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EDUCATION

Union College, Schenectady, NY

Master of Arts in Teaching English

1999

Thesis: Aesthetic Criticism in the Classroom: An Approach to Teaching Poetry

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

1989

Bachelor of Arts in English

CERTIFICATIONS

English, 7-12 Permanent

2004

SOCE Theatre Arts, K-12

2007

HONORS

Inspirational Teacher Award, Sage Colleges

2007

Fulbright Mentorship Award

2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teacher of English & Theatre Arts

1999-present

Averill Park High School, Averill Park, NY

Theatre Arts

Curriculum Development & Teaching

Developed a complete NYS approved five-credit sequence for Theatre Arts (and revised triennially):

- Introduction to Theatre Arts
- Acting: An Historical Perspective
- Tech and Design for the Theatre
- Advanced Production
- Theatre Arts Independent Study
- Theatre for Young People

Created Imagination Generation project taking high school students into elementary and middle schools to teach writing skills and create original plays.

Coordinated college credit for Theatre for Young People through the Sage Colleges.

Directing & Advising

Advised the APHS theatre company, "The Off-Broadway Players," for 12 years and redesigned the program using a professional model.

Directed, Assistant Directed, and/or completed set design and construction of nearly 50 plays and musicals that have integrated K-12 students and community members, including students with special needs:

- Classic plays including *Harvey*, *The Children's Hour*, *The Crucible*, and dozens more
- Shakespeare including *Twelfth Night*, *Taming of the Shrew*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Richard III*
- Musicals including *Anything Goes*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Young Frankenstein*, *The Wizard of Oz*
- World premiere of Ryan Smithson's *Ten Clicks South of Whiskey*
- Children's shows including *James and the Giant Peach*, *The Trial of Goldilocks*, and others
- Original devised works created by students, annual student one-acts and community benefits
- Worked with casts ranging in size from 10 to over 100, with actors in grades K-12

Managed production budgets from \$500 to \$20,000.

Provided adaptive theatre experiences for students with developmental delays and on the autism spectrum.

Networked with community organizations and local colleges to share resources and provide unique experiences for students.

Coordinated with character education program to provide programming to reinforce district goals.

Technical Expertise

Phillips Strand Neo & Genius lighting systems

Allen & Heath digital and analog mixers, Crestron basic sound & AV control system

Extensive practical experience operating and teaching lighting and sound design & control

ETC Prodigy rigging control

Scenic design & construction for dozens of plays

Advocated for and consulted in major auditorium renovation

English Language Arts

Curriculum Development & Teaching

Designed and/or taught NYS approved curriculum for:

- English 9 Honors
- Writer's Workshop
- Science Fiction and Fantasy
- Hard Boiled: American Detective Fiction
- Film and Fiction
- Post-Modern American Poetry
- English 11, English 11 Honors

Instructional Coach, *High School Language Arts* (2014–2015)

Provided guidance and support to high school teachers in aligning curriculum and instruction to the New York State Common Core Standards.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Caseworker

1991-1997

Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, Schenectady NY

Worked with children throughout the Capital District in Home-based Intensive Supervision, Treatment Foster Care, and Truancy Prevention programs. Provided access to social service resources, family and individual counseling, and acted as liaison with school districts and service providers.

Caseworker

1990-1991

Northeast Parent and Child Society, Schenectady NY

Therapeutic Afterschool Program—Assisted upper elementary and middle school students with social-emotional and educational needs.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Mac and PC platforms, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Docs, Google Classroom, Weebly web design, Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom, iMovie

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Traditional American Folk Art, berlinlimner.com

Home Restoration, 147greenhollow.shutterfly.com

Vintage GI Joe, Vintage3DJo.es.com