

Yumi Catalina Parks
Japanese Lecturer
School of Modern Languages

I. Earned Degrees

M.A. Ed. Curriculum and Instruction – Concentration on instructional approaches and methods for diverse learners (Japanese heritage learners)
University of Phoenix, Arizona | 2010

Thesis: Family Involvement to Enhance Academic Achievement of English Language Learners and English as Second Language Students Focusing on the Japanese Language Speaking Parents and Students

B.A. Speech Communication
California State University, Long Beach | 1991

II. Employment History

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Azusa Pacific University, Department of English & Modern Languages (APU ML)

Senior Adjunct Professor | Fall 2010-Spring 2022, Fall 2023-Present

Mount San Antonio College, Department of Foreign Languages (MSAC FL)

Adjunct Instructor | Fall 2011- Spring 2021

Orange Coast College, Department of World Languages (OCC WL)

Adjunct Instructor | Spring 2014- Fall 2021

Fullerton College, Department of World Languages (FC WL)

Adjunct Instructor | Spring 2018- Present (Asynchronous/Online)

Georgia Institute of Technology, School of Modern Languages (GT ML)

Lecturer | Fall 2022 – Present

Spelman College, Department of World Languages and Cultures (SC WLC)

Lecturer | Fall 2023 – Present

Oglethorpe University, Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures (OU WLLC)

Lecturer | Fall 2023

Other Appointments

California State University, Fullerton, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Teaching Assistant for JAPANESE 390: Japanese Culture through Anime Course | Fall 2014

NON-TEACHING PROFESSIONS:

Toppan Printing Company, America Inc. | 1998-2013

Japanese and English Interpreting service for executives during conference calls and business meetings

Technical translation service for corporate and trade documents

Organized and conducted Japanese language and cultural learning workshops for American employees

Japanese and English Translation and Interpretation Services | 1999 – Present

Provides Japanese and English translation and interpretation services for Japanese record labels, publications and other media corporations which include interpretation during business meetings, conferences, and live or telephone interview sessions and translation of song lyrics or other promotional materials

Writes and contributes the articles mainly in pop culture area for Japanese publications

III. Honors and Awards

CIOS Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: Award | GT | Fall 2022

CIOS Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: Award | GT | Spring 2023

CIOS Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: Award | GT | Summer 2023

CIOS Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: Award | GT | Fall 2023

CIOS Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: Award | GT | Spring 2024

2024 CIOS Award | GT | Year 2024

CIOS Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: Award | GT | Summer 2025

Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award | APU, College of Liberal Arts & Science | 2017

IV. Education and Mentorship

A. Courses Taught

Semester, Year	Course Number	Course Title	Number of Students
Fall 2025	JAPN 2001A	Intermediate Japanese I	21
Fall 2025	JAPN 2001B	Intermediate Japanese I	19
Summer 2025	JAPN 3693 RJP	Japan Today	19
Summer 2025	JAPN 3694 RJP	Conversation Practicum (Co-Instructor: Prof. Aki Matsushima)	19
Spring 2025	JAPN 2002 A	Intermediate Japanese II	14
Spring 2025	JAPN 2002 OL1	Intermediate Japanese II	9
Spring 2025	JAPN 3401 A	Nature in Japan	24
Fall 2024	JAPN 2001A	Intermediate Japanese I	21

Fall 2024	JAPN 2001OL1	Intermediate Japanese I	14
Fall 2024	JAPN 3401A	Nature in Japan	24
Summer 2024	JAPN 3693 RJP	Japan Today	34
Summer 2024	JAPN 3694 RJP	Conversation Practicum (Co-Instructor: Prof. Aki Matsushima)	36
Spring 2024	JAPN 1002A	Elementary Japanese II	24
Spring 2024	JAPN 1002OL3	Elementary Japanese II	14
Spring 2024	JAPN 3813A	Japanese Culture & Society Food	19
Fall 2023	JAPN 2001A	Intermediate Japanese I	25
Fall 2023	JAPN 2002A	Intermediate Japanese II	21
Summer 2023	JAPN 3693RJP	Japan Today	36
Summer 2023	JAPN 3694RJP	Conversation Practicum (Co-Instructor: Dr. Masato Kikuchi)	17
Spring 2023	JAPN 1002A	Elementary Japanese II	21
Spring 2023	JAPN 1002B	Elementary Japanese II	25
Fall 2022	JAPN 1002A	Elementary Japanese I	24
Fall 2022	JAPN 1002UA1	Elementary Japanese I	11

B. Academic and Career Advising and Guidance Responsibilities

Japanese Speech Contest and Video Showcase: Faculty Advisor | GT | March 2023 & 2024

Provided advice and guidance to contestants of the annual event hosted by Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese (GATJ), prior to as well as on the day

Annual Shadow Day Class Participation | GT | Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Provided the opportunity for prospective and admitted students to sit in my elementary Japanese classes to have them expose to real classroom experiences and help them determine their commitment to the Liberal Arts program at GT

C. Research Advising and Guidance

N/A

D. Educational Innovations and Other Contributions

Organized various guest speaker lectures for JAPANESE 3693 which included:

- Hiroshima Atomic Bomb survivors' memoirs recitations
- Japanese corporate executive (Hoppy Beverage, Bloom Inc.) on sustainable practices and gender equality in corporates in Japan
- Robot café pilot experiences (Café Dawn, Tokyo, Japan)
- Sustainability practices at traditional Japanese Shigaraki pottery making
- Kodomo Shokudoo-operation of lunch and activity programs for children

- Traditional Japanese Festival orchestra (ohayashi) players for sustainable community and traditional art

E. Educational Administration and Leadership

N/A

V. Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities

N/A

A. Publications

N/A

B. Other Publications and Creative Products

N/A

C. Presentations

N/A

D. Grants and Contracts

N/A

E. Other Scholarly and Creative Accomplishments

N/A

F. Societal and Policy Impacts

Advising and collaborating with the student group to promote disability student support initiatives on GT campus (construction of slopes at the Swann Building)

VI. Service

A. Professional Contributions

N/A

B. Public and Community Service

Kodomo Shokudo (Afterschool/Daily Soup Kitchen for Children)

(Kamegawa, Oita)

Formed and led a team of LBAT participating students to help the local soup kitchen for children

Japan Relief Team to Tohoku: Faculty Coordinator and Leader

(Ishinomaki, Miyagi; 2011 Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Affected Area),

Founded the Japan Relief Teams

Organized and facilitated the trip including logistics, lodging and activity schedule

Established the connections and relations with local institutions

Provided linguistic and cultural instructions to the team members prior to the trip

C. Institute Contributions

N/A

D. Other Professional Activities

N/A

VII. Professional Growth and Development

- Annual Safety Training (Harassment Prevention Training) 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Workplace Violence Prevention Training 2023, 2024, 2025
- Conflict of Interest Training 2024, 2025