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PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Kendall Nelson's work centers on adult second-language learning, curriculum design, online and remote instructional methodology, instructional design for professional and continuing education, and educational program administration. Her interests include development of academic English courses, learner-centered pedagogy, quality assurance for online instruction, and communication skills training for international and multilingual learners.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Ms. Nelson teaches English as a Second Language across proficiency levels, with a focus on speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, academic communication, and content-based language instruction. Her work emphasizes student-centered learning, applied language skills, and supporting adult international learners' academic and professional goals.

EDUCATION

M.A., Applied Linguistics, Georgia State University (2013)

B.A., Spanish & Secondary Education, Coe College (2006)

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Nelson, K. & Samford, R.K. *"The Power of a 30-Minute Meeting."* Times Higher Education, 2025.
2. *"Welcome to GT Language Institute: Tips for Success in Online Classes."* GTLI video production, 2020.
3. "Presentation Skills for Pre-MBA Students" Workshop, Emory Goizueta School of Business, Atlanta, GA (2024, 2025)
4. "Tips and Tools for Reflective Writing," Atlanta-Area IEP Mini-Conference, Athens, GA, 2018.
5. "Cell Phones in Class: A Learning Tool," Atlanta-Area IEP Mini-Conference, Kennesaw, GA, 2017.
6. "Mixing it Up: Tips for Tired Teachers," Atlanta-Area IEP Mini-Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2016.

7. "Encouraging Communication through Social Media," Atlanta-Area IEP Mini-Conference, 2015.
8. "Teaching Academic Writing Using Corpus Tools," Atlanta-Area IEP Mini-Conference, 2015.
9. "The Use of Concordancers in ESL Writing Classrooms," Georgia TESOL Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2012. (Co-presenter, Dr. Eric Friginal.)
10. Instagram Live Workshops on academic writing (2020, 2021), reaching over 400 English learners.

SELECTED EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

- Program Coordinator, SABIC Foundation Year Program, Georgia Tech Language Institute (2016–2018; 2021–2023). Led all academic, administrative, and student-life components for a 14-month corporate partnership program.
- Curriculum Coordinator, Intensive English Program, GTLI (2023–2024). Oversaw curriculum revision, course materials, learning outcomes, and exam implementation.
- Social Media Manager, GTLI (2020–2023; 2025–2026). Created and managed content for GTLI's institutional social media accounts.
- Instructional Designer, GTPE Learning Design Team (2025–2026). Supported online course design and quality assurance.
- Admissions Counselor, SABIC Foundation Year Program (2016–2023). Coached prospective undergraduate applicants through all stages of U.S. admissions.
- Committee Service: College of Lifetime Learning Faculty Standing Committee (Secretary 2025–2026); Digital First Task Force (2020–2021); Language Institute Classroom Improvements Committee (2015–2016)
- Professional Membership: UPCEA Member (2017–2023)

HONORS & AWARDS

- CIOS Honor Roll, Georgia Tech Center for Teaching and Learning (2025)
- Hesburgh Research Fellowship, Georgia Tech Center for Teaching and Learning (2025–2026)

SUMMARY OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Has taught 120+ courses across all language skill areas to 1,550+ adult learners.
- Courses include high-beginner through advanced speaking/listening, academic reading and writing, grammar, business communication, and content-based courses.
- Extensive experience delivering in-person, hybrid, and online synchronous/asynchronous instruction.
- Developed curricula for GTLI's Short Course Program, SABIC Foundation Year Program, and multiple online professional courses.