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Profile

Innovative secondary English teacher and learning experience designer working at the intersection of literacy, technology, and social equity. I specialize in using an iterative design process to create engaging, inclusive, and accessible learning environments that remove barriers for diverse learners.

AUGUST 2023 - PRESENT

Oak Park Preparatory Academy, Oak Park - 6th Grade ELA Teacher

- Designed and implemented engaging lesson plans and assessments aligned with 6th Grade Common Core standards, using a differentiated approach to address the needs of all learners, particularly those with reading deficits.
- Increased reading comprehension by 40% through direct instruction and i-Ready Reading Personalized Instruction.
- Enhanced student engagement with interactive digital activities on Google Apps.
- Collaborated with special education professionals to create accessible learning materials and differentiated assessments.

OCTOBER 2022 - JUNE 2023

Tappan Middle School, Ann Arbor - 6th and 7th Grade ELA Teacher

- Designed engaging lesson plans and assessments based on course curriculum.
- Collaborated with Special Education professionals to differentiate activities for a diverse learner population.
- Engaged in district-wide equity and inclusivity initiatives at grade, building, and district levels to ensure consistency.

MARCH 2022 - OCTOBER 2022

Skyline High School, Ann Arbor - Long-Term Substitute Teacher

- Provided individualized instruction to students with diverse learning needs, including those in self-contained special education and English Language Learner classrooms.

MARCH 2018 - JANUARY 2022

Investor's Property Management, Ann Arbor - Leasing Manager

- Liaison between clients and tenants. Recruiting prospective tenants at housing fairs and events. Generating rent and leasing market reports and analyzing data to improve leasing processes.
- Designed a new website to attract clients and tenants. Daily use of Rent Manager 12 software.

Volunteer Work

MARCH 2024 - PRESENT

Girls on the Run, Oak Park - Head Coach

- Prepared, organized, and led weekly team practices
- Communicated effectively with guardians, administrators, and the GOTR Detroit council
- Fostered a positive and supportive team environment, emphasizing the importance of physical activity, emotional well-being, and social connection.

Education

Expected Graduation: Spring 2026

Michigan State University, East Lansing - Master of Arts in Learning Experience Design

AUGUST 2013 - DECEMBER 2017

University of New Orleans, New Orleans - Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education - English