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EDUCATION

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Expected Completion: Dec. 2017

M.A., College of Education

Master of Arts in Education

- Concentration: Technology and Learning

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

May 2013

Post-Bac. Teaching Certification, College of Education

Teaching Certification for Secondary Education in Social Studies for the state of Michigan

Highly qualified to teach the following disciplines: History, Geography, Government, Economics, Psychology

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

May 2012

B.A., College of Social Sciences

- Major: Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science – Human Resources in Society
- Minor: Psychology

Cumulative GPA: 3.638

HONORS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- SAS Institute, Inc.'s 2015 Technology in Teaching Award Winner
- Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) 2015 Diane Kent-Parker First Year Teacher of the Year Nominee
- Teaching Certification for Secondary Social Studies for the state of Michigan and the state of North Carolina
- Comprehensive Social Studies Endorsements (RX)
- Michigan State University Dean's List: Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher, Reedy Creek Middle School, Cary, NC

August 2013 – June 2016

- Created a student-centered classroom environment focused on inquiry, discussion, and mutual respect
- Successfully integrated content relevance to a multi-cultural student community
- Developed lesson plans/units which integrated multiple teaching strategies and a combination of resources
- Practiced interdisciplinary teaching
- Placed current events and popular culture into a historical perspective
- Differentiated instruction by analyzing data and considering students' varied abilities and backgrounds
- Regularly collaborated with colleagues, support staff, administration, students, and the community
- Represented staff at PTA meetings as the PTA-Staff Liaison
- Planned and hosted the annual 6th Grade Game Night
- Successfully completed North Carolina's Beginning Teacher Program (3 years)
- Regularly attended extra-curriculars such as athletic events, band concerts, and theater productions
- Planned and hosted Reedy Creek Middle School's National Geographic Bee

Teacher Intern, Everett High School, Lansing, Michigan

August 2012 – May 2013

- Planned and implemented rigorous, coherent units, utilizing differentiated instruction, for four classes
- Successfully integrated content relevance to a multi-cultural student community
- Regularly collaborated with support staff, peers, administration, MSU contacts, students, and parents

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

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| - WordPress | - Wix | - PowerSchool | - Prezi | - Plickers | - Nearpod |
| - Kahoot! | - GooseChase | - Socrative | - Discovery Ed. | - Word | - Excel |
| - PowerPoint | - Google Drive | - Google Docs | - Google Sheets | - Google Slides | - Google Forms |