

## Computer-Assisted Language Learning Specialist and LRC Director



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Profession: **Computer-Assisted Language Learning Director**

Number of years in this line of work: \_\_\_\_

Native Language: **Japanese**

Other Language(s): **Spanish, English, Bulgarian, No**

### 1) What languages do you know? How did you learn them?

Japanese is my native language. I speak Kyoto dialect. English is my second language grade and continue learning it even now. In the Japanese school, I learned English 1 method. After I came to the university in US, I started learning English through moi

In the university, I studied Spanish for two years and Bulgarian for one year. I studied people in a coffee shop. I studied Bulgarian because I wanted to learn a language in

Depending on how you define 'know', I have been exposed to various languages in the undergraduate. The linguistic professors used various language data in their classes their characteristics.

Also, I was interested in language revitalization/preservation when I was a student (involved in) in the institute called Northwest Indian Language Institute (NILI) for the Northwest Native American languages in Oregon. So I know of these languages a li

### 2) What is your profession?

I consider myself to be in the field of Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) Resource Center, Lecturer in Asian Studies Department, and Coordinator for SILP 4

### 3) Describe a "typical" day as a (your job) .How do you use your language

My main responsibility is to maintain the Language Resource Center, which includes troubleshooting, interacting with faculty to talk about any ideas/projects to make the effective and efficient using technology, setting up the technology workshop for students the Asian Studies Department, I teach Japanese sometimes. When I am not teaching

4) What do you enjoy about it? I certainly enjoy interacting with faculty to discuss the process with or without technology. Even just talking about the languages makes me

### 5) Do you think in more than one language? Under what circumstances?

No, I don't. I feel I always think in my native language – the Kyoto dialect in Japanese. However, converting my thoughts in Japanese to English has been getting faster and the process is undertaken in my native language. Through the process, I will understand to say/write. Then I will start constructing sentences/utterances in English, although in my head without much thinking in Japanese.

### 6) What do you think helped you the most in mastering the foreign/second language? [Besides all these linguistic categories of language learning]

Considering my own experience living here in US, I think there are three things which help in language acquisition. 1 self-monitoring skills (analytical skills to understand how one learns to establish one's own strategies to enhance learning language...etc) 2 curiosity (which allows one to say on a given topic

To communicate in advanced level of language proficiency, these three factors are essential

[Things that I should have done, when I learned foreign languages] Keep your diary of how you are learning foreign languages 3 how you would teach something you don't know to a teacher 4 the stories that you experienced regarding cross-cultural language

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I assure you that this diary will be priceless when you work in the field of language. foreign language well unless I speak/write my native language well. Unless I improv explain a complicated concept, and summarize my opinion in my native language, it proficiency level of the second language that I am learning. I found my native langua learning in this aspect.

**7) What opportunities have knowing another language provided in your otherwise?**

Certainly learning/knowing English gave me the opportunity to come study at Unive able to work in US.

**8) What language are you studying now? (If you're not studying another had the time to learn another language now, what language would it be? )**

(If I had the time to learn languages) I would like to learn Ainu language (an indige to learn how to speak it as well as to be able to see it from a linguistic perspective. F learn more about my own dialect (the Kyoto dialect) as well as Japanese.

**9) How do you think your life would have turned out if you had never lea**

It would have turned out to be very boring. I would not have had any friends, colleag would not have learned about any cross-cultural differences among US as well as be more on my own culture, since I came to US, which is a significant experience and w

**10) In your opinion, are there more career opportunities for people who**

Certainly. For any disciplines, you have a great advantage over anybody if you speak have a greater advantage if you can write/read and do presentations at a profession:

**11) What do you think you would be doing if you weren't a Director of the**

Hopefully, I'd be working with something to do with language – linguist, teacher, ir publishing company, and language software company...etc

**12) What advice would you give to somebody who wants to have a job lik**

Are there any specific languages they should learn? In my opinion, my job is to becom (foreign language division and technology division). Any languages you learned wou technology skills as well as pedagogical aspect of language learning, you would do :

**13) Anything else you'd like to add?**

Language is so interesting and considered to be one of the unique characteristics in l cross-cultural differences among us. A person on TV once said "language is what un makes us different from one another". I understand it through my own experience o

I have always been interested in the language even before I learned English as secon the area where I come from in Japan. Thinking of language - why people say things t others say (jokes in comedy show as well as in daily conversation) - makes me so exc drew me into this field, and got me where I am at.

So keep your eyes and ears open to whatever you are interested in.  
Thank you for giving me the opportunity for the interview.