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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Education, May 2015, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Certification: English (6-12)/ Speech (6-12) *GPA:* 3.95

Special Honors: CMU Honors Program, Centralis Gold Scholarship (Fall 2011-May 2015)

Dean's and President's Lists (Fall 2011-May 2015)

Sigma Tau Delta P.C. Somerville Award for Future Teachers (2015)

Dr. Robert Newby Award for Diversity Research (2015)

John E. Warriner Family Endowment (2013 and 2014)

Marion Croft Althoff Memorial Scholarship (2014)

American Hellenic Education Progression Association National Scholarship (2012)

AHEPA National Academic Athlete Award (2011)

To help finance my school, I worked 40-50 hours a week as a waitress over winter and summer breaks at Yolk (eatyolk.com).

TEACHING AND FIELD EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2015 - May 2015

Student Teacher, Beal City High School, MI. – English 9, 10, 11, and Communications

- Designed and implemented original lessons and units to engage students while gaining the required skills according to the Common Core State Standards.
- Collaborated with host teacher to improve my practices and reflect on experiences.
- Conducted individual writing conferences for research-based persuasive essay at various points in the writing process to provide differentiated support.
- Facilitated a project-based learning service project with communication students that benefitted Special Olympics Michigan and offered reality-based communication practice.
- Developed an out-of-class relationship with students and the community through directing, volunteering, and attending local events.

Sept. 2014 - Dec. 2014

Pre-Student Teacher, Beal City High School, Mt. Pleasant, MI

- Completed over thirty hours of field experience in two English 9 classrooms.
- Designed an introductory writing prompt to learn about students and their writing.
- Taught four classroom lessons, including interdisciplinary and technology-related topics.
- Scaffolded a multi-genre writing project to give students experience with research and real-world writing genres.
- Attended extracurricular events, such as sporting events and talent show rehearsals.

May 2014

English as a Foreign Language Teacher, Casa Hogar, Oaxaca, Mexico.

- Assessed and evaluated students' English proficiency in order to devise a three-week curriculum best suited for students' needs as part of a study abroad program.
- Crafted lessons and supplementary material to have a sustainable impact on student learning.
- Planned activities using limited resources to develop students' reading and speaking skills.
- Cooperated with a host teacher and two co-teachers to design engaging lessons and activities.
- Developed lasting relationships with both students and staff through mutual trust and respect.

Jan. 2014 - May 2014

Intro to Communication Intern, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI

- Assisted in the teaching of CMU's Introduction to Communication course; with a focus on narrative, informative, and argumentative speeches.
- Facilitated post-activity discussions to develop student skills in analysis and reflection.
- Responded to student speeches with written feedback to praise and encourage improvement.
- Provided out-of-class study sessions and speech coaching to support student work.
- Taught two full class periods to gain experience designing and facilitating lessons.

Sept. 2009 - Jan. 2014

Karate Teacher, Azatos Academy of Martial Arts, Schererville, IN

- Adapted instruction to meet the individual needs of students between the ages of 4 and 67 to teach proper karate and self-defense techniques.
- Instructed self-defense clinics to raise money and awareness for domestic violence charities.
- Managed class time in order to work on a variety of skills.

TEACHING RELATED EXPERIENCES

Aug. 2012 – May 2015

Writing Center Consultant, CMU, Mt. Pleasant, MI

- Collaborated with fellow consultants and student-writers to improve writing skills through face-to-face and online consulting; worked 15-20 hours per week.
- Communicated knowledge of the writing process using visual, oral, and written techniques that are accessible to different learners.
- Used culturally conscious techniques to help non-native speakers with their writing goals.
- Facilitated writing and research workshops with both graduate and undergraduate classes to encourage writing across the curriculum.
- Presented at state and regional conferences to build a professional network and continue improving my skills.

Jan. 2014 - May 2014

Honors Program Mentor, CMU, Mt. Pleasant, MI

- Conferenced and advised seven CMU Honors Program freshmen during their first semester.
- Facilitated out-of-class activities meant to increase students' learning by taking them out of their comfort zone.
- Moderated small group discussions to help students reflect upon class experiences.
- Collaborated with Honors Program staff to constantly improve student experiences.

Jan. 2013- Jan. 2014

Academic Assistance Tutor, CMU, Mt. Pleasant, MI

- Provided supplemental instruction to students struggling in Logic and Linguistics courses; worked 5 hours per week.
- Maintained a working knowledge of past course material and subject-matter proficiency.
- Conducted one-on-one sessions to help students achieve their academic goals.

May 2012 - Jul. 2012

Assistant Editor, Ashgate Publishing, Online

- Edited works cited lists for correct Chicago style formatting to assure professional publication and avoid copyright infringement; worked 30 hours.
- Completed work in a timely manner to avoid delay in publication.

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

Feb. 2013 – May 2015

Sigma Tau Delta (International English Honors Society), CMU

- Elected first as community service chairperson and then as president.
- Led awareness campaigns on improved literacy instruction for underprivileged areas.
- Co-chaired CMU's Third Annual Conference on English Studies to increase discussion amongst the multiple concentrations of English studies at the university level.
- Planned meetings to include professional speakers and writing workshops in order to help members develop their English skills and showcase their talents.
- Networked on a national scale through professional conferences and social media presence.

Apr. 2013 – April 2015

National Council of Teachers of English Student Affiliate, CMU

- Acted as founding member, chapter liaison, and vice president.
- Communicated between CMU's chapter and the Michigan Council of Teachers of English (MCTE) to develop a network of support for current and future teachers.
- Attended and presented at professional conferences through MCTE and the Chippewa River Writing Project in order to learn from professionals in the field.
- Recruited new members to ensure the continued success of the group.

Aug. 2012 - Jan. 2014

Honors Outreach Network, CMU

- Served as Fundraising Committee Chairperson from May 2013 to January 2014.
- Organized fundraising events to benefit The Community Compassion Network, an organization that fights hunger and homelessness in Isabella County.
- Recruited volunteers to connect campus to the larger Mt. Pleasant community.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2010 - Present

Make-a-Wish Volunteer, Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, Oak Lawn, IL.

- Avid supporter and volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Illinois organization (Wine for Wishes, Greek Night).
- Monitor student participation in annual Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School Make-A-Wish Walk-a-Thon to recognize student achievement and ensure student safety.
- Assist with fundraising efforts by collecting donations and raffle prizes.

Summer 2009 - 2012

Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach, Frankfort Girls Softball, Frankfort, IL

- Assisted in skill camps and travel team practices for girls ages four to sixteen to develop fundamental skills needed for continued progress.
- Created age-friendly activities to promote teamwork and personal growth.
- Modeled good sportsmanship to set an example for appropriate player conduct.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Nov. 2014

“Authorities on Literacy Definitions in Education.” *CMU’s Third Annual Conference on English Studies: Autonomy, Authority, Anarchy*. Mount Pleasant, MI.

Oct. 2014

“Reading and Writing Culture: Discovering Meaning in Student Narratives.” *MCTE Fall Conference*. East Lansing, MI.

“The Other Half of the Equation: The Use of Concepts from Genre Based Pedagogy in Writing Center Sessions for ESL Students.” *MWCA Fall Conference*. East Lansing, MI.

Apr. 2014

“21st Century Literacies: The Evolution of Communication Practices.” *CMU’s Second Annual Conference on English Studies: Revolution, Reconstruction, Revival*. Mount Pleasant, MI.

“Culturally Responsive Pedagogy in Teaching English Language, Literature, and Composition.” *CMU’s Second Annual Conference on English Studies: Revolution, Reconstruction, Revival*. Mount Pleasant, MI.

Mar. 2014

“The Consultant Behind the Screen: Benefits and Challenges to Asynchronous Online Consulting.” *East Central Writing Centers Association Conference*. Oxford, OH.

Mar. 2014

“The Democracy of Appeal: Batwoman’s Popular Culture Campaign.” *ComiConference 2*. Mount Pleasant, MI.

Oct. 2013

“But I’m Already Good at Writing: An Approach in Response to Remedial Connotations of Writing Centers.” *Michigan Writing Centers Association Conference*. Grand Rapids, MI.

Mar. 2013

“Universal Design for Learning: Applying Adaptive Pedagogy to the Writing Center.” *East Central Writing Centers Association Conference*. Clarion, PA.

Oct. 2012

“Finding the Link: Student Organizations and Writing Center Experiences.” *Michigan Writing Centers Association Conference*. East Lansing, MI.

REFERENCES

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