

# Christopher Aaron Dean

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**Profile:** My passion lies in both music and language, which have led me to explore and discover diverse cultures around the world. As much as I appreciate the distinctness of each culture and encourage its preservation, I simultaneously strive to create connections and bridge the gap that often separates these groups, namely through linguistic boundaries. I have done this through linguistic study, research, international exchange, language teaching, translation, and localization.

## Education

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- ❖ University of Southern Mississippi 2007 - 2014
  - BA - Spanish/Music Education
    - Minor in French
      - Honors College Student
      - Vice Presidential Scholar
- ❖ Institut Supérieur de Traducteurs et Interprètes (Brussels) 2014 (Feb - July)
  - Semester Exchange
  - Classes in Translation (French, English, Spanish)
- ❖ University of Florida 2014 - 2016
  - Masters in Hispanic Linguistics  
Graduate Teaching Assistantship
- ❖ Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey 2020 - present
  - Masters in Translation and Localization Management
    - Translation Track – English-Spanish-French

## Linguistic Study/Research

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- ❖ Research Assistant (University of Florida) Aug 2016 - May 2017

- ❖ Conference Presentations (Linguistic Graduate Research)
  - 2016 UIC Bilingualism Forum Oct 2016
  - 2016 Florida Psycholinguistics Meeting Oct 2016
  - 2016 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium Oct 2016
  - 2017 Conference on Bilingualism in the Hispanic and Lusophone World Jan 2017
  - 2017 International Symposium on Bilingualism Jan 2017

## Languages

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- **English** (Native)
- **Spanish** (Advanced)
- **French** (Advanced)
- **Japanese** (Upper Intermediate - **JLPT N2 Certification**)
- **Portuguese** (Intermediate)
- **German** (Basic)

## Teaching Experience

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- ❖ **JET Programme (Akita Prefecture, Japan)** Aug 2017 – Aug 2019
  - Assistant Language Teacher
    - Akita Chuo High School
    - Oga Technical High School
  - Responsibilities
    - Team-teaching English Communication Classes
    - Student preparation for college entrance exam English interviews
    - Prefectural Speech Contest judge
    - English Camp Participation
  - Lecturer at *Liberal Arts Seminar* (2018 & 2019)

- ❖ **Graduate Teaching Assistant** 2014 - 2017
  - University of Florida
  - Courses Taught:
    - SPN 1130: Beginning Spanish I (3 semesters)
    - SPN 2200: Intermediate Spanish (2 semesters)
    - Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics (1 semester)
  - Organized weekly Spanish Conversation group (*La Mesa de Español*)
- ❖ **Student Teaching (Music)** 2013
  - Hattiesburg High School
  - NR Burger Middle School
  - Lillie Burney Elementary
  - Grace Christian Elementary
- ❖ **Official Language Tutor** 2010
  - Spanish/French tutor at the University of Southern Mississippi
- ❖ **Youth Orchestra Coach** 2007 - 2014
  - Southern Mississippi Youth Orchestra
- ❖ **Private Violin Teacher** 2007 - 2014
  - Ages: 5 -17

## Honors/Certificates

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- ❖ University of Florida 2015/2016
  - Outstanding Graduate Student in Linguistics
  - Certificate in Second Language Acquisition and Teaching (SLAT)
- ❖ International TEFL and TESOL Training Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Completed in Dec 2018
- ❖ Mississippi Music Educator's License Awarded Oct 2016
- ❖ Japanese Language Proficiency Test – N2 Passed in July 2019

# Community Involvement

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- ❖ Charity Akita (Deputy Director)
  - Organizes community events in Akita, Japan in order to promote international exchange and raise funds for local charities in Akita. (<https://charityakita.com/>)Aug 2018 – July 2019
  
- ❖ *Akita English Café* Coordinator
  - A free monthly event sponsored by Charity Akita, which allows locals the opportunity to practice English in a relaxed environment with native speakers.Nov 2018 – July 2019
  
- ❖ Ocobo Music Festival – Interpreter
  - International music festival in Ibagué, Colombia. Assisted with English-Spanish interpretation during workshops and concerts between guest artists and Colombian students/audience.Aug 2019
  
- ❖ Translators without borders – Volunteer  
Nov 2019

# Publications

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- Dean, C., and Valdés Kroff, J. 2017. Cross-Linguistic Orthographic Effects in Late Spanish–English Bilinguals. *Languages* 2: 24.