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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Experiential Education, Teacher Preparation, Confronting and Dismantling Whiteness in Higher Education

EDUCATION

PhD in Teaching and Learning Processes , UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, St. Louis	Aug. 2021
MS in Educational Leadership , WALDEN UNIVERSITY	Dec. 2006
BA in Education , PRINCIPIA COLLEGE	June 1992
BA in English , PRINCIPIA COLLEGE	June 1992

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Asst. Dean of Academic Student Services, PRINCIPIA COLLEGE	July 2021- present
Division Head for Social Sciences, PRINCIPIA COLLEGE	July 2016- June 2021
Assoc. Professor of Educational Studies, PRINCIPIA COLLEGE	July 2020 – June 2021
Assistant Professor of Education, PRINCIPIA COLLEGE	July 2013 – June 2020
Assistant Head of School, BERKELEY HALL SCHOOL	July 2010- June 2013
Department Coordinator, BERKELEY HALL SCHOOL	Sept. 1999-June 2010
Sixth Grade Teacher, BERKELEY HALL SCHOOL	Sept. 1992-June 2010
Program Director, CEDARS CAMPS	Summers 1993 & 1994

CERTIFICATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS

K-8 Elementary credential from IL	June 1992
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Level One PBL – Buck Institute	June 2016
GWP Teacher Consultant	June 2019
Kappa Delta Pi -Honors Society	Feb. 2020
Leadership Certificate -HERS	July 2022

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

- “Assessment Practices That Promote a Growth Mindset” Experiential Education Exchange Conference, Webster University, St. Louis, MO Feb. 2016
- “What Promotes Student Learning?” Focus on Teaching and Technology Conference, St. Louis, MO Sept. 2017
- “Communication in Leadership” Tenacre (Workshop for Upper Management), Newark, NJ June 2018
- “Engineering the Human Connection” Focus on Teaching and Technology Conference, St. Louis, MO Sept. 2018
- “What is Wisdom: The Intersection of Experiential Education, Traditional Education, and Character Education” The International AEE + GYA Conference, Orlando, FL Nov. 2018
- “Communication in Nursing” Tenacre (Workshop for Nursing Level 4 Students) March 2019
- “Effective Communication” Principia College (Workshop for Admissions Department) December 2019
- “Praying About Racism” Principia College (Presented with Dr. Billy Miller) Sept. 2020
- “Effective Communication” Principia College (Workshop for Athletics Department) January 2021
- “Beloved Community” SOPHE Conference (Presented with Dr. Billy Miller) St. Louis, MO Sept. 2021
- “Communication in Nursing” Tenacre (Workshop for Nursing Level 4 Students) Sept. 2021
- “Confronting and Dismantling Whiteness in Higher Education” Critical Questions In Education Conference, Cleveland, OH October, 2021

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Workshop: EEE – What is Experiential Learning, Missouri	(Feb. 2015)
Workshop: Reggio Emilia – Penny Lane, Illinois	(April 2015)
Workshop: Bard Institute for Writing and Thinking	(May 2015)

Conference: Focus on Teaching and Technology, Missouri	(Sept. 2015)
Workshop: KIPP Academy, Missouri	(Jan. 2016)
Conference: EEE at Webster University, Missouri	(Feb. 2016)
Conference: Focus on Teaching and Technology, Missouri	(Sept. 2016)
Conference: Learning and the Brain, Boston	(Nov. 2016)
Workshop: Curiosity in the Classroom, Illinois	(Feb. 2017)
Workshop: EEE at Biome School	(March 2017)
Conference: Teaching Professor Conference, Missouri	(June 2017)
Workshop: PBL certification by Buck Institute, California	(June 2017)
Conference: Focus on Teaching and Technology, Missouri	(Sept. 2017)
Conference: Learning and the Brain, Boston	(Nov. 2017)
Conference: Learning and the Brain, California	(Feb. 2018)
Workshop: Witnessing Whiteness, Illinois	(Jan-Apr. 2018)
Conference: Crooked Room, Missouri	(June 2018)
Conference: Focus on Teaching and Technology, Missouri	(Sept. 2018)
Conference: Association for Experiential Education, Florida	(Nov. 2018)
Conference: EEE at the Jan Philips Learning Center, Missouri	(March 2019)
Workshop: Gateway Writing Project, Missouri	(June 2019)
Terminal Degree Coursework, UMSL	(Aug. 2016-2020)
Leadership Institute, HERS	(July 2022)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Served on Community Board	Fall 2014-Spring 2015
Facilitated workshop for Student Life Retreat	Aug. 2015
Faculty Advisor to Student-Led Conference (PAC)	Fall 2015-Spring 2016
Supported Faculty Learning Community	Fall 2015-Spring 2017
Consulted for Student Life	Fall 2015-Fall 2018

Teacher Coach for Faculty in Los Angeles	Spring 2015
Facilitated workshop for Student Life Department	Feb. 2016
Served on College Promotion Committee	Fall 2016-Spring 2019
Facilitated workshop for Student Life Department	Sept. 2016
Facilitated a Workshop for the Leadership Institute	Feb. 2017
Facilitated workshop for Student Life Department	March 2017
Search Committee Member	Fall 2017
Reviewed Masters' Capstones at UMSL	Dec. 2017
Chaired the Cultural Competence Task Force	Spring 2018
Search Committee Member	Fall 2018
Hosted Annenberg Scholar- Dr. Gordon Grant	Feb. 2019
Search Committee Member	Spring 2019
Reviewed Masters' Capstones at UMSL	Aug. 2019
Search Committee Member	Fall 2019
Search Committee Member	Spring 2020
Search Committee Member	Summer 2020

MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS

National Council for Teaching Mathematics (NCTM)
 Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
 Association for Experiential Education (AEE)
 Experiential Education Exchange (EEE)