

# W. Boden Robertson

Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

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- Exp. 2024      Ph.D. Educational Research  
The University of Alabama  
Concentration: Qualitative Methodologies  
Advanced to ABD: November, 2023  
Admitted to PhD Candidacy: March 2022  
Dissertation Title: *A Deleuzoguattarian Investigation of the Language Teacher Identities of World Language Graduate Teaching Assistants*  
Committee Members: Kelly Guyotte (chair), Heidi Hadley, Stephanie Shelton, Stacey Hughey-Surman, & Bedrettin Yazan
- 2017            M.A. Germanic Philology  
The University of Alabama
- 2010            B.A. German Studies and Political Science  
The University of Alabama  
Minor: American Studies  
Magna cum laude

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2016      Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Mainz, Germany
- Summer 2015    Herder-Institut der Universität Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Post-secondary world language instruction; pedagogical practices and training of graduate teaching assistants; language teacher identity; language teacher socialization and professionalization; second language learning; post-qualitative research methodologies; Deleuzoguattarian frameworks; narrative inquiry; researcher positionality

## CURRENT RESEARCH AGENDA

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My research employs Deleuzoguattarian concepts to understand language teacher identity in a way that emphasizes the complex and fluid nature of identity and the classroom. My research is situated in post-secondary world language instruction contexts, centering the experiences of graduate teaching assistants. As a qualitative researcher, I value the importance of researcher positionality and strive to incorporate reflexive and transparent methodologies that prioritize the well-being of my participants. My research contributes to the ongoing body of scholarship that seeks to better understand the role of teacher identity in education and supports the development of more equitable and inclusive teaching practices.

## SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

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### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Under Review      Stanley, S. D., **Robertson, W. B.** Qualitative research in science education: A literature review of current publications. *European Journal of Science and Mathematics Education*.

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- Under Review Campbell, T., **Robertson, W. B.**, & Sousa, W. Finding gems: A methodological tool for educational research. In Wolgemuth, J., Guyotte, K., & Shelton, S. A. (Eds.), *Expanding approaches to thematic analysis: Creative engagements with qualitative data*. Routledge.
- Under Review **Robertson, W. B.** Searching for scholarly sanctuary. In L. Haroldsen & G. Houghton (Eds.), *Out of the closet and onto the campus: Real life stories of hope and hilarity from queer college students* (pp. XX-XX).
- 2022 **Robertson, W. B.**, & Yazan, B. Navigating tensions and asserting agency in language teacher identity: A case study of a graduate teaching assistant. *Linguistics and Education*, 71, 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.linged.2022.101079>
- 2022 Shelton, S. A., Jones, A., Guy, K., & **Robertson, W. B.**, Time traveling through qualitative intra-actions: Mentoring and methodological identities. In K. W. Guyotte & J. R. Wolgemuth (Eds.), *Philosophical mentoring in qualitative research: Collaborating and inquiring together*. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003022558-18>
- 2021 **Robertson, W. B.**, Panopticon. In S. A. Shelton & K. K. Strunk (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of queer studies in education*, (pp. 428-431), Brill Sense. [https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004506725\\_084](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004506725_084)
- 2020 **Robertson, W. B.**, The refrains that help me remember: An autoethnography of grief, epistemological crisis, and discovering hope through theory. In S. A. Shelton & N. Sieben (Eds.), *Narratives of hope and grief in higher education*, (pp. 95-107). Palgrave Macmillan. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-42556-2\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-42556-2_8)
- 2019 Evans, D., **Robertson, W. B.**, & Swain, H. NCSS notable trade book lesson plan: Windows written by Julio Denos. *Social Studies Research and Practice*, 14(3), 290-300. <https://doi.org/10.1108/SSRP-03-2019-0013>

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Jones, A. M., **Robertson, W. B.**, & Watson V. T. Learning about qualitative theory: Common confusions & moments of stuckness [Paper presentation]. Presented at Culturally Sustaining Pedagogies to Critique and Reimagine Teaching Qualitative Research. Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2023 Gu, S., Bornhoft, K., **Robertson, W. B.**, Jones, A., Watson, V., & Johnson, M. Student perspectives on culturally sustaining pedagogies [Roundtable discussion]. Presented at Culturally Sustaining Pedagogies to Critique and Reimagine Teaching Qualitative Research. Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2023 **Robertson, W. B.** A deleuzian-inspired inquiry on the teacher identities of world language graduate teaching assistants [Roundtable discussion]. The 2023 American Association of Educational Research Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, United States.
- 2023 **Robertson, W. B.** What's a theoretical framework and where do I get one?" My experience as a qualitative research consultant for graduate students [Paper presentation]. Presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL, United States.
- 2023 **Robertson, W. B.** Impact of L2 proficiency on graduate teaching assistants' teacher identities: A proposed study [Poster presentation]. The Southeastern Universities Graduate Research Symposium, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2023 **Robertson, W. B.**, & Yazan, B. Teaching in a pressure cooker: A qualitative study of German graduate teaching assistants' teacher emotions [Paper presentation]. The 2023 American Association for Applied Linguistics Conference, Portland, OR, United States.

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- 2022 **Robertson, W. B.** Sexy and they know it: The lure of the post-qualitative and the struggle to participate [Paper presentation]. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL, United States.
- 2022 **Robertson, W. B.** The schoolhouse's back door: The positioning of racialized students on campus at the University of Alabama before 1963 [Paper presentation]. Say their names BAMA: Race, Memory, and the University of Alabama Research Symposium. Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2022 **Robertson, W. B.** Graduate teaching assistant language teacher identity development: Asserting agency through pedagogical struggles [Paper presentation]. American Educational Research Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA, United States.
- 2022 **Robertson, W. B., & Yazan, B.** "I just couldn't see myself being that kind of teacher": A German graduate teaching assistant's teacher identity tensions [Paper presentation]. American Association for Applied Linguistics 2022 Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, United States.
- 2021 **Robertson, W. B.** An autoethnography of grief and hope through theory: Using Deleuze to remember my father. [Paper presentation]. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL, United States.
- 2021 Shelton, S. A., Jones, A. M., Guy, K. H., & **Robertson, W. B.** The importance of relationships in mentorship and methodological identities. [Paper presentation]. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL, United States.
- 2020 **Robertson, W. B.** An Autoethnography of Grief and Hope Through Theory: Using Deleuze to Remember my Father. [Paper presentation]. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL, United States. [Conference canceled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 Shelton, S. A., Jones, A. M., Guy, K. H., & **Robertson, W. B.** Time traveling through qualitative intra-actions: Mentoring and methodological identities. [Paper presentation]. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL, United States. [Conference canceled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 **Robertson, W. B., & Guy, K. H.** Examining the effectiveness of L2 GTA training: A quantitative analysis. [Poster presentation]. The Southeastern Universities Graduate Research Symposium, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2019 **Robertson, W. B.** The role of qualitative research in second language acquisition: A comparison across top-tier journals. [Paper presentation]. The University of Alabama Languages Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2019 Morgan, W. J., **Robertson, W. B., & Turner, R.** Navigating Linguistic Research and the Graduate Student-Faculty Dynamic [Conference session]. The University of Alabama Languages Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2018 **Robertson, W. B.,** Campbell, T., Walton, M., Longshore, C., & Acosta, M. M. Memory work: Explorations of race and identity. [Conference session]. The University of Alabama ESPRMC Graduate Research Symposium, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2018 Campbell, T., **Robertson, W. B., & Acosta, M. M.** Teaching in these times: Justice centered pedagogy in higher education, a fireside chat for emerging scholars [Panel Session]. The University of Alabama College of Education Council for Diversity Initiatives Dialogue Series, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.

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- 2017 **Robertson, W. B.**, & Manthei, L. Teaching die Wende: Bringing culture into the foreign language classroom [Paper presentation]. Alabama World Languages Association Conference, Auburn, AL, United States.
- 2016 **Robertson, W. B.** Ridiculous vs. extremely: A quantitative study concerning the use of intensifiers in L1 and L2 English speakers [Poster presentation] at the Johannes Gutenberg Universität zu Mainz Department of English and Linguistics Research Symposium, Mainz, Germany.

### INVITED TALKS

- 2023 **Robertson, W. B.**, & Oyeniran, D. Surviving graduate school while maintaining professional goals [Invited Panel Talk]. BER 610: Proseminar in Educational Research. The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2023 Denham, A., Johnson, L, Lodree, E., **Robertson, W. B.** Transitioning from undergraduate to graduate school [Invited Panel Talk]. Strategic Graduate Partnership Initiative REU Summer Research Program. The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2022 **Robertson, W. B.** Publishing as a graduate student: Lessons learned and new directions [Invited talk] BER 633: Ethics & Aesthetics: Qual III. The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2021 **Robertson, W. B.** Tips for surviving your doctoral program [Invited Panel Talk]. BER 610: Professional Seminar in Educational Research. The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2021 **Robertson, W. B.** Pedagogies of Care in the L2 Classroom [Invited talk]. LANG 621: Teaching Foreign Language in College. The University of West Virginia, Morgantown, WV, United States.
- 2020 Guy, K., & **Robertson, W. B.** Been there, done that: Tips for surviving your doctoral program [Invited talk]. BER 610: Professional Seminar in Educational Research. The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2019 **Robertson, W. B.** Ph.D. program student engagement. [Invited Panel Talk]. CIE 693: Workshop for Curriculum and Instruction. The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
- 2018 **Robertson, W. B.** ESL instruction in elementary educational contexts. [Invited talk]. CEE 495: Practicum in Elementary Education, The University of Alabama, AL, United States.

### COPY EDITING

- 2021 S. A. Shelton & N. Sieben (Eds.), *Humanizing grief in higher education: Narratives of allyship and hope*. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429326493>
- 2021 S. A. Shelton & N. Sieben (Eds.), *Narratives of hope and grief in higher education*. Palgrave Macmillan. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-42556-2>

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2020-2023 Qualitative Research Specialist  
Research Assistance Services  
The University of Alabama
- 2019-current Graduate Research Assistant  
Department of Educational Studies  
The University of Alabama

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2017-2019 Graduate Research Assistant  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction  
The University of Alabama

2014-2017 Graduate Research Assistant  
Department of Modern Languages  
The University of Alabama

### SCHOLARLY FUNDING

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#### GRANTS

2023 **Robertson, W. B.**, Jones, A. M., (Funded). Transgressive Conversations: Creating Community for GTAs from Traditionally Underrepresented Backgrounds. The University of Alabama College of Education Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion's Teaching and Programming Small Grants Program (\$500 over 1 year).

#### INTERNAL FUNDING

2023-2024 The University of Alabama Graduate Council Fellowship | \$34,132

2023 The University of Alabama Financial Affairs Committee Travel Award | \$482

2023 The University of Alabama College of Education, Department of Educational Research Conference and Research Funding | \$300

2023 The University of Alabama College of Education, Department of Educational Research Conference and Research Funding | \$500

2023 The University of Alabama Graduate School Conference and Research Grant | \$500

2022 The University of Alabama College of Education Summer Doctoral Stipend for Research Assistance | \$3,500

2022 The University of Alabama College of Education Department of Educational Research Conference and Research Funding | \$1,000

2022 The University of Alabama Graduate School Conference and Research Funding | \$1,000

2021 The University of Alabama College of Education Summer Doctoral Stipend for Research Assistance | \$3,500

2021 The University of Alabama College of Education Department of Educational Research Conference and Research Funding | \$75

2021 The University of Alabama Graduate School Conference and Research Grant | \$75

2020 The University of Alabama College of Education Department of Educational Research Conference and Research Funding | \$500 [Funding declined due to COVID-19 pandemic]

2020 The University of Alabama Graduate School Conference and Research Grant | \$500 [Funding declined due to COVID-19 pandemic]

2020 The University of Alabama College of Education Summer Doctoral Stipend for Research Assistance | \$3,500

2019 The University of Alabama College of Education Summer Doctoral Stipend for Research Assistance | \$3,500

#### EXTERNAL FUNDING

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2023	American Educational Research Association (AERA) Registration Fee Award   \$65
2022	American Educational Research Association (AERA) Registration Fee Award   \$95
2015	American Association of Teacher of German Travel Award   \$600
2015	American Association of Teachers of German Summer Seminar Award   \$3,000
2015	Verband der Deutsch-Amerikanischen Clubs Stipendium (Federation of German American Clubs Stipend)   €7,500

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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2021	Most Outstanding Student in Qualitative Research Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology, & Counseling. The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
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## MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

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2022	On Mentoring and the Mentor Committee (May 22). Qualitative Conversations Podcast. American Educational Research Association.
2020	Listen up: UA faculty, staff, and alumni take on the podcast craze. (January 27). <i>Collegian</i> . <a href="https://www.as.ua.edu/2020/01/27/listen-up/">https://www.as.ua.edu/2020/01/27/listen-up/</a>
2019	Groggins, L. (February 28). Student expression blossoms in podcasts. <i>The Crimson White</i> . <a href="https://cw.ua.edu/51088/culture/student-expression-blossoms-in-podcasts/">https://cw.ua.edu/51088/culture/student-expression-blossoms-in-podcasts/</a>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### GRADUATE COURSE INSTRUCTION

Spring 2021	BER 633- Qual III Co-instructor The University of Alabama
Fall 2020	BER 630- Case Study Research Methods Co-instructor The University of Alabama

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSE INSTRUCTION

Fall 2022	BER 340- Introduction to Qualitative Research Instructor of Record The University of Alabama [Course cancelled]
Spring 2017	GN 102- Elementary German II Instructor of Record The University of Alabama
Fall 2016	GN 101- Elementary German I Instructor of Record The University of Alabama

### SECONDARY-LEVEL INSTRUCTION

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2014 - 2017      German Teacher  
Weekend Immersed in Language Development Program  
Alabama World Languages Association

### SERVICE

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#### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2023-current      Ad hoc Submission Reviewer  
TESOL Journal  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19493533>

2021-current      Submission Reviewer  
Division D, Section 3: Qualitative Research Methods  
Qualitative Research SIG  
The American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting  
<https://www.aera.net/>

2021-current      Qualitative Research SIG Podcast Committee  
"Qualitative Conversations"  
The American Education Research Association  
<https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/aeraqrsig>

2021                Submission Reviewer  
Second Language Research SIG  
The American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting

2019-current      External Review Board Member  
Journal of Language and Literacy Education  
<http://jolle.coe.uga.edu/>

2018-current      Conference Judge  
The University of Alabama Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Conference. The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  
<http://ovpred.ua.edu/urca/>

2018-current      German Curriculum Content Voiceover  
Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, and Students Statewide  
Alabama State Department of Education  
<https://accessdl.state.al.us/>

2017-2019        Committee Chairperson  
The University of Alabama Languages Conference  
<https://ualc.as.ua.edu/>

#### SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

2023-current      Vice President  
The College of Education Graduate Student Organization  
<https://coegso.ua.edu/>

#### SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

2020-current      Research Assistance Services. Videos [YouTube profile].  
<https://www.youtube.com/@uaresearchassistanceservic3349>

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2020-current	Research Assistance Services [@UARAS_]. Tweets [Twitter profile]. <a href="https://twitter.com/UARAC1">https://twitter.com/UARAC1</a>
2019	Elementary and Early Childhood Teacher Education Program Candidate Interview Committee Department of Curriculum and Instruction The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
2014-2017	German Language Tutor Department of Modern Languages and Classics The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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2020-current	American Educational Research Association Division D – Measurement & Research Methodology Qualitative Research SIG Queer Studies SIG
2019-current	American Association for Applied Linguistics
2019-current	American Association of University Supervisors, Coordinators, and Directors of Language Programs
2016-present	American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
2015-present	Alabama Association of Teachers of Foreign Languages
2015-current	Alabama World Languages Association

## WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

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2023	Post-Qualitative Research Mentoring Session. (April 15). Qualitative Research Special Interest Group. 2023 American Association of Educational Research Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, United States.
2023	Plonsky, L., & Kayi-Aydar, H. (Feb 6). Telling Your Story with Data: Developing in Qualitative and Quantitative Presentations. American Association of Applied Linguistics Professional Development Series.
2022	Hardy, D., Lewis, R., Harvell, A., & Kerzman, K. (August 24). Introduction to Grants in the College of Education. Office for Research & Service, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
2021	Suárez, M. I. (November 11). The trans workers in schools survey project: Challenges and contributions. Office of Diversity Initiatives & Faculty Development, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
2021	Hodges, T. (June-July). Equity-based writing professional development course. Department of Curriculum and Instruction, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
2021	Dunkin, S., Shamlee, J., McMullen, N., Skipper, R., Snowberger, S. (March 5). Defeating the cheating: Preventing academic dishonesty with proctored testing. Department of Instructional Technology for Academic Services, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
2021	Rodriguez, S. (February 4). Avowing and healing in qualitative research: Revisiting the confessional interview in research with undocumented youth and reflections on ethnographic



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	fieldwork. Department of Educational Studies, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
2020	Hoi, C. (November 18). Analyzing data made easy: An introduction of quantitative data made easy: An introduction of quantitative data analysis with AMOS. Department of Educational Studies, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
2020	Jones, S. P. (November 11). Rooted in dialogue: Using sister circles in qualitative research. Department of Educational Studies, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
2019	Bochner, A., & Ellis, C. (May 17). Writing ethnography and narrative in qualitative research. 15th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL, United States.
2019	Jackson, A. Y. (May 17). Ontological Practices in Qualitative Inquiry. 15th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL, United States.
2017	Williams, V. K. (March 7). Next Level Writing Workshop: Cultivate the Writer. Department of English, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
2017	Lemmond, R. (April 12). Digital gaming for basic L2. Department of Modern Language and Classics, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
2016	Renigar, P. (September 15). Global Simulations for SLA. Department of Modern Languages and Classics, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
2015	Kompetenz-entwicklung der Kommunikationsstrategien, Präsentationstechniken und Aussprachetraining. Deutsch als Fremdsprache in Theorie und Praxis. (Competence Development of Communication Strategies, Presentation Techniques, and Language Training–German as a Foreign Language in Theory and Practice). Herder-Institut der Universität Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany.

## TECHNOLOGICAL PROFICIENCY

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Microsoft Office Suite | Productivity Applications

Qualtrics | Survey Design

Blackboard Learn | Educational Course Development and Deployment

iMovie | Digital Media Creation

Audacity | Audio Recording and Editing

GarageBand | Audio Recording and Editing

SPSS | Statistical Analysis

NVivo | Qualitative Data Analysis

## LANGUAGES

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Southern American English	Distinguished
German	Advanced Mid
French	Novice Mid