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WORK EXPERIENCE

Art Educator, k-5, Boulder Valley School District

Boulder, CO 08/2019-present

- * Studio based learning where students have choice and agency in the art classroom
- * Deliver synchronous and asynchronous learning based on Colorado State Standards
- * Provide hybrid and blended instruction during the pandemic
- * Collaborate with Specials team to provide whole grade integrated art, movement and music learning experiences
- * Collaborate with Counseling department to deliver SEL units
- * Collaborate with Classroom teachers to integrate grade level content
- * Create positive classroom learning environments
- * Ensure that a climate of fairness and respect is promoted
- * Organize yearly art shows, participate in District art shows
- * Offer students opportunities to participate in art shows and projects outside of traditional shows including the Memory Project and The Color Wheel Project
- * Participated in the No Place for Hate Poster contest with 3 students finalists

Substitute Teacher, Boulder Valley School District

Boulder, CO 08/2017-present

- * Take instructions from school office and lead teacher about handling classroom instruction
- * Implement the lesson plan left lead teacher
- * Ensure that classroom instruction is handled according to the school's policies, goals and objectives
- * Manage student behavior and classroom order
- * Create positive classroom learning environments
- * Ensure that a climate of fairness and respect is promoted

Visual Arts Educator, Ceramics, Broomfield High School

Broomfield, CO 01/2018-5/2018

- * Limited-term contract
- * Taught 5 levels of pottery/sculpture.
- * Prepared lesson plans based on Colorado Visual Arts Standards.
- * Designed lesson plans for high level of student autonomy in idea and project development
- * Worked with Infinite Campus software for grading and attendance
- * Worked with Google Drive
- * Displayed student work in hallways, school art show and district art show
- * Established a practice of collaboration in the classroom
- * Supervised student assistants
- * Fired kilns
- * Taught mixed level classes
- * Administered standardized testing

Adjunct Faculty, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design

Lakewood, CO 08/2016-12/2016

- * Taught Psychology of Creativity and Classroom Management
- * Prepared course content and syllabus
- * Maintained Learning Management System with course content, student communication and grading
- * Presented class content in engaging and relevant manner
- * Planed and facilitate field trips to provide course content experiences
- * Invited, plan and host guest lecturers
- * Communicated with field experience teachers as needed
- * Assisted in placement of students with field experience teachers
- * Assessed student work, formative and summative
- * Provided constructive feedback to further student growth

Elementary and High School Student Teacher Supervisor, University of Northern Colorado,

Greely, CO 09/2009-12/2009

- * Supervised and evaluated art student teachers for University of Northern Colorado
- * undergraduate teacher education program.
- * Conducted site visits to evaluate student teachers in the classroom setting.
- * Completed written evaluations of students based on University of Northern Colorado criteria.
- * Held one-on-one coaching and mentoring sessions with student teachers.
- * Coordinated and communicated between University of Northern Colorado professors, local school officials and teachers, and art student teachers.

Visual Arts Educator, Gateway High School

Aurora, CO 08/2005-10/2006

- * Taught ceramics, painting, sculpture and jewelry.
- * Prepared lesson plans based on Colorado Visual Arts Standards.
- * Worked in collaborative setting developing curriculum and content.
- * Assisted students with submission and participated in the Scholastic Art Awards.
- * Initiated video project documenting basic jewelry making skills to assist students needing review.
- * Prepared PowerPoint presentations to show dynamic representation of images and techniques to inspire students.
- * Designed lesson plans with a high level of student autonomy in idea and project development.
- * Worked with Infinite Campus software for grading and attendance.

Elementary Student Teacher Supervisor/Coordinator/Graduate Assistant, University of New

Mexico Albuquerque, NM 8/2003-5/2005

- * Observed, coached, and evaluated student teachers
- * Mentored elementary art student teachers on teaching techniques and developing lesson plans based on state standards.
- * Served as liaison between public schools, University of New Mexico faculty and student teachers.
- * Collaborated to develop an adaptive approach to student teaching at the elementary level based on the scarcity of elementary art teachers in the area.

- * Ordered, managed and organized supplemental art supplies for student teacher use.
- * Held educational meetings for student teachers covering lesson plans, professional etiquette, organizational and classroom management skills.
- * Created schedules for student teachers in collaboration with the schools.

Instructional Specialist, Senior, University of Arizona, ArtWorks

Tucson, AZ 4/2002-8/2003

- * Instructed adults with developmental disabilities in art activities.
- * Developed and established a new ceramics program.
- * Acquired equipment and building upgrades necessary for the ceramics program.
- * Created ceramics curriculum based on populations served.
- Coordinated annual art exhibit.
- * Supervised volunteers and/or student interns assigned to the studio.

Visual Arts Educator: Mt. Ararat High School

Topsham, ME 9/1999-6/2001 & 9/1996-6/1997

- * Taught foundations in visual art, painting, sculpture and studio art.
- * Prepared student artwork for exhibitions in the school as well as in galleries.
- * Developed and implemented lesson plans based on Maine State Standards.
- * Served on the Waiver Committee reviewing cases of student absenteeism and negotiating solutions.

Visual Arts Educator: Drobo Secondary School and Our Lady of Providence Secondary School,

Peace Corps, Ghana, West Africa 6/1997-8/1999

- * Taught three levels of art based on country standards and curriculum designed to prepare students for the West African Senior School Certificate Exam.
- Exhibited student artwork at the Ghanaian National Museum.
- * Initiated, wrote and supervised the implementation of a \$6,400 Small Project Assistance Grant to complete and furnish a two-classroom building.

* Assisted female student in applying for and attending a Women in Development Conference in the capital.

EDUCATION

M.A. in Art Education: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM May 2005

B.F.A. in Art Education: University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME May 1996

Post Graduate Credits: Adams State College, Alamosa, CO 2006-2013

Post Graduate Credits: University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO 2012-present

ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONORS

Boulder Valley School District Superintendent's Honor Roll, 12/2019

Mac Arthur Distinguished Service within the Profession, Colorado Art Education Association, 11/2019

Outstanding Achievement Award: The College of Education, University of New Mexico, 5/2005

Certificate of Appreciation: The College of Education, University of New Mexico, 2004 and 2005

Conference Presenter: Fostering Creativity in the Classroom, National Art Association Conference,

2005

Colloquium Presenter: College of Education, What is Creativity and Why is it Important Across

Disciplines in Education?, University of New Mexico, 2004

3rd Prize Art of Soul: Student Art Contest, University of Southern Maine, 2004

Mabel Davis Scholarship, University of Southern Maine, 1995

University of Southern Maine Alumni Scholarship, University of Southern Maine, 1995

Art Education Student of the Year, University of Southern Maine, 1995

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

ArtSource Colorado: Professional and Leadership Development for Art Educators, 2006-Present

- * Chair- Board of Directors, 7/2016-Present
- * Board of Directors, 2015-present

- * Advisory Board Member, 2011-Present
- * Co-Chair of Content & Organization committee, 2011-2015
- * Plans and organizes content and arranges guest presenters for week long institute
- * Prepares contracts for presenters
- * Facilitates week long institute

Colorado Art Education Association, 2005-2007 and 2016-present

National Art Education Association, 1996-2007 & 2017-Present

Vice President of NAEA Graduate Student Group, 2004-2005

Recent Exhibitions

Close Distance, Juried Art Show, Next Gallery, January 2021

Boulder Valley School District Faculty Digital Art Show, 5/2020

Beyond Tradition, Juried Art Show, Next Gallery, January 2020

Me and Us, Colorado Art Education Association Traveling Art Exhibition, 2019-2020

Artcapades, Colorado Art Education Association Traveling Art Exhibition, 2018-2019

Magnificent Small Works, Colorado Art Education Association Traveling Art Exhibition, 2017-

2018

Boulder Valley School District: The Art of Student and Teachers, Dairy Arts Center, April -May 2018