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Personal and Professional Profile

- ESL Program Coordinator of district with largest population of English Learners in state
- Adjunct Professor increasing number of ESL Endorsed teachers in state and district
- Director of Family Literacy Program engaging parents in children's education
- Director of AmeriCorps program improving communication between families and schools
- Manager of yearly federal budget exceeding $1,000,000

Education

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction	2011
Ed.S. Curriculum and Instruction	2009
Building level administrators license	2005
M.Ed. Secondary Education	1997
B.A. Political Science, Minor in History	1991

Arkansas Tech University, Russellville

M.Ed. TESOL	2007
ESL Endorsement	2000

Professional Experience

Springdale Public Schools

Director of ESL Program (July 2006-present)

- Coordinate services of over 8800 English Learners in district
- Ensure compliance with federal and state regulations including use of federal funds
- Serve as Director of AmeriCorps Program
- Serve as Director of Family Literacy Program
- Provide large and small scale professional development to teachers and administrators
- Evaluate program effectiveness

Federal Programs Coordinator (July 2005-June 2006)

- Ensured effective use of federal and state funds
- Corresponded and collaborated with Arkansas Department of Education
- Disaggregated and analyzed data for program evaluation
- Supported principals in development and compliance of school improvement plans

Social Studies and Science Teacher, Helen Tyson Middle School 1997-2001

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Adjunct Professor (August 2010-present)

- *Teach 4 ESL Endorsement courses*
- *Collaborate with University to support data collection needs of students, professors*
- *Serve as liaison between district and UA to increase enrollment in English Learner Institute*

Arkansas Tech University, Russellville

Adjunct Professor (August 2008- June 2010)

- *Taught Masters TESOL courses*
- *Served as liaison between districts and Arkansas Tech University to increase enrollment in Masters program*

ESL Academy Consultant (August 2010-present)

- Serve as Springdale ESL Academy site Coordinator
- Teach at Arkansas Department of Education Summer ESL Academy
- Collaborate with State Title III Director to incorporate CCSS professional development into ESL Academy ensuring teachers are equipped to assist ELs in meeting CCSS

Fayetteville Public Schools

ESL Coordinator, (2003-2005)

- Developed, managed, evaluated district ESL program
- Assessed English language proficiency levels of students
- Increased Parental involvement
- Developed Alternate Portfolio Assessment
- Provided professional development including in-services for teachers and administrators

ESL Teacher, Asbell Elementary, (2001-2003)

Fort Smith Public Schools
ESL Teacher, Darby Junior High School, (1999-2000)

Berryville Public Schools
World History/American History Teacher, Berryville High School, (1995-1996)

Little Rock Public Schools
Social Studies Teacher, Cloverdale Junior High School, (1994-1995)

Presentations/Awards/Offices

- 2015-16 ARKTESOL President
- 2014 Arkansas Department of Education presentation for Little Rock Charter Schools: "ELP Standards/CCSS for English Learners"
- 2013-14 ARKTESOL Vice President
- 2012 Recognized as Wal-Mart Corporation "Faculty/Student Leader" of the year
- 2012 National Center for Family Literacy Conference presenter: "Providing Access to Common Core State Standards for English Learners:
- 2012 National TESOL Conference co-presenter with Diane August: "Making CCSS Accessible for ELs"
- 2012 Arkansas TESOL Conference presenter: "Collaborating on ELLs Accessing Common Core"
- 2011 National School Board Association Conference presenter: "Engaging Latino Parents in School, Springdale, Arkansas"
- 2011 National Center for Family Literacy Conference presenter: "Expanding Family Literacy in Springdale, AR"
- 2010 ASCD Conference presenter: "Springdale Family Literacy Program: Engaging Latino Parents in their Children's Education"