



**Adam Frost** was born deaf in 1982 to a Deaf family in Utah, and grew up in the northern Los Angeles area. From an early age, Adam felt the need for a written form for his language, American Sign Language (ASL). Before 2003, Adam knew nothing of SignWriting, which was developed by Valerie Sutton in Denmark in 1974. Ironically, Valerie taught SignWriting at Los Angeles Pierce College in 1982, the year Adam was born. Adam would later attend LA Pierce College and receive his Associate's Degree.

In 2003, while on the internet, Adam happened to come across SignWriting. He was instantly attracted to it. He joined the SignWriting List and asked questions on how to write signs, and wrote a school paper interviewing people about SignWriting at LA Pierce College. Adam became a skilled signwriter, and soon was answering other List member's questions. In 2004, Adam began working with Valerie Sutton as a member of the Deaf Action Committee for SignWriting (the DAC), dedicating long hours of work to a series of SignWriting projects.

Some of the projects that Adam has worked on were writing ASL definitions for a dictionary; testing and trying out new features in SignPuddle as it came out; giving various lectures and presentations about SignWriting at places like Gallaudet University, California State University Northridge, Clearwater, Michigan, and even Lisbon, Portugal; creating the SVG format for all of the SignWriting symbols in the ISWA 2010; co-author the SignWriting Hand Symbols Manual and ASL Manual with his SVG and photos of his hands to correspond with the symbols; creating and editing various Lessons in SignWriting with Lucinda O'Grady-Farnady, creating and editing various articles used in the ASL Wikipedia both in the Wikimedia Labs and the Incubator; and the translation of the localization to be used for the ASL Wikipedia.

Adam has received his Associate's Degree in ASL/Interpreting from LA Pierce College in 2006, his Bachelor's Degree in Deaf Studies with a focus on American Sign Language Literature from California State University Northridge in 2010, and his Master's Degree in Linguistics from Gallaudet University. He is currently teaching ASL classes at San Diego Mesa College and University of California San Diego as well as a linguistics in ASL class at SD Mesa College. In his classes, Adam has exposed his students to SignWriting as well as giving them practice in writing with SignWriting.

Because Adam would use SignWriting in his classes quite often without a computer by writing on the board to show his students how to write various things, he became very interested in ways to write by hand. After a couple of years, Adam became very skilled at the various ways of writing SignWriting by hand that he was able to develop some very simplified ways of writing on top of the current ways that he discovered. He looks forward to sharing what he has found.