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A UMBC TESOL Alumnus's Journey to Becoming a Professor

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Are you interested in research and continuing your education beyond the MA TESOL degree? If so, join us for a special conversation with Dr. George Bunch, a UMBC MA TESOL alumnus, as he shares his journey to becoming a professor in the education department at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

George Bunch is Professor of Education at the University of California Santa Cruz. His research focuses on language and literacy challenges and opportunities for students learning English as an additional language in US K-12 schools and higher education, and on policies and practices designed to serve such students. His work has been funded by the Spencer Foundation, the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Institute of Educational Sciences (IES), the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE) Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), and others. In 2017, he received a Midcareer Award from the American Educational Research Association's Second Language Research Special Interest Group, and he was awarded a Spencer Midcareer Grant for 2017-2018. He received a National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship in 2010-2011. Prior to his research and teacher education career, he taught high school ESL, social studies, and Spanish in Maryland and Washington, DC, and he lived and did volunteer work in Nicaragua.