

Faculty C.V.

1. **Name and date of birth**

Derek Parks 19 March 1961

2. **Academic Rank**

Full time instructor

3. **Degrees**

M.A. TESOL, University of Arizona, 1989

B.A. Political Science, University of Arizona, 1984

4. **Service at this Institution**

16 years; full time instructor since appointment in August 2005

5. **Professional Experience**

- 2000-2005 **Kuwait University Language Center** - EFL Instructor/Curriculum Coordinator at ELU – Business Admin. and ELU-Education for writing and research courses.
- 1992-1995 Instructor/Coordinator at ELU-Commerce. Also taught TOEFL and other ESP at **Center for Community Service & Continuing Ed.** Kuwait
- 2004 **Institute of Banking Studies, Kuwait** – ESP Instructor. Taught evening courses to bank employees.
- 1996-2000 **American Language Center, Damascus, Syria** - EFL Instructor. Taught all levels of English. Also taught Palestinian Vocational Ed. instructors at **Damascus Training Center, UNRWA.** (The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East).
- 1991 **University of Arizona Center for English as a Second Language,**
1988-1989 **Tucson** - ESL Instructor of all 7 of levels academic English, including composition. Involved in testing and placement; TOEFL exam proctor. Designed and taught intensive program for Mexican mining engineers.
- 1987 **University of Arizona Graduate College** - ESL Instructor. Taught spoken English to visiting foreign scholars and graduate TAs.
- 1990 **American Language Center, Amman, Jordan** - EFL Instructor. I was one of three teachers its first year of operation; a successful first year despite closing temporarily due to Gulf War.

1986-1989 **Pima County Adult Education**, Tucson, Arizona. Taught ESL by contract to the three following institutions:

1989 **Migration and Refugee Services, Tucson, Arizona** - ESL Instructor. Taught ESL and Civics to a group seeking US citizenship.

1986-1989 **Federal Correctional Institution, Tucson, Arizona** - ESL Instructor. Developed curriculum and taught several levels of ESL to inmates (Pima County Adult Ed. contract)

1986 **Vision Quest**, Tucson, Arizona - Instructor of ESL and Adult Basic Education at Rehabilitation Center. Taught newly released Cuban inmates. (Pima County Adult Ed.)

6. **Consulting Experience** none

7. **Professional Registration** Arizona Adult Education

8. **Publications**

“The Avengers,” *American Blockbusters: Movies that Defined Their Generations*, ABC-Clio, 2022. (forthcoming)

“Zootopia,” *American Blockbusters: Movies that Defined Their Generations*, ABC-Clio, 2022. (forthcoming)

9. **Membership in Professional Societies**

TESOL Kuwait

TESOL International

PAMLA (Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association)

10. **Patents, Honors and awards** none

11. **Courses taught**

ENGL 450 Senior Seminar	3 hrs/wk	day	undergrad
ENGL 221 Survey of World Literature II	3 hrs/wk	day	undergrad
ENGL 220 Survey of World Literature I	3 hrs/wk	day	undergrad
ENGL 102 Writing and Information Literacy	3 hrs/wk	day	undergrad
ENGL 101 Approaches to Critical Reading and Writing	3 hrs/wk	day	undergrad
ENGL 100 Foundations of Academic Reading & Writing	3 hrs/wk	day	undergrad.
ENGL 108 Public Speaking	3 hrs/wk	day	undergrad
UNIV 110 University, Community and Citizenship	3 hrs/wk	day	undergrad
ENGL 099 Fundamental of Reading & Writing	20 hrs/wk	day	undergrad
IENG 030 Oral Communication III	10 hrs/wk	day	undergrad
IENG 031 Reading and Writing III	10 hrs/wk	day	undergrad

12. Other Duties

Serve on at least two committees and/or task forces each semester, each one requiring at least 1 hr/wk, such as

Department

ENGL Dept. Writing Program Curriculum Committee

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ENGL Dept. Curriculum Committee

ENGL Dept. Assessment Committee

ENGL Dept. Faculty Search Committee

ENGL 100 Curriculum Committee

IEP Curriculum Standard Committee

IEP Textbook Review Task Force

IEP Curriculum Review Committee

IEP Assignment Articulation Committee

IEP Faculty Search Committee

University

CATPAC - The task force on the English Language Proficiency Requirements (TOEFL) and ENGL 099

University Curriculum Committee

University Library Committee

13. Research none

14. Participation in Specific Programs

Presentations:

“Unstainable Dystopias: The Meaning of the City in Abdelrahman Munif’s *Cities of Salt*”

PAMLA 2021: City of God, City of Destruction Nov 2021

Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association 118th Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV

“The Medium in the Message: Engaging Multimodal Meaning in Wired Kuwaiti Classrooms”

2nd GELL Conference: Challenges of Teaching Foreign Language April 2015

Gulf University of Science and Technology 2nd International Conference, Kuwait

Workshops:

“Technique of using Dictoglos for Teaching English”

“Impromptu Speaking Skills”

“Color Me Personality Analysis”

“Methods of Editing Student Papers”

In-house institutional effectiveness workshops