

EDUCATOR WORK HISTORY

Lead Guide/Teacher: "Spark Studio" (1st Grade)

Acton Academy at Serenbe, 2020 to 2021, Palmetto, GA

- Spearheaded the creation and design of the school's "Spark Studio" (new class for students transitioning from Kindergarten into 1st or 2nd grade), including outdoor learning, Montessori methods, and Acton curriculum.
- Updated the existing 1st grade curriculum to include computer literacy, civic dialogue, and environmentalism.
- Designed lesson/unit plans for ELA, Math, Science, History, and Leadership. Each session of the year has a theme I co-create with the students that consciously engages with a specific, relevant social issue.
- Executed the Spark Studio's debut "Exposition of Learning." Through visiting student-led stations, families engaged with student work by participating in hands-on energy experiments, listening to student-told stories about the indigenous Muscogee-Creek nation, touring a student-art gallery focusing on women in STEM, and much more.

Virtual Teacher: K, 1, 3, 5, SPED 9-12

Time 4 Home School, 2020, Atlanta, GA

- Initiated outreach with speakers, artists, scientists, and teachers from around world to serve as virtual guest instructors.
- Integrated drama, music, dance, art, fitness, food, and international studies into core subjects curriculum.
- Implemented project-based learning projects including Beatnik Poetry Cafe, Civil Movement Poster Making, Environmental Justice Project Fair, Anime Film Analysis, International Cooking Workshops, and Nature Journals .

Assistant Teacher: English & Drama Grades 9-12

Rio Americano High School, 2016 to 2020, Sacramento, CA

- Developed interdisciplinary lesson plans that combine improv comedy, active listening, and literary analysis.
- Facilitated dialogues with high school students about protecting arts in public education, mental health, and navigating post-high school life.
- Assistant directed and choreographed 4 full length plays and musicals.

Student Teacher: ELA & Science Grade 5

Ben Franklin Elementary School, 2018, Newark, OH

- Facilitated a collaborative playwriting activity that promoted creative writing and reading skills, practiced active listening skills, and culminated in a One Act Play Festival.
- Mentored students one-on-one, identifying individual strengths they could continue to foster throughout the semester.

ADDITIONAL WORK HISTORY

Regional Musical Theatre Performer

Serenbe Playhouse, 2019 to 2020, Palmetto, GA

- Performed in Nationally Recognized theatre productions, balancing 2 to 3 different productions at a time.
- Accumulated 50+ hours of Lead Teaching in both private and public institutions around Metro-Atlanta.
- Designed detailed and relevant lesson plans for K-12 classes that integrate drama and music into ELA and Social Studies standards,
- Mastered new skills under week-long deadlines, including Accordion, Aerial Silks, Lyra, and Outdoor Set Construction,



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CERTIFICATIONS/ TESTS

CSET SUBJECT EXAM, SOCIAL SCIENCES I, II, III:

**World History, US History, CA History,
Civics, Economics**

ADVANCED SCORE ON EACH SUBTEST (++++)
California Subject Educational Test/ 2020

CBEST EXAM

PASSING SCORE 176
California Basic Educational Skills/ 2020

GACE (Georgia Assessment for Certification of Educators) ETHICS

GACE Ethics Exam/ 2020

DESIGN THINKING

Udemy/ 2020

DIVERSITY IN CLASSROOM AND CURRICULUM

Alison/ 2020

**PERFECT SCORE IN WRITING: 800, ADV. SCORES:
MATH: 680, CRITICAL READING: 630/ TOTAL: 2110**
SAT Exam/ 2014

ADDITIONAL WORK HISTORY CONT.

Resident Choreographer, Show Choir Co-Founder

Heath High School, 2016 to 2019, Heath, OH

- Choreographed 3 full length musicals, adapting original dance and movement sequences for large casts of students ranging in ages 10-18.
- Accommodated choreography and learning activities for students of all physical and cognitive abilities.
- Helped establish the Show Choir program, directing advanced movement sequences to accompany contemporary musical theatre.

Career Skills Peer Advisor, Arts Liaison

Denison University, 2018 to 2019, Granville, OH

- Mentored college students in interview prep, audition prep, networking skills, and resume/ cover letter revision.
- Established the first Knowlton Center Arts Online Database that lists local and national arts organizations, and their opportunities for auditions, internships, and workshops.
- Coordinated an event that offered free Professional Business and Performing Arts Headshots to Denison students.
- Assisted in executing the first annual Sophomore Career Week, connecting sophomores to every organization and resource on campus that elevates career readiness.

Resident Assistant

Denison University, 2016 to 2018, Granville, OH

- Empowered residents to have more agency in their residency experience through 1-on-1 dialogue, civic discourse, and restorative justice techniques.
- Designed multiple programs that built residential community, promoted on-campus events, and connected residents to on-campus resources.
- Became certified in **LGBTQ+ SafeZone training** (SafeZone) and **Suicide Prevention** (QPR Institute).

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Visiting Dance Instructor

Denison University, Summer 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka

- Designed a project proposal for a non-profit organization that provided access to global arts in public Sri Lankan schools (view project online at: [Sri Lanka Proposal](#)).
- Taught contemporary, modern, and postmodern dance to college students at University of Visual and Performing Arts and University of Colombo, to elementary students at Bandarawela Girls School, and to high school students at Mesh Dance Academy.

Head Producer and Director

"Genital Monologues" Play Festival, 2016 to 2019, Granville, OH

- Coordinated the 2017-19 Festival Submissions, Applications, and Auditions.
- Conceptualized the 2019 Festival Theme and Social Media Branding.
- Supervised and planned Potential Producer Interviews in 2018 and 2019.
- Conducted outreach with local businesses for donations and partnerships.

President of Theatre Honorary Society

Theta Alpha Phi, Granville, OH, 2017 to 2019

- Spearheaded the Theatre Senior Panel event in 2019, additionally creating original marketing materials to advertise the event.
- Reformed the TAP member initiation ceremony to be more inclusive and aligns more with diverse values.

ACADEMIC/COURSE HISTORY

Denison University- Granville, OH

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, Minors in Education, Music, 2015 to 2019

- Presidential Leadership Award, 2019
- 3.5 Accumulated GPA
- Developed a year-long curriculum for College Education Studies Majors/Minors that fosters community engagement and better prepares students to become leaders (Available upon ask)

Stella Adler Studio- New York, NY

Summer 2018

- Mentored by Director Lonny Price, Film Actor BD Wong, and **Hamilton** Assistant Choreographer Stefanie Klemons
- Honed performance craft in drama, voice, and dance with top artists on Broadway

CIVITAS Academy- Sacramento, CA

Rio Americano High School, 2011 to 2015

- Earned "A" in college-level courses, including: Intro to Political Science, Speech & Communication, International Relations, State & Local Government, and Intro to Philosophy
- Spearheaded "End College Campus Sexual Assault" Initiative, including an original PSA, campus wide pledge, and guest expert panel
- Chosen as a Top 3 Finalist for California State Board of Education's Student Delegate, 2014

KEY SKILLS, TOOLS

- **Experienced Practitioner** of Montessori, Acton Academy, and Project-Based Learning Models
- **Fervent Advocate** for Inclusive and Intersectional Public Education in the US
- **Innovative Designer** of Curriculum, Teaching Methods, and Student Evaluation
- **Effective Civic Dialogue Facilitator** for K-12 students and adults, in professional and communal settings
- **Quick Language Learner:** Conversational Ability in French, Beginner Ability in Spanish
- **Strategic Community Organizer** experienced in spearheading community dialogues and surveys
- **Motivated Learner** of languages, history, international cultures, and technology
- **Expert User:** Acellus Learning, Adobe Photoshop, Affinity Photo, Bloomz, Canva, Duolingo, Garage Band, Google Classroom, iMicrosoft Office, iMovie Editor, IXL, Lexia Core 5, Padlet, Slack, Youtube, Zoom

