

# KATHERINE WALTER

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Aspiring secondary education teacher with a Master of Arts in anthropology, and 18 years of experience educating the public and public officials on government welfare programs. A love for learning with an extensive educational background in social sciences; emphasis on gender studies, queer studies, and cultural studies. Motivating teacher with experience instructing in a classroom setting with a class size of over 100 students.

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## Education

- National Louis University Wheeling, Illinois  
05/2025 (expected)  
**Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education**
- Concentration in Social Science
  - Community Heroes Scholarship recipient, 2023-2024
- Northern Illinois University DeKalb, Illinois  
12/2000  
**Master of Arts, Anthropology**
- Concentration in Southeast Asian Studies
  - Thesis Title, “The Gender Behaviors of Filipino Male Homosexuals Within the Era of Cultural Globalization”, Director, Dr. Susan Russell
  - Presentation, “Queer Theory in Anthropology”, Northern Illinois University, Anthropology Department, 2000
  - Presentation, “Gender Expression of Male Homosexuals in the Philippines”, Northern Illinois University, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 2000
  - Field research in Metro Manila, Philippines and visiting student at the University of the Philippines Diliman, 1999
  - Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Dr. Judy Ledgerwood, 1999
  - Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Anthropology, Dr. Susan Montague, 1998
  - Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship recipient, 1999-2000
  - Relevant coursework: Seminar: Cultural Anthropology, History & Theory of Anthropology, Ethical Research Design in Anthropology, Anthropology of Gender, and Southeast Asia & International Politics
- Northern Illinois University DeKalb, Illinois  
05/1997  
**Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology**
- Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities recipient, 1996
  - Co-president, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Coalition student organization (currently called Prism), 1995-1996
  - Illinois Veteran Grant recipient, 1995-1997
  - Relevant coursework: Culture & Personality, Introduction to Social Psychology, Sociology of Religion, Anthropology of Language, Anthropology of Religion, Sex and Gender in Society, Economic Anthropology, and Urban Anthropology
- Rock Valley College Rockford, Illinois  
12/1994  
**Associate of Arts**
- Illinois Veteran Grant recipient, 1993-1994
  - Relevant coursework: Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, and Current History 1945 to Present

## Licenses & Certificates

- Illinois Licensure Testing System, 249 Social Science: Sociology and Anthropology
- Illinois Licensure Testing System, 245 Social Science: Geography
- Illinois Substitute Teaching License

## Experience

School District U-46

Elgin, Illinois

**Substitute Teacher**

**12/2022 – present**

- Covered for teachers while they were absent, following the plans they provided in advance
- Schools: Elgin High School, Larkin High School, South Elgin High School, and Streamwood High School

United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services

Chicago, Illinois

**Senior Program Specialist**

**05/2005 – 02/2019**

- Reviewed the quality control findings of State employees in Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and provided written feedback to the States and written reports to policy makers in Washington, D.C.
- Provided training and education for State employees in a classroom setting about changes in federal regulations related to SNAP
- Reviewed the effectiveness of the State/county run local offices administering SNAP. This included designing the research, conducting the research, presenting findings to the supervisors, and writing the report of the research for the State and policy makers in Washington, D.C.
- Reviewed the process of State quality control procedures. This included conducting the research, presenting findings to the supervisors, and writing the report of the research for the State and policy makers in Washington, D.C. Part of the first national team to conduct the research. The report become the standard for writing reports of the findings on a national level
- Part of the team to design a national quality control training program for Federal employees

Illinois Department of Human Services

Rockford & Oregon, Illinois

**Human Services Caseworker**

**07/2001 – 05/2005**

- Managed between 500-600 cases within Medicaid, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, and SNAP programs
- Interviewed potential recipients to determine eligibility and monitoring any changes in eligibility

## Technical Skills

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Publisher
- Microsoft Office
- Corel PaintShop Pro