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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Penn State University: Harrisburg Campus, Middletown, PA — *Adjunct Instructor*

December 2022 - PRESENT

As a part-time adjunct instructor for the School of Behavior Sciences & Education at the Harrisburg satellite campus of Penn State University, my responsibilities include teaching undergraduate entry-level general education classes and electives.

Courses Taught:

- GEOG 040: World Regional Geography
- GEOG 128: Geography of International Affairs

Elizabethtown Area School District, Elizabethtown, PA — *Social Studies Teacher*

August 2008 - PRESENT

As a full-time educator in the District's High School Social Studies Department, my responsibilities go beyond just teaching classes. I'm a club leader, curriculum writer, student councilor, project organizer, and communication facilitator between parents, students, and the public.

Courses Taught:

- Early American History (1800 - 1870)
- Modern American History (1933 - present)
- Honors Modern American History (1933 - present)
- World History (1300s - present)
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- Modern World History (1800 - present)
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- AP World History: Modern (1200s - present)
- AP US History (1491 - present)
- Government & Economics
- Honors Government & Economics
- Pennsylvania State & Local History

SKILLS

Classroom teaching

Educational technology

Historical research & publishing

Public speaking

Online publishing & blogging

PUBLICATIONS

[Professional Writings &](#)

[Publication Portfolio](#)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Education Association,
Member (2007)

Pennsylvania State Educational
Association (2007)

Elizabethtown Area Education
Association (2008)

Pennsylvania Council for the Social
Studies (2008)

National Association of Media
Literacy Educators (2020)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Social Studies 7-12 Teaching
Certificate (2007)

Elizabethtown Area Historical Society, Elizabethtown, PA — Educational Programs Director

October, 2017 - April, 2018

Helped to write, coordinate, and promote educational programs for elementary, middle, and high school students focused on the local history of the Elizabethtown community and region.

Ephrata Area School District, Ephrata, PA — Long-Term Substitute / High School Social Studies Teacher

August, 2007 - June, 2008

I worked primarily as a 9th Grade World Cultures teacher, but I also taught an elective, 12th Grade course on Pennsylvania History & Government.

National History Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD — National Intern

June, 2006 - August, 2006

I worked in the national office of NHD, bringing historical education to students nationwide. Helped to organize, implement, and run the 2006 NHD National Contest including registration, merchandise sales, student/teacher accommodations, providing perspective NHD donors with a tour of the University of Maryland site for the National Contest, and making phone calls to Congressional representatives for their support of NHD on Federal funding bills for the current/upcoming fiscal year.

Discover Lancaster County History Museum, Lancaster, PA — Tour Guide, Educational Programs Director, Historian

June, 1999 - June, 2004

I worked for the Discover Lancaster County History Museum (formally Dutch Wonderland) as an educational programs designer and tour guide, teaching tour groups and visitors about Lancaster County's rich historical past.

Lancaster Heritage Center, Lancaster, PA — Part-Time Archive Researcher

June, 2003 - August, 2003

I worked as a researcher for the Lancaster Heritage Center (now the Lancaster Campus of History at Wheatland) tracking down historical information in the Center's archives.

Level II Professional Educators License (2012)

K-12 Online Teaching Certification (2018)

PBS / KQED Media Literacy Teaching Certification (2020)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Act 48 Committee of the Lancaster Heritage Center

Shippensburg University Alumni Association Contact Person (2017 - present)

Shippensburg University Department of History / Philosophy Alumni Mentorship Program (2018 - present)

"Lead to Learn" District Teaching Instructor

EDUCATION

Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA — M.A

August, 2013 - June, 2018

Obtained a Master's Degree in Education with a K-12 Online Teaching Certification.

Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Millersville, PA — M.A.

August, 2008 - June, 2013

Obtained a Master's Degree in History.

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Shippensburg, PA — B.S.

August, 2003 - August,, 2007

Obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education (focused on Social Studies education) with a minor in Political Science.

PROJECTS

Elizabethtown High School National History Day Club — Club Advisor & Project "Coach"

In sharing my love of the National History Day competition with my students, I founded this club as a way for students to strengthen their research skills, collaborate with like-minded students, and compete in a nationally recognized and accredited historical competition. Have had numerous students win awards at the NHD Region 9 Competition (our home district in Pennsylvania) as well as students perform well at the NHD Pennsylvania State Competition, with one student finishing in the Top 5 Best Projects in the state.

FANSchool.org — Election Challenge & Fantasy Geopolitics

While I am not the founder of this unique site that blends current events with fantasy sports concepts into authentic learning, I have been a major educational contributor to help to build the FANSchool.org brand as well as helping to pilot and promote our Presidential Election national competition, FANSchool.org's Election Challenge, where students use polls, data, and current news stories to predict the outcome of the Electoral College.