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EDUCATION

Masters in **Educational Technology** -- Pending Graduation – August 2012
Michigan State University – East Lansing, Michigan

Licensure for Secondary Education-English—June 2009
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh—Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Major: **Secondary Education (EA-A) English**

Bachelor of Arts in History—Graduated August of 2005
University of Wisconsin-Madison—Madison, Wisconsin
Major: **History**

LICENSURE

Wisconsin Licensure:

Early Adolescence through Adolescence: Secondary Education and English (72-300, 73-300)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

***English Teacher* – New Berlin West High School – New Berlin, Wisconsin – Current**

- Provided instruction for 100+ high school students.
- Created various lessons and units.
- Connect curriculum to student's lives.
- Integrate technology into the curriculum and classroom.
- Utilize content management system in classes, completed professional development on the design and use of Moodle.
- Collaborate with colleagues regarding curriculum, assessment, and technology

RELATED EXPERIENCE

***Literacy Leader* – School District of New Berlin – New Berlin, Wisconsin – 11/12**

- Assist in facilitation of district wide professional development for the implementation of the Common Core MAPS curriculum.
- Design and maintain the district wide literacy curriculum wiki to foster collaboration cross-district and curriculum.
- Present findings and progressions at school board meetings.

***eTeam Member* – School District of New Berlin – New Berlin, Wisconsin – 11/12**

- Review district technology expectations
- Address concerns and suggestions from district staff
- Propose ideas and comment on current technology use

***USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern* – Wisconsin State Golf Association – Milwaukee, Wisconsin – Summer 2011**

- Oversaw online registration for two women's organizations 2011 tournament series
- Responsible for tournament registration and logistics using Blue Golf online tournament design program
- Responsible for online and live scoring for multiple tournaments

Student Technology Academy Teacher – School District of New Berlin – New Berlin, Wisconsin – Summer 2010

- Designed curriculum for Web 2.0 tools summer course
- Instructed and guided 15 students with the use of various programs

Intel Essentials – School District of New Berlin – New Berlin, Wisconsin – 09/10

- Developed a paperless non-fiction research unit where students wrote a research proposal using various technologies.
- Collaborated with colleagues from around the state regarding best practice for technology integration.

1:1 Initiative Pilot Teacher – School District of New Berlin – New Berlin, Wisconsin – 09/10

- Received extensive training on various Web 2.0 tools, and Moodle course management system.
- Discussed various ways to implement digital assessment strategies and classroom management in a digital world.

Technology Tools Presenter–CESA 5/ WCTE–Madison / Milwaukee, Wisconsin-Spring 2011

- Presented various Web 2.0 tools to 20+ English Language Arts educators
- Facilitated discussion and assisted in navigation of technology

Student Government Advisor – New Berlin School District – New Berlin, Wisconsin – 09/10

- Advised 30 students of various grade levels.
- Coordinated Homecoming and other dances, and organized various drives, including blood and food.

ACT Prep Course Coordinator – New Berlin School District – New Berlin, Wisconsin – 2010-Present

- Facilitate course ranging from 30 – 60 students in the English, Reading, and Writing sections of the ACT test.
- Coordinate all courses, instructors, and students for the school implementation of the prep course.
- Facilitate and individually tutor students for the various sections of the ACT test.

ACHIEVEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Athlete on the University of Wisconsin- Madison Women's Golf Team.
- Recognized as UW Women's Golf Most Improved Player of the Year 2003-04.
- Recipient of Academic Recognition Award from the National W Club 2005.
- Qualified Status for the U.S. Women's Amateur in 2004.
- College of Education and Human Services Honor Roll, UW-Oshkosh 2007 and 2008.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Habitat for Humanity – Costa Rica – Summer 2009

- Participated in the construction of a house for a victim of the 2009 earthquake.
- Contributed to a team composed of very diverse people.

Habitat for Humanity – Braga, Portugal – Summer 2008

- Contributed to the construction of a house for an in-need family.
- Interacted with a diverse group of people, including those from multiple countries.

Literary Study Tour – England – Spring 2008

- Visited various cities in England while studying the evolution of British literature.