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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor | The College of Lake County

August 2026-Present

- Designed curriculum for introductory English and college readiness courses
- Utilized digital interfaces such as CANVAS and Google Suite to deliver instruction

English Teacher & Fine Arts Teacher | Carmel Catholic High School

August 2022-Present

- Composed and taught a rigorous English curriculum at the honors and regular levels, including writing workshops, live-writing demonstrations, full-novel units, author visits, comprehensive grammar instruction, and reading comprehension lessons
- Crafted a multifaceted visual arts curriculum for students in grades 9-12, studying the elements and principles of art in coordination with specific artist case studies
- Constructed and taught a fully skill-for-skill aligned art curriculum to students with Down Syndrome alongside neurotypical peers in a visual arts context
- CCHS National Honors Society teacher moderator
- Art Club teacher moderator

Chapter President, InterVarsity Arts Northwestern University

August 2023-Present

- Led groups of artists in fellowship meetings on campus and organizing chapter events discussing intersections between higher academia and the spiritual world of the arts

Presenter, Northwestern School of Professional Studies Symposium

November 2024

- Led a symposium presentation of the dangers of AI in the world of the creative arts for Northwestern University faculty

Substitute Teacher, Trinity Oaks Christian Academy

May 2022-June 2022

- Led K-12 classes in various subjects

Student Teacher in English, Round Lake High School

January 2022-May 2022

- Designed and taught curriculum grounded in English Language Arts
- Crafted standards-based assessments to demonstrate student growth in literacy and writing
- Volunteered to collect clothing for students in need

News Reporter and Blogger, The Vidette

January 2020-January 2022

- Wrote blogs, features, and news articles
- Interviewed subjects and composed photos
- Formatted writing to fit APA guidelines

Managing Editor & Editor in Chief, The Chronicle

August 2018-December 2019

- Collaborated with and directed large staff during newspaper production
- 2019 Illinois Editorial Writer of the Year title by the Illinois Community College Journalism Association

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Master's of Arts in Writing

- Specialization in popular fiction & teaching
- Graphic novel thesis
- 4.0 GPA

Illinois State University

- *Bachelor's of Arts in English*
- Graduated with Honors Distinction
- Earned Summa Cum Laude with 4.0 GPA
- Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society Member
- National Council of Teachers of English Member
- National Art Educators Association Member
- Sequence in Teacher Education

College of Lake County

Associate's of Arts and Sciences

- Graduated with 4.0 GPA
- Member of merit-based Honors Scholars Program

Endorsements and Certifications

- Secondary English Language Arts
- Middle-Level English Language Arts
- K-12 Visual Arts
- Short-Term Substitute License

PUBLICATIONS

- "Caligo," **Author of Blog**, Substack, 2026.
 - "Questions for Vampires," **Author**, Every Writer, 2024.
 - "Plagiarism Is Not On The Guest List: A Response to Inviting Artificial Intelligence with Curiosity", **Author**. On NCTE Blog, January 2024.
 - "Missing In Action: YA Fiction That Captivates", **Author**. On NCTE blog, November 2022.
 - "Unmasking The Mythical Narrative Surrounding The Five-Paragraph Essay", **Author**. On Literacy & NCTE blog, November 2021.
 - "Why I Cook: (Book)", **National Day on Writing Event Coordinator And Editor in Chief**, Why I Cook: Book Website, 2021.
 - "Community, Agency, and Voice: Creating Authentic Writing Opportunities", **Co-Author**, Published Essay, Ethical ELA Website, 2021.
 - "A Letter", **Author**, Published Narrative, College of Lake County Prairie Voices, 2018.
 - "The Lamentable", **Author**. Copyrighted Novel, Library of Congress, 2016.
 - "1/10th Of A Second," **Contributing Artist**, Amazon Documentary, 2015.
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CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Pontiac Township High School, (Teaching ELA)

- Developed and taught lessons on cover letter production

Bloomington Regional Alternative School (Teaching Art)

- Designed and taught 3-week long unit on watercolor skills and paintings
- Facilitated student-centered visit with famous artist, Dean Mitchell
- Coordinated Art Show at the Bloomington Public Library at end of the unit
- Created all teaching materials, rubrics, and assessment tools (summative and formative)

Roanoke Benson High School (Teaching ELA)

- Designed and taught lessons on revision work and socially-just ELA
- Crafted teaching materials and graphic organizer formative assessment tool
- Led students in writing and revision activities

Illinois State University Lab High School (Teaching ELA)

- Coordinated and taught 3-day micro-unit aligned with Common Core Standards
- Created engaging assignments, standards-based assessments, and accessible games that aligned with micro-unit goals, objectives, and standards

Prairie Crossing Charter School (Teaching Art and ELA)

- Guided Common Core related lessons in ELA setting
- Taught art lessons in Kindergarten setting

Grant Community High School (Observing Art and ELA)

- Collected data on student achievement, growth, and Individual Education Plans (IEP's)
- Facilitated small group discussions in ELA and Visual Arts classrooms

Juvenile Detention Center, McLean County (Teaching Art)

- Organized Common Core-aligned lessons for Visual Arts classes
- Observed different approaches to behavior redirection

Bloomington School District 87 High School (Observing ELA)

- Oversaw large-group instruction tactics in diverse settings

SKILLS & PROFICIENCIES

- Technical writing
- Writing instruction education
- Creative fiction writing
- Visual arts education
- K-12 Education
- Curriculum development
- Coaching basketball
- Copywriting
- Copy editing
- Visual product development
- Digital illustration
- Writing in multiple contexts, such as journalism, poetry, creative writing, graphic novel composition, non-fiction writing, and critical essays
- Fluent in the creative platforms CANVA, Adobe Suite, Google Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, and iMovie

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2022-23 Carmel Girls' Basketball Freshmen Assistant Coach,

- Led an undefeated season
- Managed daily practices and designed plays
- Facilitated all team-building activities, such as parties

2018 Middle School Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach, Wauconda Middle School

- Designed and taught skills, drills, and plays
- Facilitated team-building exercises and opportunities, such as team dinners and parties