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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D. International and Intercultural Education, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
- 2002 M.S. Teaching English as a Second Language, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
- 1991 B.S. Chemistry, George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – present Chair, Faculty Council, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California
- 2017 – present Professor of Clinical Education, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California
- 2016 - present Chair, MAT-TESOL Program, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California
- 2012 - 2016 Founding Co-Chair, Global Executive Doctor of Education Program, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California
- 2011 – 2017 Associate Professor of Clinical Education, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California
- 2007 – 2011 Faculty Lead, Masters in TEFL and TESOL Programs, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California
- 2007 – 2011 Assistant Professor of Clinical Education, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California
- 2006 – 2007 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California
- 2005 – 2007 Adjunct Lecturer, Global Studies and Sociology, Azusa Pacific University
- 2003 – 2006 Research Assistant, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California
- 2000 – 2003 Assistant Lecturer, American Language Institute, University of Southern California

- 1998 – 2002 Vice President for International Development, Educational Services International, Arcadia, California
- 1997 – 2002 Director of Summer Training, Educational Services International, Arcadia, California
- 1994 – 1998 Regional Director, Commonwealth of Independent States, Educational Services International, Arcadia, California
- 1993 – 1994 High School English Teacher, Marin Preda Liceul Teoretic, Székelyudvarhely / Odorheiu Secuiesc, Romania
- 1991 – 1993 High School English Teacher, Rózsa Ferenc Vendéglátóipari Szakközépiskola, Budapest, Hungary
- 1989 - 1991 Summer Camp Director, Canyonview Camp and Equestrian Center, Silverton, Oregon
- 1988 - 1989 Certified Alpine Ski Instructor, Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort, Mt. Hood, Oregon

PUBLICATIONS

- Park, H., Filback, R. & Crawford, J. (Forthcoming). Increasing participation of international students in higher education classrooms through technology-enhanced instruction, in Y. Inoue-Smith and T. McVey (Eds.), *Optimizing higher education learning through activities and assessments*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
- Espinet, T., Vuong, P. & Filback, R. (Forthcoming). Beyond onboarding: Building a culture of continuous professional development for effective online instruction, in Y. Inoue-Smith and T. McVey (Eds.), *Optimizing higher education learning through activities and assessments*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
- Crawford, J., Filback, R. & Moore, E. (2018). The Future of Language Education [Essay written for Rossier Centennial website]. Retrieved from <https://rossier100.usc.edu/the-future-of-language-education-2/>
- Filback, R., Krop, C., Seli, H. & Tambascia, T. (2017). Transforming education leaders: Impacts of the dissertation in practice on graduates of a global executive level Ed.D., in V. A. Storey (Ed.), *Exploring the impact of the dissertation in practice*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Varshneya, K., Pangal, D., Borad, A., Patel, A., Tulpule, M., Menon, S., Menghani, R. and Filback, R. A. (2016). A report on the health and literacy attributes of Naga Valadia, a rural village in India. *International Journal of Current Research* (8)6, pp. 33729-33736.
- Filback, R. A. (2013). Foreword to M. Jago (author) *ESL Shakespeare: 101 Everyday Phrases*. Hanover, NH: Smith and Kraus.
- Filback, R. A. & Green, A. (2013). New directions for diversity at USC Rossier. *Futures in Urban Ed, The Magazine of the USC Rossier School of Education*, Fall.
- Filback, R. A. & Chun, C. W. (2013). Masters of Arts in TESOL at the University of Southern California. Summarized in D. E. Murray (Author), *A Case for Online English Language Teacher Education* (pp. 81-82). Monterey, CA: The International Research Foundation for English Language Education.
- Filback, R. A. & Chun, C. W. (2013). Masters of Arts in TESOL at the University of Southern California. A contribution to *A Case for Online English Language Teacher Education*. Monterey, CA: The International Research Foundation for English Language Education.

- Filback, R. (2012). "Foreign TA Problem" - Instruction for Diverse Student Writers. *CATESOL News* 44(1). CATESOL Association.
- Cziraky, Z., Valentine, J., & Filback, R. (2012) Pre-admission ITA online oral interview. *ITAIS Newsletter*. International Teaching Assistants Interest Section, TESOL International Association.
- Filback, R. (2009). Strengthening Korea's Public Schools. *Futures in Urban Ed, The Magazine of the USC Rossier School of Education*, 14.
- Filback, R. (2007). Working together: Offering and asking for help. In C. Hanson Hegger (Ed.), *College English Listening and Speaking*. Beijing: Peking University Press.
- Orr, J., & Filback, R. (2004). *The changing face of faith-based child care in Los Angeles County*. Los Angeles: University of Southern California, Center for Religion and Civic Culture.
- Sellers, J., & Filback, R. (2004). The politics of homelessness in Los Angeles. In *Toolkit for multidisciplinary approaches to homelessness*. Los Angeles: University of Southern California, Center for Religion and Civic Culture.
- Sellers, J., & Filback, R. (2003). The politics of a new homeless services center in Los Angeles. In *Feasibility study for a homeless services center*. Los Angeles: University of Southern California, Center for Religion and Civic Culture.
- Filback, R., & Krashen, S. (2002). The impact of reading the bible and studying the bible on biblical knowledge. *Knowledge Quest*, 31, 50-51.
- Filback, R. (2000). Crossing cultures successfully. *ESI Today*, Newsletter of Educational Services International, 19.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Filback, R. & Lowman, M. (2016, February). *Leveraging technology to expand learning in underserved nations*. Discussion facilitated at Ed Foo, an un-conference on the future of education hosted at Google headquarters. Mountain View, CA.
- Filback, R. (2015, November). Will higher education produce the innovators we need? "Meet-up" session facilitated at the Qatar Education Foundation's WISE Summit. Doha, Qatar.
- Filback, R. (2015, October). Teaching the fundamentals of creativity and innovation in professional doctoral programs. Workshop delivered at the Conference of the Americas on International Education (CAIE). Quito, Ecuador.
- Hirabayashi, K., Filback, R., Robison, & Rueda, R. (2015, June). *The dissertation three ways*. Presentation on USC's professional education doctorates to annual convening of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate. Fullerton, CA.
- Filback, R., (2014, April). *A personal journey integrating spirituality in the academy*. Discussion led at the professional conference of the Christians in English Language Teaching (CELT) association. Portland, OR.
- Robertson, H., Brinton, D., Filback, R., & Rhoades, G. (2013, March). *Going live online: TESOL faculty experiences, challenges and successes*. Colloquium presented at the Annual Convention of the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages International Association. Dallas, TX.
- Filback, R., Anja, U., Min, E., & Mardirosian, M. (2013, March). *New direction in teacher ed: Synchronous online masters in TESOL*. Demonstration given at the Los Angeles Regional

- Conference of the California Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages association. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- Filback, R. (2013, March). *College and university level rap session*. Moderated discussion at the Los Angeles Regional Conference of the California Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages association. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- Cziraky, Z., Valentine, J., & Filback, R. (2012, March). Pre-admission ITA online video interview: An ITA oral assessment tool. TESOL International Convention. Philadelphia, PA.
- Filback, R. (2011, March). *Going online: Redesign of an established masters in TESOL program*. National Association of Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA.
- Filback, R., Hyde, C., Sundt, M. (2011, February). *Learning to teach online: Faculty transition to synchronous online instruction*. Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Filback, R., Hyde, C., Martinez, B., Sundt, M. (2010, November). *Learning to teach online: Preparing faculty for synchronous online instruction*. Sloan Consortium Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Filback, R. (2009, April). *International/domestic teachers-in-training: Understanding professional needs, expanding intercultural awareness*. Presented at the state meeting of the California Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages association, Pasadena, CA.
- Filback, R. (2008, October). *Expanding sociocultural awareness in U.S. based international teacher education*. Presented at the Los Angeles regional meeting of the California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages association, La Mirada, CA.
- Filback, R. (2008, March). *Community organizing: A framework for social change educators*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Social Context of Education division, New York, NY.
- Filback, R. (2007, April). *Where's the leadership for social change? Learning deliberative and socially-just praxis*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Critical Educators for Social Justice division, Chicago, IL.
- Filback, R. (2006, April). *Social movement and transformative learning through broad-based community organizing*. Paper presented at the 4th annual meeting of the California Association of Freireian Educators, Los Angeles, CA.
- Filback, R., & Silverman, M. (2006, March). *Transformative learning in the public square: The educational dimensions of a broad-based community organizing movement*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Social Context of Education Division, San Francisco, CA.
- Filback, R., & Silverman, M. (2005, March). *Reciprocity in transformative learning: An analysis of two change-oriented non-formal learning programs*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, Palo Alto, CA.
- Filback, R. (2004, March). *Precision and limits of UNESCO educational statistics for the Arab States and North Africa*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Filback, R. (2003, November). *The effect of study abroad on participant attitudes toward other cultures: A review of the literature*. Paper presented at the annual western regional meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, Los Angeles, CA.

- Filback, R. (2003, January). *Analysis of the impact of the Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking (RWCT) project in the Czech Republic*. Paper presented at the annual western regional meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, Honolulu, HI.
- Filback, R. (2002, March). *Globalization, privatization, and marginalization in U.S. higher education*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, Orlando, FL.

INVITED TALKS

- Hidden challenges for international students studying in the U.S.* Workshop delivered at Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, jointly hosted by the Chengdu American Center for Study Abroad and Edmersion Academy, May 18, 2019.
- Strategic, inclusive and innovative educational leadership: What does it look like?"* Delivered as part of a workshop arranged by the USC Mexico Office in cooperation with the US Embassy Mexico City's Public Diplomacy section at the Biblioteca Benjamin Franklin, Mexico City, November 21, 2018.
- Fundamentals of creativity and Innovation: An IVCLA workshop.* A presentation to young professionals associated with the International Visitors Council of Los Angeles. University of Southern California, June 15, 2016.
- Promoting creativity as leaders to solve problems in education.* A series of five presentations delivered to the following institutions: 1) Instituto Unibanco, an organization dedicated to the improvement of education in Brazil, São Paulo, February 23, 2016; 2) Sindicato dos Estabelecimento de Ensino no Estado de São Paulo (SIEEESP), the union of private schools in the state of São Paulo, São Paulo, February 24, 2016; 3) teacher training department of the State of São Paulo Secretariat of Education, São Paulo, February 24; 4) State of Rio de Janeiro Secretariat of Education, Rio de Janeiro, February 25; 5) Instituto Brasil-Estados Unidos, a bi-national center in Rio dedicated to promoting US culture and English, February 26, Rio de Janeiro.
- Fostering creativity and innovation.* Four workshops delivered to the following institutions: 1) and 2) Two workshops at the University of Brunei Darussalam's Institute for Leadership, Innovation and Advancement (ILIA), Darussalam, November 8, 2015; 3) Chinese Culture University, Taipei campus, Taipei, November 10, 2015; 4) USC Hong Kong Alumni Association, Hong Kong, November 11, 2015.
- Hot topic: Teaching creativity and innovation.* Professional development workshop delivered to faculty from Shanghai Normal University for Rossier's Faculty Training Institute. October 8, 2015.
- What do we mean by education?* Presentation to interdisciplinary group of students in Social Innovation Design Lab, a course taught by Adlai Wertman in the Marshall School of Business, Brittingham Social Enterprise Lab. January 29, 2014.
- Effective communication as leaders.* Presentation to international students participating in iLead, a pilot leadership program in partnership with USC Campus Activities, USC LEAD. September 30, 2013.
- Lessons learned and guiding principles regarding online program development.* Presentation to faculty and staff of the USC American Language Institute. May 7, 2013.
- Rossier's international and online developments.* Presentation to students in UCLA Higher Education course taught by Gary Rhoads and Val Rust. May 23, 2013.

Blended Ed.D. degree goes global: A USC Rossier case study. Presentation with R. Best at New Directions in Online Learning conference, sponsored by IQPC. Chicago, IL, March, 2013.

Capitalizing on cutting edge learning technologies. Panelist with R. Shearer, R. Best, and A. McCann at New Directions in Online Learning conference, sponsored by IQPC. Chicago, IL, March, 2013.

Online Developments at the Rossier School of Education. Presentation on development and structure of MAT, MAT-TESOL, and Global Ed.D programs to senior leadership of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Hong Kong, October, 2012.

Introduction to MAT@USC. Presentation on development of MAT@USC online program to senior leadership of Azusa Pacific Online University. Azusa, CA, March, 2011.

Learning to teach online: Faculty transition to synchronous online instruction. Presentation with C. Hyde for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Virtual Conference. February, 2011.

Introduction to the MAT@USC TESOL. Presentation introducing new online MAT-TESOL and MAT degrees at session convened by 2tor, Inc. Hong Kong, China, July, 2010.

Preparing for long-term growth as TESOL professionals. Presentation to TESOL students at Sookmyung Women's University. Seoul, Korea, November, 2009.

Higher education systems of three economic giants – Japan, China and the US. Panelist with J. Beck, M. Nagasawa, and J. Van Fleet for the meeting of The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan. Japan, Tokyo, June, 2008.

Leadership development in school and community through broad-based community organizing. Presentation at the Education Administration Student Symposium sponsored by the Division of Applied & Advanced Studies in Education, Charter College of Education, California State University, Los Angeles, CA, May, 2006.

Can I really do this? Assessing your fit for overseas service. Workshop presented at university student conference. Urbana-Champaign, IL, December, 2002.

Crossing cultures: Skills that make the difference. Workshop for high school students of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall. Newhall, CA, April, 2001.

Ethics in education. Presentation to education class at Azusa Pacific University. Azusa, CA, November, 1999.

MULTIMEDIA

Filback, R. (2019). *Learning to speak* [Video-essay]. Produced in a workshop facilitated by StoryCenter. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mODw-CrzZBw>

Filback, R. & Wang, H. (Web Designers) (2013). *Edinnovators: Educational innovators profiled by students of the USC Global Executive Ed.D* [Website]. Designed and produced as a course project for students of EDUC 620 Fundamentals of Creativity and Innovation.] Available at: <http://edinnovators.weebly.com/>

Filback, R. (2013, June). *Rossier Professor Visits Tanzanian Primary School Founded by Alumna* [Photo-essay]. Rossier Show and Tell Blog. Available at: <http://rossier.usc.edu/rossier-professor-visits-tanzanian-primary-school-founded-by-alumna/>

Miller, D. (Executive Producer), Dyrness, G. (Co-Producer), & Filback, R. (Co-Producer, Writer, Director). (2005). *One LA, Standing Together: The Background and Founding of a Broad- Based*

Community Organization [Video documentary]. (Available from the Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, 835 West 34th Street, Suite 106, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0751)

Filback, R. (Producer, Writer, Director). (1995). *The Overseas Experience* [Promotional video]. (Available from Educational Services International, Inc., 444 E. Huntington Drive, Suite 200, Arcadia, CA 91006)

COURSES TAUGHT

Capstone in TESOL (co-developed with Julietta Shakbagova)
Course Design for Language Learning
Creativity and Innovation in Education (co-developed with Melora Sundt and Kathy Stowe)
Critique of Research in Education
Data Analysis, Reporting and Presentation (developed course)
English for International Business Undergraduates
Foundations of Language Education
Framing Educational Leadership in a Global Context (co-developed with Mark Robison)
Instruction to English as a New Language (member of design team)
Oral Skills for International Graduate Students in Science and Technology
Practicum in TESOL (developed course)
Teaching from a Comparative and International Perspective (developed course)
Writing Skills for International Graduate Students in Science and Technology

SAMPLE THESES AND DISSERTATIONS CHAIRED

Bendy, Jacqueline	Current uses of technology in ESL teaching: Benefits, drawbacks and guiding principles ³
Campbell, Wendy	Critical pedagogy in TESOL: Transcending limiting perspectives ³
Chang, Iris	Increasing international enrollment at a Taiwanese university
Chong, Angie	The use of culturally relevant authentic materials and L1 in supporting second language literacy
Hamid, Sheikh Luke	Implementing competency based instruction in a vocational and technical training institute in Brunei
McFarland, Kathryn	Self-regulation plans and persistence among online university students
Phuong, Vuong	Faculty on-boarding and professional development to support effective online instruction
Sun, Angela	Teaching pragmatics and nonverbal communication ^{3, 4}
Van Booven, Chris	I Hablo U: A case for adult two-way bilingual immersion ^{1, 2, 3}
Williams, Josh	The online co-curriculum: Promising practices in the development and maintenance of an effective support structure for online students.

¹ Winner CATESOL Graduate Student Research Award

- 2 Published in journal
- 3 Presented at conference
- 4 Developed and offered as university course

SERVICE

2019 – present	Member, Provost’s Dean Search Committee, University of Southern California
2018 - present	Co-Chair, Strategic Plan Team, Rossier School of Education
2018 – 2019	Vice Chair, Faculty Council, Rossier School of Education
2016 – 2017	Co-Chair, Data Literacy Task Force, Rossier School of Education
2015 – 2017	Article Editor, Sage Open Journal
2015	Host, TESOL Professionals Delegation, International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State
2014 – present	Member, Higher Education Concentration Committee, Rossier School of Education
2014 – 2018	Member, Salary Promotion and Tenure (SPT) Committee, Rossier School of Education
2014 – 2016	Member, Ed.D. Steering Committee, Rossier School of Education
2014 – 2015	Chair, Non-Tenure Track (NTT) Promotion Subcommittee of SPT Committee
2014 – 2015	Member, Design Team for Ed.D. in Organizational Change and Leadership
2014 - 2015	Member, Committee for Fulbright English Language Teaching Assistantships
2013 - present	Reviewer, TESOL Journal
2013 – 2016	Reviewer, Fulbright National Screening Panel
2013 – present	Reviewer, Research Grant Council (RGC) of Hong Kong
2013 – 2014	Member, Nominating Committee, California Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages (CATESOL) Association
2013 – 2014	Member, Online Course Development Group, Rossier School of Education
2012 – 2014	Member, Masters Governance Committee, Rossier School of Education
2012 – 2016	Member, Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Committee, Rossier School of Education
2012 – 2014	Member, Strategic Working Group on Curriculum Development, Rossier School of Education
2012 – 2014	Member, Strategic Working Group on Quality Instruction, Rossier School of Education
2012 - 2013	Chair, College and University Division, California Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages (CATESOL) Association
2012 – 2013	Advisor, CATESOL Los Angeles Regional Conference Committee
2011 - 2014	Member, Inaugural Board, Invest in PUSD Kids
2011 - 2012	Assistant Chair, College and University Division, California Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages (CATESOL) Association
2011 - 2012	Member, University Committee on Non-Tenure Track Faculty Affairs, University of Southern California
2011	Member, Faculty Annual Performance Review Committee, Rossier School of Education
2011	Reviewer, annual conference of the California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Association
2010 - 2018	Member, Online Learning Council, USC
2010 - 2013	Member, Learning and Innovation Roundtable (LIRT), Rossier School of Education
2010 - 2012	Member, MAT Governance Committee, Rossier School of Education
2010 - 2011	Member, MAT Curriculum Alignment Committee, Rossier School of Education

2010 - 2011 Member, Faculty Performance Review Committee, USC American Language Institute
2010 Member, Teacher Hiring Committee, Mandarin immersion program, Pasadena Unified School District
2010 Reviewer, Higher Education Division, annual conference of the TESOL International Association
2010 Host, TESOL Professionals Delegation, International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State
2009 - 2010 Chair, TESOL Redesign Team, Rossier School of Education
2009 - 2010 Member, Masters Governance Committee, Rossier School of Education
2009 Member, Teacher Hiring Committee, Mandarin immersion program, Pasadena Unified School District
2009 Fulbright Student Interview Committee, USC
2009 Host, TESOL Professionals Delegation, International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State
2008 - 2015 Member, Board of Directors, Educational Services International
2008 - 2014 Marshall, USC Commencement Ceremony
2008 Member, Planning Committee, Los Angeles regional meeting of the California Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages Society
2008 Fulbright Student Interview Committee, USC
2007 - 2013 Member, Teacher Education in a Multicultural Society concentration
2007 - 2011 Faculty Advisor, USC TESOL Society
2007 Reviewer, Division G - Social Context of Education, annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY, March, 2008.
2006 - 2011 Founding Member, Steering Committee, Invest in PUSD Kids
2006 - 2007 Leader, Pasadena Cluster of One LA, Industrial Areas Foundation
2005 - 2008 Chair, Board of Trustees, Pasadena Covenant Church
2003 - 2004 Member, Educational Programming Board, My Friend's Place, drop-in shelter for street youth, Hollywood, CA
2003 Member, Planning Committee, Comparative and International Education Society Western Regional Conference, USC
2002 - 2003 Co-Editor, *The Source*, peer reviewed student-run online education journal, Rossier School of Education

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Educational Research Association
California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Association
Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate
Comparative and International Education Society
Sloan Consortium
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Association

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lived in Germany (1 year), Hungary (2 years) and Romania (1 year)
Traveled or conducted short-term work in 46 other countries