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Education

Master of Arts in Teaching

University of Alaska Anchorage

- Emphasis in Secondary (7-12) Social Studies
- Graduated *summa cum laude*

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

University of Alaska Anchorage

- Minors in Sociology and Communication
- Graduated *summa cum laude*; awarded University Honors, Political Science Honors, and Leadership Honors

Certification

Professional Teacher Certificate, State of Alaska

- Social Studies Grades 7-12
- Highly Qualified Statuses: Social Studies, Government, Economics, World and US History

Work Experience

High School Social Studies Teacher, A.J. Dimond High School **September 2004 to present**

- Courses taught: US Government, AP US Government, AP Comparative Government, US History, AP US History, Economics, World History, Alaska Studies, Student Government.
- Provide students with experiential learning experiences such as participation in public meetings and forums with elected officials.
- Reinforce student learning through simulations like a stock market game and a women's suffrage debate.
- Teach analytical thinking through primary source materials including the US Constitution and Roosevelt's Fireside Chats.
- Align curriculum to relevant local, state, and national standards through writing of district Academic Plans, AP Course Syllabi, and districtwide Student Growth Objective Exams.
- Developed and instituted district-wide Canvas Champion program, supporting all secondary schools.

Online Social Studies Teacher, ASD iSchool **January 2011 to July 2020**

- Taught multiple courses and multiple sections of online courses concurrently with face-to-face courses.
- Worked with students to accommodate unique circumstances including students on traveling sports teams, students on foreign exchange, and students in medical confinement.
- Worked on team of 6 teachers to convert all secondary-level courses to online format in under 2 weeks due to COVID-19 conditions, for a district of over 46,000 students. Provided Canvas LMS training and technical support to secondary teachers.

Subject Matter Expert, US Census Statistics in Schools Program **February 2019 to August 2020**

- Independent Contractor responsible for reviewing lesson content for grade level appropriateness, content accuracy, and lesson plan structure.
- Promoted use of SIS materials in schools around Alaska and the nation through media interviews and podcast appearances.

Leadership

- Alaska Professional Teaching Practices Commission, 2019-present (Chair 2021-present)
- Facilitator, ASD Secondary Education Canvas Champions, 2020-present
- Secondary Education Lead, ASD Blended Learning Professional Development Team, 2020-present
- ASD Virtual Online Learning Work Group, Fall 2020
- Instructor, NEA-Alaska Fall Event, 2020
- Instructor, Anchorage Education Association Good Teaching Institute, Fall 2020, Fall 2021
- ASD Blended Learning Task Force, Summer 2020
- Student Government Advisor, 2010-present
- ASD Student Advisory Board Advisor, 2020-present
- School Webmaster, 2005-present
- Model United Nations Advisor, 2004-present
- Co-Chair, Dimond Foundations Team, 2017-2019
- Elections Committee Chair, Anchorage Education Association, 2017-present
- Parliamentarian, NEA-Alaska Delegate Assembly, 2017-present
- Anchorage School District Assessment Inventory Steering Committee, 2017-2018
- Parliamentarian, Anchorage Education Association Policy Assembly, 2016-present
- Chair, Dimond High School Social and Emotional Learning Team, 2015-2019
- Teacher Representative, Dimond High School PTSA Board, 2014-2021
- Project Lead, ASD AP US Government Redesign Workgroup, 2018
- Guest Lecturer, Teaching ASD Fifth Grade Social Studies, Anchorage School District Summer Academy, 2016, 2017
- Co-Chair, Dimond High School Re-Accreditation Committee, 2016-2017
- Faculty Forum Facilitator, 2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
- Chair, Dimond at 50: A Maroon and Golden Anniversary, 2016-2017
- Academic House Technology Coordinator, 2005-2017
- Invited Testimony, Alaska Legislative Task Force on Civics Education, 2016
- Co-Author, US Government Mastery Exam, Anchorage School District Credit by Examination Program, 2015
- Co-Author, US Government Student Growth Objective Exam, Anchorage School District, 2015
- Sample Syllabus Author, AP United States Government Framework Review, College Board, 2015
- Inservice Presenter, *Teaching Government with Document-Based Questions*, Anchorage School District Cross-district Inservice, 2015
- JV Tennis Coach, 2004-2012
- Field Test Teacher, *Focus: Understanding Economics in Civics and Government*, Council for Economic Education, 2009

Awards and Other Recognition

- National Coach of the Year Finalist, National Society of High School Scholars, 2020
- Alaska History Teacher of the Year, 2018
- Legislative Citation for Teaching Excellence, Alaska Legislature, 2018
- BP Teacher of Excellence, 2018
- National Student Councils' National Gold Council of Excellence Award, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- National Student Councils' National Council of Excellence Award, 2017
- Model United Nations of Alaska Advisor of the Year, 2011, 2017
- Alaska World Affairs Council Teacher of the Year, 2010