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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

Relevant Post-Graduate Courses

- Social and Emotional Learning K-12 Support, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2015, 2016
- Secondary Student Leadership AASG, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2015
- iTeach Online 102, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2014
- Archival Research Basics with the National Archives, Alaska Pacific University, 2013
- Advanced Placement Institute in US History, Seattle Pacific University, 2013
- Advanced Placement Institute in US Government, San Diego State University, 2012
- *We the People* Advanced Institute: Challenges of American Citizenship for Native Peoples, Center for Civic Education, 2010
- *We the People* Advanced Institute: Ordered Liberty, Center for Civic Education, 2010
- MyHigh Online 101, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2010
- Adam Smith Fellows Program, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2007-2008
- *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* Institute, Center for Civic Education, 2007

Certification

Professional Teacher Certificate, State of Alaska

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

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.
- Train student leaders to represent their peers, plan and execute school-wide events, and provide student voice on school issues.

Online Social Studies Teacher, ASD iSchool

January 2011 to present

- Courses taught: US Government, AP US Government, US History.
- Teach multiple courses and multiple sections of online courses concurrently with face-to-face courses.
- Modify district-purchased curriculum to align with district curriculum framework and state content standards.
- Teach using a variety of Learning Management Systems, including Canvas, Buzz, BrainHoney, Google Classroom, and Moodle.
- Maintain regular communication with students and parents to ensure appropriate progress and timely completion of online coursework.
- Work with students to accommodate unique circumstances including students on traveling sports teams, students on foreign exchange, and students in medical confinement.

Leadership

- Student Government Advisor, 2010-present
- School Webmaster, 2005-present
- Model United Nations Advisor, 2004-present
- Co-Chair, Dimond Foundations Team, 2017-present
- Elections Committee Chair, Anchorage Education Association, 2017-present
- Parliamentarian, NEA-Alaska Delegate Assembly, 2017-present
- Anchorage School District Assessment Inventory Steering Committee, 2017-present
- Parliamentarian, Anchorage Education Association Policy Assembly, 2016-present
- Chair, Dimond High School Social and Emotional Learning Team, 2015-present
- Teacher Representative, Dimond High School PTSA Board, 2014-present
- 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

- Alaska History Teacher of the Year, 2018
- Legislative Citation for Teaching Excellence, Alaska Legislature, 2018
- BP Teacher of Excellence 2018
- National Association of Student Councils' National Gold Council of Excellence Award, 2018
- National Association of 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