

Endorsements: Social Studies, Science, Elementary, And Language Arts
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Language Arts Long-term Substitute, Evergreen Middle School (2014)

- Taught four periods of Language Arts, including two GT sections.
- Taught one period of GT Reading.
- Attended RTI meetings and communicated with parents to differentiate the classroom for student support.

Science and Social Studies Teacher, Provost Academy Colorado (2011-2013)

- Taught 8-12th grade students in an online academic community.
- Developed curriculum for both virtual formats and monthly in-person workshops.
- Wrote a new scope and sequence for 9th and 10th curriculum to align with New Generation Science Standards, and support new Common Core Math and Reading standards.
- Created and trained staffs on a social networking component for our charter network, including staff in Georgia and North Carolina.
- Trained staff on technology including ipads in the classroom
- Wrote a homeroom curriculum for the school including orientation and test prep.
- Developed podcasts and videos of demonstrations with students, including a virtual version of a student-led 9 News Health Fair.
- Co-led a school-wide Data Team to target areas of improvement.
- Participated in development of our school's Unified Improvement Plan.

Secondary Science Teacher, Carmody Middle School (2010-2011)

- Taught 8th grade Science
- Targeted instruction based on customized Acuity testing.
- Piloted Science Notebooks and a lab-based approach to physical science including air rockets, balloon car racers made from found materials, and a catapult competition.
- Worked with a department PLC to drive standards-based instruction and maintain an engaging classroom at the middle school level.
- Participated in Jeffco Literacy School Pilot
- Participated in a Leveled Library grant project

Secondary Science Teacher, Cesar Chavez Academy (2009-2010)

- Created and Taught all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Science curriculum for a first-year, title one school.

- Taught 90 minutes of literacy instruction every day to ability-grouped middle school classes at 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 8th grade reading levels.
- Held regular parent academies and weekly after school tutoring.

Academic Advisor and Secondary Social Studies Teacher, CDELA (2007-2009)

- Taught 9th Grade World Geography and 12th grade Government.
- Responsible for Advising grades 7-12 on academic success, testing, college preparation and admissions; as well as, transcript and course selection.

Secondary Social Studies Student Teacher, Horizon High School (2007)

- Taught 9th grade Government and 12th grade Sociology.
- Created common assessments for department.
- Implemented new district literacy strategies.
- Worked within an integrated 9th grade core
- Team-taught with Science and English instructors once a week.

Jefferson County Outdoor Lab Intern (2003)

- Responsible for the evaluation and success of weekly groups of 7-18 high school leaders.
- Modeled teaching practices including the Teegarden Model and Love and Logic
- Collaborated with high school leaders to create lesson plans for 6th grade outdoor curriculum.
- Closely mentored four full-time high school interns over the course of a semester.
- Taught sixth grade curriculum including Ecology, Forestry, Geology, and Pioneer History.

Jefferson County Outdoor Lab Foundation Board Member (2008-2010)

- Responsible for fundraising.
- Worked with Colorado Businesses and individuals to shift program funding from district support to private funding to prevent the schools' closure.
- Assisted in organizing annual Gala.
- In charge of developing and managing the program's website at that time.

Professional coaching. Aveda Institute Denver (2003-2006)

- Taught classes on product knowledge, sales, and customer service to cosmetology students.
- Provided individual coaching for students in need of assistance.
- Responsible for student's rewards and disciplines for professional conduct.

Freelance Writer, The Herald Democrat and other Publications (1998-2003)

- Submitted weekly feature stories for publication in local newspaper.
- Front-page story published on domestic violence issue, republished in regional magazine.

EDUCATION:

- **Metropolitan State College of Denver.**
Behavioral Science Major and Secondary Education minor. Emphasis in History.
- **University of Miami**
Graduate Program. Currently earning a Masters of Teaching Biological Sciences.
- **Collins Writing Program**
Professional Development.
- **Rocky Mountain Middle School Math and Science Partnership**
Electricity and Magnetism Professional Development
- **Denver Museum of Nature and Science and Colorado School of Mines**
Inquiry-based Science and Mission Cognition professional development through
- **Jefferson County Schools**
Leveled Libraries professional development
- **Jefferson County Schools**
Literacy Project professional development
- **Adams County 12 Five Star Schools**
SIOP: Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol professional development
- **Bridge Linguatec, Buenos Aires, Argentina**
Spanish Language Immersion Program
- **Success for All Literacy Program**
Training for both elementary and middle school levels.

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