple instructional technologies at work in the FL classroom" Emory College Language Center presents Lunch and Learn, February 2014
12. **McDaniel, A.** (2014) "The Poetics of Learning: A Student-Led Haiku Workshop in Advanced Japanese" 53rd Annual Meeting of Southeast Conference Association for Asian Studies. Duke University, NC. January 2014
13. **McDaniel, A.**, Takeda, N. & Yamaguchi, M. (2013) "Implementing "Shadowing" into the Curriculum: Practices and Reflections." ACTFL 2013 Annual Convention and World Language Expo. Orlando, FL. November 2013
14. **McDaniel, A.**, Takeda, N. & Yamaguchi, M. (2013) "Digital Storytelling no jugyoo eno toriirekata" (The way of adopting Digital Storytelling in class.) 28th Annual Southeastern Association of Teachers of Japanese. Charleston, SC. March 2013
15. **McDaniel, A.** & Akiha, T. (2012) "Exploring Effective Methods for Japanese Special Mora – Comparison of Verbo-tonal Method and Audio-lingual Approach" 51th Annual Meeting of Southeast Conference Association for Asian Studies. Greenville, SC. January 2012
16. Akiha, T. & **McDaniel, A.** (2011) "Exploring Effective Methods for Teaching Japanese Double Consonants: A Comparison Verbo-tonal Method and Audio-lingual Approach." The Twenty-Fifth General Meeting of the Phonetic Society of Japan. Kyoto, Japan. September 2011
17. **McDaniel, A.** & Akiha T. (2011) "Exploring Effective Methods for Teaching Japanese Double Consonants: A Comparison of Traditional Teaching Method and Verbo-tonal Method" Department of Russian and East Asian Language and Cultures (REALC) Roundtable on Language and Cultures, Emory University. April 2011
18. **Nakanishi, A.** (2010) "The Effect of Interaction Via VoIP in L2 Learning: The Case of JFL Learners." The 2010 Association of Teachers of Japanese Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. March 2010
19. **Nakanishi, A.** (2010) "The Use of VoIP Outside the JFL Classroom" REALC Roundtable on Language and Culture, Emory University. March 2010
20. **Nakanishi, A.** (2009) "Ziritu gakusyuu ni okeru bideo kaigi sisutemu no yuukoossee" (The Efficacy of Videoconferencing on Learner's Autonomy). Annual Conference for the Society of Kansai University Graduate School of Foreign Language Education and Research. Osaka Japan. 2009 March

EDUCATION INNOVATIONS AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Course Development

JAPN3813 Gateway to Advanced Japanese I

JAPN3700 Reading on sustainability issues and societal changes in Japan (Co-syllabus writer)

JAPN3694 Conversation Practicum (Summer study abroad program course) (Co-syllabus writer)

Education Innovations

- Creating the Tadoku library for Japanese program.
- Developing JPN101 online activities on Canvas.
- Developing JPN301 with a new textbook
- Developing JPN302 with a new textbook
- Conducting the COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) projects in JPN301 and JPN302.
- Conducting Database project for elementary and intermediate Japanese courses.
- Conducting 360 degrees video project. Funded by DILAC.
(<https://dilac.iac.gatech.edu/node/90>)
- Conducting animation dub project.
- Developing JAPN2001 video lectures to flip the classroom.
- Developing JAPN1002 video lectures for hybrid teaching.
- Developing JAPN1002 online activities on Canvas.
- Conducting collaborative writing project between high school and college.
- Developing “Power up your Kanji workbook” for Extensive Reading Japanese Course. (Co-writer)
- Conducting Atlanta Food Bank visit with students for JAPN3700.
- Conducting digital storytelling projects.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Conferences and Workshops Attended (Last 7 years)

- The 2024 International Conference on Japanese Education, Madison, WI. August 2024
- The 19th Symposium on Second Language Writing, Tempe, AZ. October 2023
- ACTFL 2022 Annual Convention and World Language Expo, Boston, MA. November 2022
- 2021 AATJ/JFLA Advanced Leadership Workshop (follow up meeting), July 2022
- The 29th Central Association of Teachers of Japanese Conference, Virtual. May 2022
- 2021 AATJ/JFLA Advanced Leadership Workshop (follow up meeting), February 2022
- 2021 AATJ/JFLA Advanced Leadership Workshop, November 2021
- “The 36th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Teachers of Japanese (SEATJ) Virtual Conference” February 2021
- Safe Space Training for study abroad program faculty March 2020
- 2019 AATJ/JFLA Leadership Workshop, Philadelphia, PA. October 2019
- GATJ Japanese Teacher Workshop, September 2019
- American Association of Teachers of Japanese Annual Spring conference 2019, Denver, CO. March 2019

- Online Japanese Accent Dictionary Workshop, Emory University, February 2019

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Japanese: native

English: Advanced reading, writing, and speaking