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Diane Fletcher Falvey

Sign Language Specialization

Over thirty five years of teaching experience and a lifetime of communicating in ASL.

Professional Skills

Sign Language Consulting, Teaching and Assessment

- Teaching ASL to high school students, staff of community agencies and government departments, and teachers and parents of Deaf children
- Sign Language linguistics, discourse and structure VISTA level 1 – 4
- Classifiers and/or depiction VISTA 1 – 4
- Finger spelling and numbers VISTA 1 – 4
- Non-manual signals and markers VISTA 1 – 4
- Resource person for Toronto ASL instructors
- Sign Language interpreter services
- Immersion courses on ASL
- Presentations on Deaf Culture and history
- Train the trainer: teach trainers of sign language
- Assessment of ASL skills (accreditation)
- Assess skills with the Sign Language Proficiency Interview

Program Planning and Facilitation

- Plan and implement workshops and programs
- Organize all program resources
- Facilitate workshops
- Curriculum development / creative video production

Project Development and Coordination

- Initiate and oversee project implementation
- Report writing
- Budgeting

Business Management

- Marketing and promotion
- Financial management

Research

- Biographical research: Deaf people and the history of sign language

- Video documentary: produce video based on research
- Assessment
- Student's Signing Skills
- Reports/Stat./Registration

Professional Experience

President

Falvey Sign Language Consulting/ASL Education and Communications,
Halifax/Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

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1994 - Present

- Training in American Sign Language and Deaf Culture:* contracts have included the Halifax Regional Police Department, Atlantic Police Academy, Council for the Disabled of P.E.I., Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority, Canada Postal Workers' Union and Teachers of Deaf Children
- Program design and implementation:* develop specialized workshops and programs such as ASL for daycare Workers, the ASL Interpreter Upgrading Program for the Nova Scotia Department of Education and teaching Northwood Nursing Home staff to communicate with Deaf elders
- Curriculum development:* produce teaching materials and methods, DVDs – Intro to ASL, ASL 2 and Deaf Culture
- Tutorials* for immigrants and families
- Report writing*
- Business skills:* contracts and proposals, financial management, marketing and promotion
- On-line ASL teaching and tutorials using Skype*
- Dalhousie University: Theatre Department – develop translate into ASL by student's script*
- Dalhousie University: School of Health Professions – Sign Language course for student nurses, students doctors, pharmacists/students pharmacists & Audiologists/students audiologists
- Assessment on Student's signing skills.
- On site-Contract – presenter / trainer on Deaf Culture and Sign Language courses

**Professor Graduate Masters Education Psy.,
since 1994 - 2018**

Every summer

Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Researcher

Canadian Association of the Deaf Child Care in the Maritimes
Deaf Entrepreneurs in the Maritimes for Deaf Advocacy of Nova Scotia
Maritime Sign Language/B.S.L. and Baby Signs, Gallaudet University,
Washington, D.C. **1999 - 2001**

Project Consultant

Disabled Council Commission, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Development of an Interpreter Service for the hospitals **1999**

CDROM –DVD Consultant/Signers

Department of Education, Halifax, Nova Scotia **1999**

Kisok /Video Consultant – Human Resource Development of Canada

Job market for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Maritime **1999**

Postal Canada – French/English-ASL-Language Signed

Quebec **2000 –**
2001 by ASLEC

Coordinator / ASL Teacher

Atlantic Centre, St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia **1991-**
1994

Toronto Region Sign Language Program, Toronto Ontario **1988-**
1990

- Program Coordination:* Coordinated all levels of the Sign Language Studies Program including managing a budget, supervising teachers, organizing class schedules
- Teaching:* Taught all levels of Sign Language

Workshop Series Organizer

1992-

1993 Coordinating Council on Deafness of Nova Scotia

- Workshop development:* Organized “Bridging the Gap” community workshops to advocate for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people
- Facilitation:* Facilitated workshops sessions

Additional Professional Activities

Business Conference & Deaf Expo, Chicago, U.S.A.	May, 22 – 25, 2013
Canadian Association of the Deaf, Ottawa, Ontario Bridge of Signs Project	April 2 - 4, 2004
Sign Language Instructor in Canada Conference(s)	1985 - 1991
Sign Language Research Conference, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.	1998
Literacy Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia	1996 and 1997

Education

Nova Scotia Community College/Business School, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia Introduction to Marketing MKTG 1005	2010
St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia Industrial/Organization Psychology PSY 327	2003
Ethnography & Social Anthropology ANT 202	2003
Introduction Psychology PSY 200	2002
English Composition EGL 201	2001
York University, Toronto, Ontario ASL Evaluation Training	1999
Kjipuktuk Aboriginal College Computer Training	1998
National Technical Institute of Deaf, Rochester, New York Sign Language Assessment/Interview	1997
George Brown College, Toronto, Ontario, and Los Angeles, CA. Deaf Culture	1988
Linguistic Studies of ASL	1989
VISTA 1 & 2 Curriculum Training	1989
Teaching Adult Learners	1985 - 1989
Gallaudet University, Conference, Washington, DC	1989
Sir James Whitney School/Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville, Ontario GED	1977
Graphic Arts/Commercial Course in Typewriting and Business Machines	1977

Professional Memberships

Vice President, NS Cultural Society of the Deaf, Halifax	2016 - Present
Member	1991 – 2018
President	1990 - 1991
Executive Board-NS Sport Association for the Deaf, Halifax	2011 - 2014
Acting Secretary –NS Sport Association for the Deaf, Halifax	2011 - 2014
Board Director-NS Sport Association for the Deaf, Halifax	2010 - 2011
NS Cultural Society of the Deaf, Maritime Heritage Video, Halifax	1995 – 1997
Board Director of NS, Canadian Association for the Deaf, Halifax	2001 - 2003
Board Director of NS, CAD, 14th World Federation of the Deaf, Canadian Association for the Deaf, Montreal, Quebec, Canada	July 18 – 26, 2003
Board Director- Advocacy for the Deaf, Halifax	1990 – 1999/2010 - Present
Member, Halifax Association of the Deaf, Halifax	1990 - Present
Member, Ontario Association of the Deaf, Toronto	1980 - 1989
Member, Sports Association of the Deaf, Toronto	1996 - 1996
Member, Ontario Cultural Society of the Deaf, Toronto	1988 - 1990

Additional Employment Experiences

Graphic Arts/ Belleville Newspaper Ltd., Belleville, Ont.	1977
Jr. Counselor, Ont. School for the Deaf/SJW, Belleville, Ont.	1976 -1977
Data Entry Operator, Wawa and Toronto, Ontario	1977 - 1987
Adm./Secretary /Clerk, Wawa, Ont. And Halifax, NS	1987 - 1989
Filming/Editing VHS and DVDS, Toronto, Ontario/Halifax, NS	1980 - present
Word Processing, Execl.Design Toronto, Ont./Halifax, NS	1980 - present
Adobe Reader/Power Point, Halifax, NS	2010 - Present

Atlantic Provinces Special Authority, Halifax (APSEA), NS Residence Counselor, Summer Camp for the Deaf	2010
Sign Language and Deaf Culture Teacher, Maritime	
Sign Language and Deaf Culture Teacher: High Schools, APSEA	1990 -
1991	
Sign Language Teacher, APSEA Staff (every Fridays)	1991 - 2004
Trainer of Sign Language/Deaf culture to Deaf Adults Nova Scotia Community College, Dartmouth, N.S.	June 2012

Media Attention

“Northwood opened Canada’s first unit designed specifically for the Deaf. Over 100 staff have taken Sign Language training/also some residents....” Northwood Community Report 2005 p.17	2005
Entrepreneurs with Disability Network (2004) Winter 2004 Newsletter “Diane Falvey, Falvey Sign Language Consulting” p. 1	2004
Atlantic Silent News “My trip to Africa”	2002
Deaf Women in Canada “Falvey (Fletcher), Diane Margaret” p. 85	2002
Man Alive, “Deaf Culture”, Halifax, Nova Scotia	1998
Canadian Hearing Society, “Sign Language classes”, Toronto, Ontario	1989
Man Alive, “Silent”, Toronto, Ontario	1989
Ontario Association of the Deaf “Host AGM and Workshop, Speakers Dr. Shirley Collins, Raymond Decosse, Dr. Harlan Lane, Roger St, Louis, Dr. Don Ruthledge” Vibration and “Deaf Right Rally” Video product by Canadian Hearing Society October	1989
Vibration: Canadian Hearing Society Newsletter, “First Sign Language Program Coordinator”	1989

Centenary Hospital, Scarborough, Ontario
"A sign of the times"

April 1989

Atlantic Silent News
"Diane Falvey: Businesswoman and Mother"
By Sandra Howe, March 1998 Vol 11 #1

1998

Award for the best producer on video, Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf
"Deaf artists and Deaf Maritime Heritage", Nova Cultural Society of the Deaf
project 1997

1997

Community Activities:

Research Project: Maritime Sign Language

1999

Workshop Coordinator: Canadian Deaf Festival, Halifax, NS **1996**

Video Project: Cultural Society of the Deaf Nova Scotia, produced 70 min.
documentary

1995 – 1997

Overseas Experience

Ethiopia National Association for the Deaf, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Africa
Presentation/Meetings

May to June 2002

Education for the Deaf Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Africa

May 2002

References

Available upon request