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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Education, University of St. Thomas, 2008

**Minnesota Special Education Licensure in
Emotional/Behavioral Disorders, 2007**

Master of Fine Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2002

**Bachelor of Science; Major: Art • Minor: Psychology,
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 1999**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present

Art Teacher, North Education Center • New Hope, MN

- Visual Arts Teacher serving elementary, middle, and high school students with disabilities.

2006-2016

**Special Education Art Teacher, The ACHIEVE Program •
Osseo, MN**

- Special Education Art Teacher, Case manager and Evaluation Team member at a Federal Setting 4 Program for students with disabilities

2021

Collaboration with visiting artist Katrina Knutson on the creation of 3 student produced paintings displayed in the hallways at North Education, New Hope, MN.

- Murals were reflections on student experiences during the pandemic and social injustice.

2014

Collaboration with artists Nate and Erin Moren in which students at the ACHIEVE Program created functional art that also served sensory needs for the students.

2012

Collaboration with Deidrich Weiss on the creation of spoken word music with the students at the ACHIEVE Program.

2010

Collaboration with JD Steele and Philip Blackburn on the creation of visual and musical art for the Flint Hills International Children's Festival, St. Paul, MN.

- ACHIEVE students collaborated with youth from the Shanigilia orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya as well as personally met youth from this orphanage at the Festival.

2008

Collaboration with visiting artist Sara Hansen on a student made cast aluminum sculpture

2006

Collaboration with visiting ceramic artist Anne Krocek on a student created ceramic sculpture

2002-2005, 2015-2016

Sculpture Studio Manager and Teacher, Minnetonka Center for the Arts • Wayzata, MN

- Manager of a sculpture department that encompasses bronze casting, welding, and stone carving as its three main disciplines. Teacher of adult and teen sculpture and Summer Arts Camp kids courses.

2005

Artist-in-Residence, The Blake Schools • Minneapolis, MN Region

- Artist-in-residence for all three Blake Schools campuses. Students in grades 2-12 participated in a Peace Pole Project in which their cast bronze art became part of an outdoor sculpture at the Blake Middle School campus.

2004

Adjunct Faculty, College of Visual Arts • St. Paul, MN

- Instructor of 3-D foundation and mold making and casting courses.

2002-03

**Visual Art Teacher, North Minneapolis High School •
Minneapolis, MN**

- Long call reserve art teacher for beginning through advanced painting and drawing courses.

2002

**Visiting Artist, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse • La
Crosse, WI**

2001-02

**Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison •
Madison, WI**

- Instructor for introductory and advanced sculpture courses.

2001

Visiting Artist, Madison East High School • Madison, WI

2001

A.S.P.I.R.E Art Program Leader and Mentor • Madison, WI

- Mentored middle school students in a program that promotes achieving a college education and facilitated art curriculum for the program.

2000-01

- Led an after school art and recreation after school program for the Madison School Community Art and Recreation Program, Cherokee Middle School, Madison, WI

GRANTS RECEIVED

2012

College Board Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts Honorable Mention.

- Award went towards the continuation of the Visiting Artist Program and Vocational Arts Development at the ACHIEVE Program, Osseo, MN.

2004

Bush Foundation Faculty Development Grant awarded through the College of Visual Arts, St. Paul, MN. In October of 2004 attended the International Sculpture Center's Fall Symposium in New Orleans, LA.

2002

Albert K. Murray Fine Arts Grant, Madison, WI

2001

University of Wisconsin-Madison Kemper Knapp Foundation grant for the project "Students For Students: A Celebration in the Visual Arts".

- Directed a chalk mural festival and art symposium grant that involved 13 Madison, WI area high schools and approximately 70 high school students.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2003

"Developing and Searching for Venues for Student Exhibition", presented at the A Minnesota Retreat for the Arts, F.A.I.R. School, Crystal, MN.