

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC:

- ◆ Longwood University, Farmville, VA 2021 Supervision & Leadership, 2021 certification
- ◆ American Public University System, WV, 2010 (3cr Administration)
- ◆ Emory & Henry – Science Teachers’ Academy, 2009-2010 (6cr)
- ◆ MLS - Master in Library Science, School of Library and Information Sciences, North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, 2005
- ◆ Virginia Polytechnical, Blacksburg, VA, 2003 (6cr Instructional Technology)
- ◆ B.A. in History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Maine, Orono, 2001
- ◆ B.S. in Secondary Education, Social Studies, College of Education and Human Development, University of Maine, Orono, 2000
- ◆ A.A.in Liberal Science University of Maine, Presque Isle, 1997

CERTIFICATES

- o Teaching Certificate, State of Virginia, 2003-2030
 - ◆ Social Studies and History
 - ◆ Library Media PK-12
 - ◆ English as a Second Language
 - ◆ Supervision & Leadership - Administration (pending 9+ weeks due to pandemic closures)
- o Teaching Certificate, State of Tennessee, 2011-2016
 - ◆ Social Studies and Library Media PK-12
- o Teaching Certificate, State of Maine, 2000-2006
 - ◆ Social Studies

ORGANIZATIONS

- ◆ Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, VASCD
- ◆ Association of School Librarians (Past Director-Elect, Director - York Region)
- ◆ Tennessee Library Association
- ◆ Tennessee Association of School Libraries
- ◆ Tenn-Share

RESEARCH:

- Bilingual Education in RPS - Bilingual Academy to Combat Chronic Absenteeism and Dropout Rates Among the English Language Learner Community
- Benefits of a Balanced School Calendar to Combat Summer and Pandemic Learning Loss
- Elementary Newcomer Academy to Address Chronic Absenteeism and High School Dropout Rates

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Richmond Public Schools, Richmond, VA 2017- present

- Teacher's Advisory Council (2021-2022)
- Lead Library Media Specialist and Department Chair at Huguenot High School
 - o Planning, overseeing, supervising, and operating the media center; providing instruction in library skills; serving as lead media resource person.
 - o Consult with students and staff in the evaluation, selection, and ordering of new library materials to meet the personal and curricular needs of students and staff.
 - o Work with teachers in the selection of books and other instructional materials.
 - o Maintain a comprehensive and efficient system of cataloging library and resource materials (use Follett Destiny).
 - o Instruct students and faculty in the use of the library, media materials, and equipment. Maintains equipment.
 - o Teach essential library and reference skills - inquiry, public speaking, MLA writing, copyright, and plagiarism.
 - o Counsel with and provide guidance to students with special reading problems or unusual intellectual interests.
 - o Publicize the services of the library - literacy and technology-based, as well as writing and research support for students and staff.
 - o Promote appropriate conduct of students utilizing the library by establishing and reinforcing rules, as well as, creating a welcoming environment.
 - o Perform general library duties relating to cataloging, reference, shelving, inventory, and circulation.
 - o Troubleshoot technology problems throughout the building.
 - o Conduct book club and special projects club: Makerspace, writing, crochet.
 - o Co-teach classroom teachers and others as necessary.
 - o Assist with annual and periodic testing. Member of the testing committee.
 - o Assist with professional development.

- o Perform related tasks as required and other duties as assigned by the principal or Board.
- o Chromebook management for Huguenot High School.
- o Webmaster for Huguenot High School.
- o Head Women's Volleyball Coach.
- o Student Council Association Sponsor.
- o RPS Story Team member for Huguenot High School.
- o Member of the SPMT team.
- o Member of the attendance team.

Surry County School District, Surry Virginia, 2011 to 2017

Library Media Specialist/Teacher Librarian at Surry Elementary School

- Assist teachers and students with media requirements
- Administer hardware and software
- Manage library collection
- Supervise volunteers
- Chair Newsletter and Literacy Night
- Book Club
- PBL Club
- Teach library skills - PK-4
- Create and manage library web pages
- Awarded DonorsChoose.org
- Awarded World Book Night Donations

Prince George County, 2013-2015

- Adult Education - GED Teacher, Reading Language Arts

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, Nashville, Tennessee, 2010 – 2011

- Interim Coordinator of Library Media Services
 - Supervise 131 district librarians, 76 library clerks, and 4 library services staff
 - Coordinate purchasing with approved vendors
 - Purchase research databases for county-wide school use and software for purchasing/cataloging library materials
 - Administer funds to librarians
 - Coordinate workshops, in-service sessions, relocation of libraries, etc.
 - Chair the Challenged Materials Committee
 - Applied for federal grants
 - Awarded myOnReader Grants for numerous school libraries

Wythe County Public Schools, Wytheville, Virginia, 2003 – 2010

- Library Media Specialist at Spiller Elementary School (PK-5), 2003 to 2010
 - Teacher-Librarian
 - Assist teachers and students with media requirements
 - Administer hardware and software
 - Manage library collection

- Supervise paraprofessional
- Co-chair Technology Committee
- Teach Technology Club
- Teach library skills
- Create and manage school web pages
- Summer Enrichment, Making a Book Online 2009
- Summer Enrichment, Art Class 2008
- Summer School Teacher, 4th grade, 2006; 5th grade 2007
- Destination Imagination, 1st grade, 2005
- SOL After-school Tutoring, 2005
- Substitute Teacher, Various grade levels and subjects, Jan. 2003 to Aug. 2003

Bangor Public Library, Bangor, Maine, Jul 2001-Dec 2002

- Local History/Special Collections Assistant
 - Assist in genealogical research
 - Artifact preservation and conservation: texts, manuscripts, art and artifacts
 - Research in relation to historical documents
 - Archival and Library duties
 - Supervise adult volunteer staff
 - Create and install exhibits - art and artifacts
 - Create and administer department web pages (<http://www.bpl.lib.me.us/spcoll/>)
 - Create and administer Microsoft Word Access databases
 - Catalog materials in URSUS cataloging system (Minerva)
 - Digitize documents: text, image

Raymond H. Fogler Library - Special Collections, May 2001-Sep 2001 University of Maine, Orono,

- Process manuscripts and rare collections
- Research of historical documents
- Archival and Library duties

Student Teaching, Spring 2000

Substitute, 1999-2001

Old Town School Department, Old Town High School

- Taught college preparatory courses in Sociology, American and European History.
- Created a Holocaust Teaching Plan, and helped create a Psychology course currently being taught.

MEMBERSHIPS:

- *Virginia Association of School Librarians
- *Tennessee Library Association
- *Professional Educators of Tennessee
- *Pi Lambda Theta

*National Education Association

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- o Nominated twice for teacher of the year
- o Graduated Magna Cum Laude from North Carolina Central University, Master of Library Science
- o Dean's List at North Carolina Central University
- o Congratulatory letter from Senator Mary Cathcart for achieving a 4.0 in Spring 2000 term
- o University of Maine Senior Alumni Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, 1998-1999, 1999-2000
- o George M. Park Scholarship for Academic Achievement, 1998
- o Dean's List: Spring 1996, Summer 1996, Fall 1996, Spring 1997, Summer 1997, Fall 1997, Spring 1998, Fall 1998, Spring 2000
- o University of Maine at Presque Isle, Associate of Arts - Cum Laude, 1997
- o University of Maine at Presque Isle, Student Senate Freshman Representative Appreciation Award, 1996

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