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Education:

Widener University; Chester, PA
Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership: August 2010

West Chester University; West Chester, PA
Master's Degree in Elementary Education: August 1996
30 Credits of Social Studies

Widener University; Chester PA
Bachelor of Science in Management: minor in Accounting
Graduation: May 1989

Credentials:

Pennsylvania Department of Education
Middle School and Secondary English
Supervisory Certificate in Instruction and Curriculum
Administrative I, Principal (pending)
Instructional II, Elementary Education, Pennsylvania

Creator and Co-Author, The Band that Saved the Book,
Connectwithmusic.org

A series of web-based lesson plans for a language arts/music project where students, inspired by a book, form a band to write and perform songs (lyrics and music) using GarageBand or other software technology.

Creator and Instructor, a plop and a plunk... - Summer 2007, Fall 2007, Winter 2008, and Summer 2008 in Estonia (for ESL teachers)

A writer's camp designed for young adults and teachers to nurture their talents in the art of writing in a stimulating and relaxed environment by exploring varied means of expression and experimenting with technique, form and voice.

Contributing Writer, Paradigm Magazine, 2012-present
Published various essays on education for a reoccurring column called "Hey Teach!!!" and an essay in Paradigm Volume I - Genesis.

Author, Generally Speaking, Of Course; May 2007
Published essay on teaching in Estonia on a Fulbright,
Teachers College (TC) Record, Teachers College, Columbia University.

Author, *The Gift of the Realm*, 2004
 Published young adult/middle grade novel
 ISBN #0741420546, Infinity Publishing

Fellow, Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project - Summer 2000
 Intensive workshop regarding reading and teaching of literature; multicultural, YA, and children's literature; PSSA assessment; analyze issues of theory and practice.

Honors:

Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program
 Who's Who Among America's Teachers

Professional Experience:

Haverford Township School District; Havertown, PA: 1994 – Present:
 Sixth Grade Teacher in Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies - 5 years
 Seventh Grade Language Arts Teacher - 15 years
 Seminar and 8th Grade English Teacher – Currently

Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, U.S. Department of State
 Direct teacher exchange for the 2005-2006 school year in Tartu, Estonia
 School: Nõo Reaalgümnaasium

U.S. Embassy, Tallinn, Estonia
 Presenter of workshops entitled “Creativity in the Classroom: the White Elephant in the Room”, 2011; and “The Power and the Passion” for EATE in Pärnu and Tolerance Camp in Hiiekivi, 2014.

Estonian Association of Teachers of English: Summer Seminar; Pärnu, Estonia
 Presenter of workshops entitled “It's Alive! Using the Arts to Enliven English Instruction” – 2005, “The Band that Saved the Book” – 2011, “The Power and the Passion” and “Non-fiction and the Literature Classroom” – 2014.

Paide Ühisgümnaasium Language Center; Paide, Estonia
 Presenter of workshop entitled “Vocabulary Enrichment: Not Just Memorization” - October 10, 2005.

Estonian Association of Teachers of English: 14th Annual Conference; Tartu Kivilinna Gymnasium, Tartu, Estonia
 Presenter of workshop entitled “Create and Inspire! Use Your Classroom as a Place of Learning not Schooling” – November, 5 2005.

University of Tartu and educationUSA (a U.S. State Department Program); Tartu, Estonia

Presenter of workshop entitled “Secrets of University Admission Essays: Strategies, Practical Advice and Samples” – November 24, 2005

Tartu University Narva College: New Approaches to Teaching English in a Multicultural World; Narva, Estonia

Presenter of seminar entitled “AboveandBeyond, or How an eZine Profoundly Changed My Teaching Forever” – March 31-April 2, 2006

Eesti Lastekirjanduse Keskus (The Estonian Children's Literature Centre): Tallinn, Estonia

Presenter of seminar entitled “How to Sell the Love of Reading” – August 15, 2008.

Fulbright Teacher Exchange Orientation, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

Alumni Teacher Resource – August 2006 and 2007

Connectwithmusic.org, The Band that Saved the Book, Havertown, PA, Fall 2007

Presenter of five-day workshop for a language arts/music project where students, inspired by a book, form a band to write and perform songs (lyrics and music) using GarageBand or other software technology.

Haverford Township School District: Teacher Mentor 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005

The Delaware County Reading Council and The Delaware County Intermediate Unit: The Content Areas and Literacy: A Needed Alliance

Presenter of workshop entitled “The E-zine presented by AboveandBeyond.com: An Online Student Magazine” during a conference for middle and high school teachers and administrators – November, 2003.

Haverford Township School District: Technology Showcase

Presenter of E-zine Internet magazines and iMovie video poetry during inaugural technology fair – May, 2002.

The Delaware County Intermediate Unit #25, English/Language Arts Professional Development Program, Grades 6-12: Literacy

Presenter of workshop entitled Using Picture Books to Build Prior Knowledge during a conference for middle and high school teachers and administrators – November, 2001.

The Kosciusko Foundation, New York, NY
Teaching in Poland Summer Program - 1999, Tczew, Poland
Taught English to Polish students, aged 15-18 years, while involved in cultural exchange in northern Poland.

Haverford Middle School: Teacher In-Service Workshops
Led numerous workshops in diverse Language Arts methods; including Literature Circles, Video Poetry, E-zines, Creativity in the Classroom, Using the Arts to foster Instruction, The Book that Saved the Band (Forming a band to write songs and music using poetry and GarageBand).

Current Professional Committee Work:

Language Arts Curriculum Team
K-12 Writing Task Force
All District Technology Committee
Middle School Committee

Professional Affiliations:

National Education Association
Haverford Township Education Association
National Council of Teachers of English
The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators