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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**

<b>Ed.D.</b>	Leadership and Administration	Point Park University
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>		
<b>M.Ed.</b>	Curriculum and Instruction	Gannon University
<b>M.Ed.</b>	Special Education	University of Pittsburgh
<b>B.S.</b>	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

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