

Robyn Conner

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EDUCATION

MFA Performance & Pedagogy (3rd year) Texas Tech University

BFA in Acting from Stephen F. Austin State University

Major: Theatre/Performance Minor: English

Current Certifications: Texas Teaching Certificate 6-12 Theatre and English

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-Present Texas Tech University

Performing Arts Instructor - Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research

TA - Introduction to Cinema - 2023-2024

TA - Introduction to Theatre Education - 2024

Artistic Director BurkTech Players 2023-Present

Collaborative Performance Troupe between TTU Department of Theatre and the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research

Presenter - UIL Student Activities Conference - 2024

2021-2023(retired): Chisholm Trail Middle School: Theatre Teacher

Teach: Theatre 6 and Musical Theatre, Gifted Language Arts 6-8

Direct: UIL One Act Play, and 6th Grade Spring Productions

Additional Responsibilities: UIL Academic Coordinator, UIL (University Interscholastic League) Oral Reading Coach, WEB (Leadership Club) Sponsor, Drama Club Sponsor

2020-2021 - Tyrone Area Middle School Tyrone PA

Teach: 7th Grade English, 7th & 8th Theatre

2002-2020 - Round Rock Independent School District, Round Rock TX

2012-2020: Chisholm Trail Middle School: Theatre Teacher

Teach: Theatre 6, Theatre 7&8 and Musical Theatre, Technical Theatre

Direct: UIL One Act Play, Fall Festival Production, Fall and Spring Musicals, 7&8 Grade Fall and Spring Productions and 6th Grade Spring Productions

Additional Responsibilities: UIL Academic Coordinator, UIL Oral Reading Coach, WEB (Leadership Club) Sponsor, Drama Club Sponsor, Bard's Bunch Sponsor (an after-school Shakespeare Club)

Curriculum Development.

Created a musical theatre program that grew in 7 years from 17 students to 56 and from 1 performance a year to 4 per year.

Created a Technical Theatre class that grew from 10 to 25 students in 2 years. Began the annual Shakespeare Festival.

RRISD JOB ALIKE PRESENTER 2014-2020

Cooperating Teacher: Served as mentor teacher for 3 different student teachers

2005-2012: Fern Bluff Elementary Talented & Gifted Language Arts

Taught: K-2 Gifted Enrichment, 3-5 Gifted Language Arts

Additional Responsibilities: Campus Talented & Gifted Coordinator, Science Fair Coordinator.

Curriculum Development: Created entire gifted language arts curriculum grades 3-5 and K-2 Gifted Enrichment.

TAGT CONFERENCE PRESENTER 2009-2012

Cooperating Teacher: Served as mentor teacher for 2 different student teachers

2000-2001 & 2002-2005: Stony Point High School:

2000-2001: Theatre Teacher

Taught: Theatre I,III,IV, Technical Theatre, Theatre Production.

Directed: UIL One Act Play, Fall and Spring Productions

2002-2005: English Teacher

Taught: English II and IV

Additional Responsibilities: Technical Director for One Act Play, Assistant Cheerleading Coach

Cooperating Teacher: Served as mentor teacher for a student teacher

1998-2000 & 2001-2002: Midlothian High School, Midlothian TX:

1998-2000: Theatre Teacher

Taught: Theatre I, Technical Theatre, Production Theatre

Additional Responsibilities: Musical Technical Director, UIL One Act Play Director, UIL Oral Reading Coach

2001-2002: English Teacher

Taught: English II AP

Additional Responsibilities: UIL One Act Play Assistant Director, UIL Oral Reading Coach

1996-1998 Cedar Hill High School, Cedar Hill, TX: Theatre Teacher

Taught: Theatre I, Production and Technical Theatre.

Additional Responsibilities: UIL One Act Play Director, Technical Theatre Director, UIL Oral Reading Coach

1995-1996 Lawton High School, Lawton, OK: English and Speech Teacher

Taught: Senior English and Speech.

Additional Responsibilities: Musical Costume Designer

1993-1994 Hyatt School, Dequincy LA: English Teacher

Taught: English I, II, III,IV

Additional Responsibilities: Academic Team Coach, Prom Sponsor, Yearbook Sponsor

EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

2015 - Awarded Partners in Education Grant to start after school Shakespeare club that teaches elementary students about Shakespeare

2015 - Chosen by the English-Speaking Union as a Delegate to attend a 3-week course, Teaching Shakespeare Through Performance in London.

2013-2015 - School Representative to Superintendent's District Advisory Council

2006-2011 - Presenter at Texas Association for Gifted & Talented State Conference
2004 - Teacher of the Year, Stony Point High School
1994 - Teacher of the Year, Hyatt High School
1992 - Student Teacher of the Year, Stephen F. Austin State University

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

TxETA - Texas Educational Theatre Association 2014-Present
TAGT - Texas Association of Gifted & Talented 2005-2012

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

1994 - The First Day of School, Harry Wong
1998 - A Framework for Understanding Poverty, Ruby Payne
2000 – Boys Town Training
2002 – TAGT/AP Conference University of Texas at Arlington