

Chris Warmack

ASL Professor Position

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Pronoun: He/His/Him

— Objective

Motivated educator dedicated to teaching American Sign Language to a diverse range of learners. Passionate about fostering communication and advocating for the Deaf community.

— Education

Gallaudet University / MA in Sign Language Education
AUGUST 2018-MAY 2019, WASHINGTON, DC

Gallaudet University / BA in ASL, Minor Linguistic of American Sign Language.

JANUARY 2014- MAY 2017, WASHINGTON, DC

Southwest Collegiate for the Deaf / AS in General Studies
AUGUST 2011 - DECEMBER 2013, BIG SPRING, TX

— Experience

Southern Illinois University / Assistant Professor

Fall 2024 - Present, Carbondale, IL

- Taught American Sign Language to new learners in onsite courses.
- Assessed students' proficiency in ASL, providing feedback and grading assignments.

Sam Houston State University / Adjunct Professor

Spring 2023 - Spring 2024, Houston, TX

- Taught American Sign Language to new learners in both online and onsite courses.
- Assessed students' proficiency in ASL, providing feedback and grading assignments.

University of Houston / Adjunct Professor

Fall 2022 - Spring 2024, Houston, TX

- Instructed new learners in American Sign Language through onsite courses.
- Evaluated students' ASL skills and graded assignments.

Northwestern State University / Adjunct Professor

Fall 2021 - Spring 2024, Natchitoches, LA

- Educated new learners in ASL via online courses.
- Provided tutoring to enhance students' understanding of ASL structure.

Volunteers of America Texas / Intervener

Fall 2021 - August 2023 Houston

- Supported DeafBlind client through interpreting using Pro-Tactile American Sign Language.
- Facilitated communication in various settings, including videophone calls and group conversations.

Defcan/ Manager

Fall 2016 - May 2019, WASHINGTON, DC

- Managed day-to-day operations, including scheduling and conflict resolution.
- Ensured customer satisfaction and addressed employee concerns promptly.

Gallaudet University/ Teacher Intern

Spring 2019 semester(+45 hours), WASHINGTON, DC

- Assisted in teaching ASL to new learners and evaluated their progress.
- Collaborated with faculty to enhance teaching methods.
- Work with Dr. K. Pudans-Smith

University of Maryland / Teacher Practicum

Fall 2018 semester(+45 hours), WASHINGTON, DC

- Observed and assisted in teaching ASL to hearing students.
- Provided support in correcting students' signing techniques.
- Work with Mr. M. Dunham

Lone Star College (North Harris) / Teacher Intern

SUMMER 2016 (150+ HOURS), HOUSTON, TX

- Instructed hearing students in ASL and assessed their proficiency.
- Collaborated with faculty to enhance the learning experience.
- Working with Professor Mrs. C. Sexton-Ruiz

Houston Recreation Management/ Lifeguard & Manager

6 SEASONAL SUMMER 2008-2010, 2013-2014, 2024HOUSTON, TX

- Trained colleagues in ASL related to lifeguard duties.
- Managed operations to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for swimmers.

– Presentation

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- *Navigating the Medical Field as a Deaf Individual* Presentation at Du Quoin High School, November 2024

–Community Engagement

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- **ASL Club Advisor, Southern Illinois University (2024)**
Provided guidance and support to students in the ASL Club, fostering an inclusive environment for learning and engagement with Deaf culture.
 - **Participant, Southern Illinois University Open House (October 2024)**
Engaged in recruitment efforts and promoted ASL-related careers, as well as opportunities for working with Deaf individuals.
 - **Participant, Southern Illinois University Open House (November 2024)**
Promoted ASL programs and career paths for prospective students interested in Deaf studies and ASL.
 - **Panelist, College and Career Q&A for Deaf & Hard of Hearing High School Students (Summer 2022)**
Shared personal experiences and tips to help students prepare for college and career paths in ASL and Deaf-related fields.
 - **Organizer, Annual Deaf Power Kids Toy Run (2021 - Present)**
Organized and facilitated yearly toy drives supporting Deaf children and families in need.
 - **Volunteer, Deaf Women of Houston's Fundraising Volleyball and Kickball Events (2021 - Present)**
Assisted in planning and executing fundraising sports events to support Deaf women and community initiatives.

– ASL Educational, Storytelling and Poetry

For a complete collection of ASL educational, storytelling, and poetry videos, visit the playlist: [ASL Video Playlist on YouTube](#)

- **"Acid Trip" ASL ABC Story**
An ASL story that follows the ABC structure, using the alphabet to create vivid, surreal imagery reflective of an "acid trip."
- **"AX" Personification Storytelling**
A creative ASL storytelling piece that personifies an axe, exploring its characteristics and actions as if it were alive.
- **"Boar and Hunter" Image Poem**
A Visual Vernacular poem that explores the dynamic relationship between a boar and a hunter through expressive ASL imagery.
- **"CAR Race" (One-Handshape) Poem**
A storytelling poem focused on a car race, creatively using only the 4-handshape, including variations like the B (closed-4) and B-open (closed-4 with open thumb) handshapes. This piece demonstrates the flexibility of ASL poetry, using a single handshape to convey movement and intensity while playfully breaking traditional ASL rules.
- **"Deaf is not Dumb" Plutchik Wheel Poem**
A powerful poem using Plutchik's Wheel of Emotions to challenge misconceptions about Deaf identity, emphasizing

intelligence and capability within the Deaf community.

- **"Doctor Questioned Deaf Parents with Deaf Baby" Three Handshapes + Acrostic (CAN) Poem**
This ASL video poem creatively uses only three handshapes—S, 1, and 5—along with a four-time repetition of the acrostic "CAN" to convey rhythmic expression. The piece highlights a scenario where a doctor questions Deaf parents about their Deaf baby, revealing frustration and resilience.
- **"DOG EAT FISH" Numerical Poem**
A numerical ASL poem illustrating a humorous scenario between a dog and a fish, structured around numerical sequencing.
- **"Dog Scares by Water Mirror" Numerical Poem**
A playful ASL poem that uses numerical handshapes (#1-5) to depict a humorous scene of a dog frightened by its reflection in water. The structured use of numbers adds a rhythmic and visual dimension, enhancing the comedic effect of the dog's reaction.
- **"Don't Mess with Texas" Acrostic Poem**
An acrostic ASL poem inspired by the iconic Texas slogan, creatively spelling out "Don't Mess with Texas" while capturing the bold spirit of the state.
- **Haunted Road Storytelling**
An ASL storytelling piece depicting eerie experiences along a haunted road, drawing viewers into a spooky journey.
- **Haunted Road: 637 Crawford Road, Yorktown, Virginia, Based on True Events (ASL Movie)**
A movie in ASL recounting true events along 637 Crawford Road, Yorktown, Virginia, using suspenseful storytelling to share a haunting experience.
- **"How to Ride On a Motorcycle" Educational Statement**
An instructional ASL video that provides step-by-step guidance on safely riding a motorcycle, emphasizing safety and technique.
- **Monster Quest Storytelling**
A storytelling piece in ASL, taking viewers on an adventurous quest involving mysterious creatures.
- **"Mother's Hypocrisy" Senryu Poem**
An ASL senryu poem capturing moments of humor and irony, unique to the Deaf experience.
- **"Motorcycle Awareness" ASL Awareness Statement**
An ASL statement designed to raise awareness about motorcycle safety, emphasizing the importance of alertness and respect for motorcyclists on the road.
- **"What is FIFA?" Educational Statement**
An ASL educational piece explaining FIFA, the global organization governing international soccer competitions, including the World Cup. This statement helps Deaf viewers understand FIFA's role, structure, and influence in sports.
- **Waverly Hills Sanatorium Storytelling**
A chilling ASL storytelling piece exploring the haunted history of Waverly Hills Sanatorium, immersing viewers in its eerie atmosphere.

- **"Wizard" Cinquain Poem**
An ASL adaptation of the cinquain structure, using a concise, five-line format to convey layered meanings.
- **"Wrestling and Soccer" Parallelism Poem**
A storytelling piece using parallel structures to compare the energy and strategies in wrestling and soccer.
- **"Wrestling Match" ASL ABC Story**
A creative ASL ABC story that uses the alphabet to depict an exciting wrestling match, showcasing the intensity and dynamics of the sport.

— Awards

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- Received a gift card in recognition of hard work at Defcan.
 - Recognized with the Provost's Award at SWCD.
 - Included in the Who's Who List and Honor Roll list.
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