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Please briefly describe your research:

My research interests include assessing English Language Learners (ELLs) in a way that would best promote their optimal learning experience as well as to support classroom teachers to be prepared to assess ELLs adequately when implementing new educational reform policies. I would like to investigate how teachers' preparedness is linked to assessing diverse ELLs in the classroom according to the new policy, Every Student Succeeds Acts requirements, which will be implemented starting Fall 2018.

Why did you choose Purdue?

Before Purdue, I always studied in schools in the U.S. cities. Knowing that I will need to stay longer for my doctoral degree, I wanted to make sure that I could feel safe and peaceful. Thus, I chose Purdue for its program, faculty and peaceful environment.

What is your favorite fact about Purdue?

I appreciate serenity at Purdue. Also, I can have city getaways to Chicago over the weekends or short breaks when I am missing city life from time to time. When I go to Chicago, I am thankful for the Korean mart, Korean food, and the authentic Chicago Pizza. Plus, I like to visit Navy Pier, which is my favorite place to visit in Chicago.

Name one to three words that best describes your work?

Assessment, ELL, ESSA.

Where do you spend most of your time on campus?

I usually stay late at one of the libraries: Hicks, WALC, or Parrish. I also love to stop-by and even study at St. Toms.

If you have free time, how do you spend it?

I love cooking, reading books and watching movies.

Current mobile device/computer:

MacBook Air; iPhone.

What apps, software, or tools can't you live without?

Google Maps.

What's your workspace setup like?

I enjoy working in the office or library with a desktop or dual monitors. I also greatly enjoy working at Greyhouse (local coffee shop) with my laptop and a cup of tea or latte.

What's your favorite to-do list manager?

I love writing to-do list, weekly as well as daily. Most of the times, I use pencil and paper. I feel great as I get to cross out items one by one from the list. When I don't have them, I use Notes on my iPhone.

Besides your phone and computer, what gadget can't you live without and why?
High Pressure Rice cooker.

What everyday thing are you better at than everyone else? Why is this?.

My nose and tongue are quite sensitive. I can often tell what are the ingredients of anything I taste.

How do you recharge physically and/or mentally?

I try to go to the gym as often as I can as I enjoy taking Group X classes. I also talk over the phone from time to time with my family and friends far away.

What is (are) your career goal(s)?

I would love to continue researching how to provide the optimal learning environment for ELLs. In particular, I wish to continue conducting helpful studies that could support current and future teachers regarding strategies on providing effective instruction and assessment for ELLs during transitions of educational reform policy requirements.

Is there anything else you'd like to add that might be interesting to readers?

As it was in my case, you might also meet wonderful friends outside your department even on your first day at Purdue during the graduate student orientation. Despite my years of attending other U.S. higher education institutions, I became friends with students from Ethiopia, India and Thailand for the first time at Purdue. In addition, Purdue Graduate School Government known as PGSG offers great events, workshops and opportunities to develop friendship and professionalism with other international and domestic students. I recommend checking out and participating in the PGSG events and you never know where it will lead you. With friends I met through PGSG events, I even flew from Purdue airport to Indianapolis in 30 minutes as one of our friends had a pilot's license.



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