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Lukas is a doctoral candidate at Teachers College, Columbia University in the Adult Learning and Leadership department. He has finished his coursework and is currently working on his dissertation and is looking at when English language learners reach a plateau stage in their language acquisition. He works full time as the Assistant Director of the English Language Institute at Westchester Community College and also teaches on an adjunct basis.

He graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a BA in Linguistics and Japanese Language. After graduating, he lived in Sapporo, Japan teaching English and continuing his studies in Japanese.

After returning to the United States, he enrolled in a master's program for TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). While in the masters program, he studied for one semester at the University of Freiburg in Germany. He also travelled to Vladimir, Russia and taught English at a small school for a little under one year. Upon his return to the US, he finished his master's degree in 1997.

After getting his master's, Lukas has worked in marketing services for six years while teaching ESL on a part-time basis. In 2003, he became full time at Westchester Community College where he still works.