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## PROFILE

**Asst. Professor of Sustainability & Educational Studies | Director of Study Abroad**

**PhD in Sustainability Education | Expert in Culturally Responsive Leadership**

**Passionate about Compassion, Climate Communication, & Critical Hope**

Dynamic educator, researcher, and consultant with over a decade of experience in higher education and sustainability education. Specializing in systems-thinking, culturally responsive leadership, and equity-focused organizational development. Expertise in leadership coaching, experiential teaching and learning, program development, and comparative and international education. Committed to fostering kindness, relationship-building, and strategic-thinking to drive sustainable change.

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## EDUCATION

**PhD, Sustainability Education** – Prescott College, AZ (*December 2024*)

- *Dissertation: Integrating Culturally Responsive Leadership in Higher Education*
- *Focus: Sustainability Education, Climate Communication, Theories of Change*

**MEd, International Higher Education** – Loyola University Chicago, IL (*July 2018*)

- *Focus: Globalization & Education, Comparative Education, Multiculturalism for Social Justice*

**BA, Environmental Studies: Natural History & Environmental Education** – Principia College, IL (*June 2005*)

- *Capstone: Outdoor & Environmental Education Curriculum Design*

## **Study Abroad:**

- *Vietnam – Higher Education Systems, Equity & Policy Analysis (2017)*
  - *Himalayan Kingdoms – Cultural & Environmental Studies (2003)*
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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Assistant Professor – Sustainability & Educational Studies**

*Principia College, IL (2018–Present)*

- Develop and teach interdisciplinary courses integrating sustainability, leadership, and education.
- Innovate curriculum using experiential and culturally responsive pedagogy.
- Collaborate on program development and strategic initiatives.

### **Director, Study Abroad**

*Principia College, IL (2018–Present)*

- Oversee global learning initiatives, curriculum integration, and risk management.
- Lead faculty mentorship and program development for international education.

### **Program Manager – Study Abroad Office**

*Principia College, IL (2010-2018)*

- Managed a portfolio of international programs, balancing logistics, curriculum development, and student engagement.

### **Director**

*100 Elk Outdoor Center, CO (2007-2009)*

- Curriculum design and program development and management for outdoor and environmental education; staff hiring, training, and supervision; strategy and external communications and marketing.

### **Additional Roles:**

- *Study Abroad Faculty – Led experiential learning Outdoor Leadership academic program in St. Lucia (2022). Principia College, IL.*

- *Assistant Director, Trainer, and Lead Challenge Course Supervisor (2006-2007). Adventure Unlimited, CO.*
  - *Outdoor Educator. Curriculum development and facilitation. (2005-2006). 100 Elk Outdoor Center, CO.*
  - *Mountaineering Program Head. Staff and student management, program development, facilitation, risk assessment, training. (2005). Round-Up Ranch, CO.*
  - *Challenge Course Lead Facilitator & Environmental Educator. Lesson plan development and facilitation, risk assessment, group management. (2001-2004). Leelanau Outdoor Center, MI.*
  - *Backpacking/Outdoor Trips Program Manager. Back-country trip planning and facilitation, risk assessment, group management, logistics and budget planning. (2001-2004) Camps Leelanau & Kohahna, MI.*
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Culturally Responsive Leadership in Higher Education
  - Sustainability Education
  - Outdoor & Environmental Education
  - Climate Change Education, Communication, & Advocacy
  - Comparative & International Education
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## CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **Certified Reviewer**, Quality Improvement Program (QUIP) – *The Forum on Education Abroad*
  - **Member**, National Society of Experiential Education (NSEE)
  - **Certified Education Abroad Professional**, The Forum on Education Abroad
  - **Wilderness First Aid & Challenge Course Certifications**
  - **NAFSA & CIES Memberships**
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## SKILLS

- ✓ **Curriculum Design & Experiential Learning**
- ✓ **Culturally Responsive Leadership Development**
- ✓ **Program Development & Strategic Planning**
- ✓ **Risk Management & Crisis Response**
- ✓ **Effective Communication & Advocacy**