Risa Ueda Ginther

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August, 2025 - Present

Lecturer at Department of World Languages and Literatures at Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.
Japanese 1410, Beginning Japanese I, Hybrid classes for beginners learners.
Textbook : Genki- I
Responsibilities include developing class curriculum and lesson plans, which also include updating information content on CANVAS.

January, 2024- Present

Instructor at Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at St. Edward's University, Austin, TX.
Japanese 1311, 1312, 2311, and 2312 - In-person class for beginners and intermediate learners.
Textbook: Genki-I
Responsibilities include developing class curriculum and lesson plans, conducting performance evaluations both written and oral interviews. Managing classroom including organizing Canvas course site implementing additional tools such as Panopto Recordings, and grading rubrics. Meeting students one to one advising and weekly office hours. Organized cultural events and launched Japanese Book club. Currently serving as Japan Club sponsor.

August, 2024 - December 2024

Instructor at Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at the University of South Carolina, Columbia.
Japanese 121 Writing Section Online class for beginners
Textbook: Genki-I
Utilizing Zoom, Blackboard, online learning management system.
Responsibilities include developing class curriculum and lesson plans, conducting performance evaluations for written. Managing classroom including organizing the Blackboard course site.

September, 2021-December, 2021

Summer Session, 2022, 2023, 2024 2025

Lecturer, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, at the University of Boston Massachusetts
Japanese 101& 102 - Online class for beginners
Textbook: Genki-I
Utilizing Zoom, Blackboard, online learning management system.
Responsibilities include developing class curriculum and lesson plans, conducting performance evaluations both written and oral interviews, and managing classroom including organizing the Blackboard class page implementing additional tools such as Voice Thread and grading rubrics, appointment system, and resources such as videos that cover learned content. Meeting students one to one advising, and pre-test review sessions outside of class hours.

August, 2023- December, 2023

Instructor at Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at the University of South Carolina, Columbia.
Japanese 121 & 221 - Online class for beginners and intermediate
Textbook: Genki-I
Utilizing Zoom, Blackboard, online learning management system.
Responsibilities include developing class curriculum and lesson

plans, conducting performance evaluations both written and oral interviews. Managing classroom including organizing the Blackboard class page implementing additional tools such as Voice Thread and grading rubrics, appointment system, and online resources for the learned materials Meeting students one to one advising, and pre-test review sessions outside of class hours.

October, 2017- April, 2020 (classes suspended due to the pandemic)

Instructor at UT Informal Japanese
Beginners
Textbook: Japanese For Busy People (Kodansha Intl.)

March, 2018-July, 2018

Instructor for Pre-Advance Japanese class at JASGA (Japan America Society Greater Austin)
Textbook: Japanese for Busy People II

March, 2015 - June, 2015

Instructor at Retro Games Inc. Austin, TX.
Teaching beginner's level of Japanese language.
Textbook: Japanese For Busy People (Kodansha Intl.)

January, 2010 - May, 2013

Instructor for Japanese Club at Rutledge Elementary School, Leander ISD Self-Prepared Materials

January, 2008 - Present

Private Tutoring Instructor, Beginners and Intermediate students
Textbook: Marugoto (Japan Foundation), Quartet (The Japan Times), Genki I, II (The Japan Times), The Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese (The Japan Times), Japanese for Busy People (The Japan Times), Japanese Language Proficiency N5, and N1 Preparation

April-May, 2007

Instructor at Insomniac Games Inc. Burbank, CA.
Teaching beginner's level of Japanese language.
Textbook: Japanese For Busy People (Kodansha Intl.)

March –June, 2003

Instructor at College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL.
Teaching beginner's level of Japanese language.
Textbook: Japanese For Busy People (Kodansha Intl.)

March, 2002 –March, 2003

Instructor at North Central College, Naperville, IL.
Teaching beginners' level of Japanese language.
Textbook: Nakama (Houghton Mifflin College Div)

August, 1992-May, 2001

Graduate Teaching Assistant at East Asian Languages and Cultures at The University of Kansas
Textbook: Learn Japanese (Hawaii University Press), Nakama (Houghton Mifflin College Div)
Responsibilities include managing classes including class content planning including in and outside class activities, creating and executing written and listening tests, and oral interviews, assigning, reviewing homework, and end of term class assignments, student advising, and coordinating class contents and class managing with other faculty member on the team.

- Four years of Intermediate level language class
- Four years of teaching beginner level language class
- Administrating Oral Proficiency Interview to all levels

- Assistant of Business Japanese
- Assistant of Advanced level reading class.

Summer 1996	Assistant Language Instructor, The University of Kansas Summer Program at Kanagawa University in Hiratsuka, Japan. Textbook: An Introduction to Modern Japanese (The Japan Times)
Fall1991-Spring 2001	Guest lecturer on Cultural Awareness at The Applied English Center for The Annual Kanagawa University Exchange Program.

CONFERENCE & OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCES

October 2025	Scheduled presenter at Annual Conference of TFLA (Texas Foreign Language Association).
October 2024	Guest Speaker at Anime and Religion Class at St. Edward's University
March 2024	Guest Speaker at Religion and Language Event at St. Edward's University
June 2023	Certification, Training Course: Teaching and Learning Online Course University of Massachusetts
August 2023	Certification, Course: Strategies for Learner Engagement University of Massachusetts
March 1999	Presenter at the University of Kansas Ermal Garinger Academic Resource Center Brown Bag Lunch Series on Motivating Conversation: Techniques for dialog and self-correction.
October 1998	Presenter at Kansas Foreign Language Association Annual Meeting on Using Periodicals in the Foreign Language Class in cooperating Foreign Language National Standards

EDUCATION

2006	The University of Kansas (ABD) Doctoral program in The School of Education, Department of Teaching and Leadership specialized in Japanese teaching.
1997	The University of Kansas M.A.- Education- Emphasis on Japanese Language Teaching
1994	The University of Kansas M.A.- Cultural Anthropology- Emphasis on Measurement of Cultural Adjustment
1987	Tamagawa University, Tokyo, Japan B.A.- English and American Literature-Emphasis on Comparison between Japanese and American Cultures

LEADERSHIP ROLES, COMMUNITY SERVICES/RECOGNITIONS

Recipient of Extended Service Award and Honorary Life Membership Award of Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers Association

August, 2025 -	Board Member, Japan America Society of Greater Austin
January, 2025- Present	President, Japanese Teachers Association of Texas
Jan, 2021- Present	Education Committee Member, Alpha Seventh-day Adventist Church
July 2018 - July, 2025	Texas PTA Programs and Resources Committee Member, Arts in Education Liaison Session presenter at the Annual Conference, Manage programs which enhancing opportunities for students in Arts
July, 2018 - July 2023	Texas PTA Board of Director, Director at Large Programs and Resources Committee Member, Arts in Education Liaison
September, 2018 - Dec, 2021	Member of Texas Cultural Trust Arts Education Task Force Contribution toward shaping the work on Art Accessibility Research Collaboration project with Texas PTA on Impact of Arts on Students Session Presenter at the Annual Conference, Create a Program
August 2008- May, 2018	Leander ISD Mentor program Program Chair for National PTA Arts in Education Program, Reflections Program at Rutledge Elementary School, Stiles Middle School, and Leander High School PTA President at Leander High School Leadership Program Chair Leander ISD Council PTAs Reflections (Art in Education) Chair Leander ISD Council of PTAs International Fair Chair at Rutledge Elementary School Knitting Club Organizer at Rutledge Elementary School