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SUMMARY

I am a devoted educator currently in two roles- an adjunct professor for the School of Education at Point Park University where I serve graduate and doctoral students and a Title I Reading Specialist in a K-4 public school. Not only am I adept at utilizing various online educational platforms, I am passionate about the field of education; It is my career *and* my hobby! I would love to continue sharing my enthusiasm, expertise, and experience.

EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Point Park University, Adjunct Instructor - M.Ed. Program

2021 – present

- Foundations of Literacy and Writing: From Theory to Practice
online, asynchronous
- Human Diversity Issues in Education
online, asynchronous
- Leadership, Supervision, and Coaching: Roles of the Reading Specialist
online, asynchronous
- Technological Applications Across the Curriculum
online, asynchronous

Point Park University, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member

2019 - present

- *Reclaiming the Joy of Reading: Evaluating Classroom Practices to Promote Adolescent Engagement in Reading*
- *The Science of Reading in Urban Reading Curriculum in Pennsylvania: The Potential Impact on the Opportunity Gap for Students*
- *Five Reading Areas to Improve Reading Comprehension in Upper Elementary Students*
- *Evaluating the Relationship of School Librarians and Academic Achievement: A Quantitative Study of Standardized Reading Test Scores in West Virginia Public Schools*

Community College of Allegheny County, Adjunct Instructor

2019 - 2022

- College Academic Strategies, online, synchronous
- College Reading 1, online, synchronous
- Advanced College Reading and Study Skills, Braddock Hills Center

LEARNING MANAGEMENT PLATFORMS

Blackboard • Canvas • Google Classroom • Microsoft Office Suite • Schoology

EDUCATION

Ed.D.	Leadership and Administration Dissertation: <i>Challenges and Opportunities in the Acquisition and Use of Honored Multicultural Children's Literature: A Case Study of Community Libraries in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania</i>	Point Park University
M.Ed.	Curriculum and Instruction	Gannon University
M.Ed.	Special Education	University of Pittsburgh
B.S.	Elementary Education	University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS PRESENTED

Tell My Story: Fostering Inclusion with Children's Literature, Educator Workshop
Pathways to Culturally Responsive Teaching, Professional Development for Teachers
Critical Race Theory - What it Is and What it Isn't! Community Forum
Culturally Responsive Teaching Practices-A Community Equity Celebration, Community Forum
Supporting Your Child From Home: Reading and Math Enrichment Through PC, Tablet, and iPad Applications, Parent Workshop
Teaching Reading Across the Curriculum, Professional Development for First Grade Teachers

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAININGS/PROFICIENCIES

Certifications:

Library Media Specialist, K-12
PA Instructional II, K-6
Reading Specialist, K-12
Apple Teacher
Google Educator- Level I
Yoga Alliance, E-RYT®

Trainings/Proficiencies :

95% Group	ALICE Safety
Acadience	DEI
DIBELS	Olweus
Learning A-Z	PBIS
LETRS	RTI
NWEA MAP	SEL
Orton-Gillingham	

EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Gateway School District, Teacher, Leader

1994 – present

- CSE Equity Team, Building Leader, designed Google site- CSE Equity in Education
- District Equity Team, District Team Member
- Reading Specialist, K-6
- Library Media Specialist, K-4
- Reading Counts! Chairperson
- District First Grade Team Leader
- First Grade Teacher, Host/Cooperating Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- High School Home Economics Teacher, Long Term Substitute, three courses-
Fashion and Fabrics, Adult Roles, and Interior Design

COMPLEMENTARY PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

RAMP - Raising Achievement in Monroeville Pitcairn, President

AIU's Pittsburgh Regional DEI Conference, Yearly Attendee

University of Pittsburgh CUESEF, *Toward Critical Pedagogy: Teachers and Teaching*, Panelist

University of Pittsburgh CUESEF, *Pathways to Culturally Responsive Teaching*, Presenter

Educators for Equity, Love, & Social Justice, Associate

Empowered Educators Series, Participant

Baldwin HS Football & Volleyball, Keystone Oaks Football, & Gateway Football, Yoga Instructor

University of Pittsburgh Center for Urban Education – Summer Education Forum, Participant

Gateway Education Association Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, & Weebly, Creator & Manager

Yoga Studios- Inner Strength Yoga, Crunch Fitness, LA Fitness, Moonglow Yoga, Yoga Instructor

Oprah Ambassador, “Children for Change- an O Ambassador Club”, Founder

Disney Learning Partnership Grant Winner, Grant Writing Team Member

Gift of Time Tribute from the American Family Institute, Awardee

NCA Collegiate All-American Cheerleader
