

Thank you for the honor of giving me the award as an outstanding teacher. I am deeply appreciative to be recognized as an outstanding instructor and also a little surprised, as I am certain there are many hard working teachers who are just as worthy as me in our department. I have included a brief summary of my experience.

Associate Professor: Ming Chuan University, Applied English Department, Taoyuan, Taiwan. I have taught a number of courses in the past thirteen-and-a-half years at MCU. These have included graduate seminars in Thesis Writing, The Teaching of Reading, Curriculum and Instruction, the Teaching of Writing, and Semantics. Undergraduate courses I have instructed include Instructional Media, Curriculum and Materials Design, First and Second Year Composition, TEFL/TESL Methodology, Popular Culture, Film and Literature, General Linguistics, Socio-Linguistics, Oral Communication, Language Lab, TESOL Activities and Materials Design, Approaches to Literature, and the Etymology and History of the English Language. Other duties have included ordering materials for the library, serving on hiring committees, serving on the evaluation committee for abstracts submitted for conferences, co-editor of published conference proceedings, member of the curriculum committee, principal advisor of the campus English club, chair-person for conference seminars, coordinator of student activities, drama club judge, speech contest judge, representative of the DAE for school evaluation purposes from the MOE and the Middle States Commission of Higher Education, and chair-person or reader of required senior theses and graduate school theses. Moreover, in certain courses, I have developed a brain-based pedagogy, i.e., students have been provided with the opportunity to engage in a variety of learning activities that fit their own particular learning preferences. These activities engage them in a sequence of research, creative implementation through design of a presentation, games, and skits. All of this is followed up by feedback from their classmates, myself, and then culminates with a self-reflective essay on the entire learning experience. In short, I have been involved in teaching and educational planning on multiple levels in my years at Ming Chuan University. Again, thank you for your acknowledgement of my teaching performance, and I would like to accept the reward.