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ENGLISH ~ FILM STUDIES ~ HUMANITIES ~ TECHNICAL WRITING TEACHER

QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Award winning, dedicated, and reflective professional with a Master's degree and 20 years of classroom experience from secondary to higher education. Demonstrated commitment to educational excellence and a talent for bringing the classroom to life with innovative curriculum and real-world learning. Expertise in project based curriculum and differentiated instruction. Experienced Technical Writer working with NASA Human Powered Rover Challenge. Passionate, energetic, and committed educator and writer who values collaborative relationships with colleagues and students and building a positive environment.



CORE COMPETENCIES

Program Design and Execution | Curriculum Development | STEM-Based Project Management
Technical Writer | Global Online Academy Distance Learning Certified | Professional Collaboration

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

Master of Arts in English

University of Louisiana at Lafayette • Lafayette, LA

Bachelor of Arts in English, Minors in Anthropology and Philosophy

University of Nebraska, Lincoln • Lincoln, NE

Teaching License (Graduate Level Certification in the Teaching of English)

University of Nevada • Reno, NV

Fulbright Scholar

Sociological Research at the University of Colombo

United States Department of State - Fulbright Scholar Program • Colombo, Sri Lanka

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMY OF ARTS, CAREERS, AND TECHNOLOGY • RENO, NV

English and Film Teacher | Faculty Advisor, Annual NASA Rover Competition 2007–Present

- Technical writing oversight for the NASA Rover project.
- Function as the spokesperson for media relations and start-up groups for the NASA Rover project. Featured in Educational Technology Magazine.
- Instructor of high school English, Honors English, Film Studies, Psychology in Literature, Technical Communications.
- Effectively oversee student project team leaders and manage conceptualization and implementation of plans.

Career Highlights

- ✓ Received the Good Idea Education Award for the NASA Rover project in 2016.
- ✓ Received Neil Armstrong Best Design and Systems Safety Awards for the NASA Rover project.
- ✓ Received the Distinguished Performance Educator Award from Washoe Education Association in 2014.
- ✓ Earned “Highly Effective” teacher evaluations for all 13 years within the school district.
- ✓ Organized, judged, taught workshops at the FFX Film Festival for the Washoe County School District.
- ✓ Expertly developed the curriculum, which aided in attaining 100% student growth on student learning objectives for state-mandated teacher evaluation system.
- ✓ Extracurricular Faculty Advisor for Film, Theater, Bicycle, Book, Anime, Pen Pal and Fountain Pen, clubs.

TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY COLLEGE • RENO, NV

Part Time Faculty 2000–Present

- Served as the Technical Communications instructor, English 098, 101, and 102 as well as Adult Basic Education.

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EARLIER CAREER

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA - RENO ▪ RENO, NV

Instructor of Core Humanities | Library Technical and Research Services

WESTERN FOLKLIFE CENTER ▪ ELKO, NV

Archives and Marketing Manager

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ROLLER SKATING ▪ LINCOLN, NE

Director | Curator

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA - LAFAYETTE ▪ LAFAYETTE, LA

Archivist Graduate Assistant

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Certificate of Senatorial Recognition, NASA Rover (2) ▪ 2017
Nevada Senators: Catherine Cortez Masto and Dean Heller

Washoe Education Association - Washoe County School District
Distinguished Performance Teacher Award ▪ 2014

University of Nevada, Reno
Graduate Assistant Scholarship - Research, Graduate Seminar Design
Distinguished Graduate Student Scholarship
Norma Splatt Education Scholarship

University of Louisiana, Lafayette
Graduate Assistant Scholarship
Teaching English 101/102 | Archivist for the Archive and Cajun and Creole Folklore

Nebraska Museum Association Scholarship
Finalist, PolarTREC - 2013/2014 Cycle
Fulbright Scholar Award - Sri Lanka

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Graduate Level TESOL Courses:
Language Assessment
Critical Issues in Second Language Literature
Descriptive Grammar
Language and Culture
Sociocultural Concerns in Education

Certification:
Reno Citizens Institute - City of Reno Government ▪ 2015
Certified Bicycle Technician, United Bicycle Institute ▪ 2014

ACTIVITIES

Vice-Chair, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Regional Transportation Authority, 2009–2016
Founder, Great Streets Coalition
Bike to Work Week Organizer, Truckee Meadows Bicycle Alliance ▪ 2014
Blogger, Reno Community Issues and Bicycle Advocacy
NASA Rover Project Presenter, Tahoe Silicon Mountain Entrepreneurial Group Meeting

GRANT FUNDING

2016 “Good Idea” Grant
Role: Technical Communications Support
Funding Source: Washoe Education Association
Funded Grant Amount: \$1000
Overview/Objective: Provide assistance with technical communications for NASA Rover Project.
● Received Neil Armstrong Best Design Award and Systems Safety Award from NASA Engineers.

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- 2015 Alternative Fuel Foundation Grant
Role: Writer/Administrative Oversight.
Funding Source: Alternative Fuel Foundation
Funded Grant Amount: \$1000
Overview/Objective: Human Powered Vehicle Equipment
- Travel to International Human Powered Vehicle Speed Championship.
- 1994 Technical Assistance Grant
Role: Writer/Administrative Oversight.
Funding Source: The Institute of Museum and Library Services
Funded Grant Amount: \$10,000
Overview/Objective: Collections Management Assessment
- Collections Management Data Initiative.
- 1994 Museum Assessment Program II
Role: Writer/Administrative Oversight.
Funding Source: The Institute of Museum and Library Services
Funded Grant Amount: \$5,000
Overview/Objective: Professional Accreditation Assessment
- Institutional Accreditation.
- 1994 Conservation Assessment Program
Role: Writer/Administrative Oversight
Funding Source: The Institute of Museum and Library Services
Funded Grant Amount: \$10,000
Overview/Objective: Professional Development - Rochester Institute of Technology
- Film Conservation Seminar.