

CV | January 1, 2024
Erin Michael Grimm

EDUCATION

2020–Present Master of Arts in Missional Discipleship (Two Classes Left), Northwest Nazarene University

- Focus: Wesleyan approaches to health, wholeness and education

2014 MA German Language and Literature University of California, Davis

- Foci: Mental Illness, Christian Existentialism, Mysticism; Nature and the Sublime | G.P.A. 4.00
MA Thesis: “Hidden Resonance: Novalis, Tiutchev, Hoffmann and Rousseau”

2013 MA Comparative Literature in Russian and French University of California, Davis

- Foci: Critical Theory, Trauma Theory and Psychoanalysis | G.P.A. 3.98

2012 Second Language Acquisition Certificate University of California, Davis

- Courses: Theories in Second Language Acquisition, Research in Second Language Acquisition, Cognitive Grammar for Applied Linguists, and Bilingualism | G.P.A. 4.00

2010 Fulbright Scholar at Moscow State University

2009 Teaching Certificate University of California, Davis

- Foci: English and English as a Foreign Language | G.P.A. 3.98

2007 BA Slavic Languages and Literatures University of California, Berkeley

- Summa cum laude, departmental citation for excellence in undergraduate research | G.P.A. 3.98
Honors Thesis: “Scandal: Dostoevsky’s Theater of Ideas”

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022–Present—Author of two books with Wipf and Stock Publishers, published in the Seattle Times, interviewed on Slate, and by Jumpstart Mastery

April 2021–Present—Guest Teacher and Long-Term Substitute, Seattle Public Schools; private tutor; blogger

May 2015–August 2023 Consultant and Founding Director, “Seahurst Wellness and Education Center, LLC”

- Donation-based services based on themes of anti-racism, restorative justice reconciliation studies, peace studies and equity in the fields of education and business

September 2016 – May 2020- Language Learning Specialist, Spanish Instructor, Interpreting and Translation Instructor, Guest Teacher, Highline Public Schools

- Co-plan Dual Language Program, plan and deliver professional development, extensive work with refugee and immigrant population around language maintenance and development, department chair, editor of district newsletter, supervise translation contracting, event planning

2016-2018 – Grantwriter for Hero House Northwest, a non-profit dedicated to rehabilitating adults with serious mental illness – all projects fully funded by the state

2016-2017 – Ministry Intern at Burien Community Church

- Preaching, leadership mentorship, delivering the sacraments, planned, coordinated, and executed a mission trip to Mexico

2016-2017 – Russian and German Instructor, City University Seattle

2014-2016 – IB French, Spanish and ESL Instructor, Mira Loma HS and Rio Americano HS, Sacramento, California

- Elected Site Council Member; Room to Read Club Adviser; Co-Planned Spanish, French and History Common Core Field Trip to San Francisco's Mission District and the Legion of Honor; Intensive Behavior Management Work

2012-2014 – French and Spanish Instructor, Natomas Charter School

- Member of ELA Cadre; Member of Technology Task Force for School-wide Implementation of Technology – Fundraising Subdivision; Strong Online Component to Class; Founding Head of French Sci-Fi Club; Mini-Grant Recipient for Technology in the Classroom; Poetry Out Loud Judge; Organized French Pen Pals in West Africa and Paris

2009-2012 – German and Russian Language Instructor, Comparative Literature and Writing Instructor, UC Davis

- Courses Taught: German 1-3; Russian 1-6; Comparative Literature: Literature of Fantasy and the Supernatural

2006-2008, summers – Marketing intern and administrative specialist, Capitol Engineering Consultants

- Mentored by senior marketing professionals and business systems analysts, proof and edit specs, arrange meeting times and coordinate gatherings and parties, create and distribute marketing materials

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2019-2023 – Pro-bono Consultant with Seattle Education Access (soon to be Northwest Education Access); responsible for developing their community mentorship program

2019-2020 – Adviser to diversity, equity and inclusion, Puget Sound Grantwriters' Association

2019 – Volunteer Educator at Lake Burien Presbyterian Church

2018-2019 – John Knox Presbyterian Church Missions Team, Head Usher, Bible study leader, and nominated for Deacon (declined)

2010-2019 – Russian-/Spanish-English interpreter and translator and English tutor

2016-2017 – Hospice Volunteer

2014 – ESL Instructor at International Rescue Committee

2011-2016 – Stephen Minister

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- “Xicanx Voice: Equity in Spanish Curricula” Professional Development Presentation, by Invitation (California Language Teaching Association Jamboree, Sacramento, CA October 28, 2017)
- “Speaking Truth to Power: Long-Term English Learners Find Their Voice” – Professional Development Presentation (Washington Association for Bilingual Education, April 21, 2017)
- “Hidden Resonance: Physical Focalization in Novalis and Tjutchev” (American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages Conference; Seattle, WA January 8, 2012)
- “Narrative and Ethical Inertia in Tieck and Hoffmann,” (UC Davis Comparative Literature Graduate Conference; Davis, CA May 20, 2011)
- “Scandal: Dostoevsky’s Theater of Ideas” (10th Annual University of California Undergraduate Conference on Slavic Studies: Face to Face with the Slavs, April 21, 2007)

SELECTED COMMUNITY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- September 2023, Mental Health Presentation on my books, Westminster Presbyterian Church, WA
- May 2023 Mental Health Presentation on my books, Normandy Park UCC, WA
- August 2022, Women’s Retreat, Normandy Park UCC, Presenter on Trauma and Racial Justice
- “Self-righteousness vs. Self-examination: Convicted by Matthew 25:31-46” – (Sermon, Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA – April 7, 2019)
- Presentation Interpreter and Conference Program Translator, International Korzack Conference: Education for Excellence, Diversity and Respect; provided simultaneous interpretation (Seattle Pacific University – August 2018)
- “Creating Backyard Wildlife Habitats” – (Community Presentation for the Burien Nature Stewards Program, Burien Community Center – April 27, 2018)
- “Let’s Come Together: Supporting Racial Reconciliation and a Reparations Paradigm in the Church” – (Word of Witness, John Knox Presbyterian Church – February 25, 2018)
- “Discerning with the Eyes of our Hearts Enlightened” – (Sermon, Burien Community Church, May 28, 2017)
- “Just Breathe: Living into Our Bones” a Sermon on Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Burien Community Church, Burien, WA – April 2, 2017)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Highline Education Association
- Spiritual Directors International
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
- UC Berkeley Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
- Puget Sound Grantwriters Association
- Dobro Slovo National Slavic Honors Society
- Golden Key International Honours Society

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Nazarene Church Conference, Nampa, ID, Summer 2022

- Professional Development Presentation: "Let's Make Fundraising Less Racist" (Webinar – Community-Centric Fundraising, July 13, 2020)
- Course: Faith & Co: Business on Purpose (Online Course, School of Business, Government and Economics, Seattle Pacific University, April-June 2020)
- Highline Equity Symposium (Burien, WA, August 27th and 28th, 2019)
- Interviewing for Biopsychosocial and Spiritual Care, Medical Family Therapy Professional Development (Seattle Pacific University – November 2, 2018)
- Commission on Global Mental Health and Sustainable Development Lancet Launch (Seattle, *University of Washington*, October 2018)
- Creative Facilitation 1 Training (Seattle, *Partners for Youth Empowerment*, September 2018)
- International Korzack Conference: Education for Excellence, Diversity and Respect, Transformative 21st Century Innovations (Seattle Pacific University - August 2018)
- 2018 Washington State Mental Health Summit (Seattle, *University of Washington*, Seattle - May 2018)
- Detention Ministry Training (Tacoma Detention Center, Washington - July 2018)
- Sound Discipline (Burien via *Highline Public Schools* - Fall 2017)
- "Teaching for Biliteracy" Two-Day Regional Workshop (Tacoma - October 2016)
- Course: Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy (*Seattle Mindfulness Center* - Fall 2016)
- Hospice Training (*Teaching Transitions and CHI Franciscan Hospice* - Summer 2016)
- Restorative Justice Training (*San Juan Unified School District* - Fall 2014)
- Course: Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (Gayle Wilson – Sacramento, CA)
- Stephen Ministry Training - 50 hours (*Stephen Ministries, Carmichael Presbyterian Church* - Throughout 2011)