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Work Experience

Instructional Coach & Curriculum Leader, Shelburne Community School, **2021 - present**

- Strengthen first instruction across the K-8 school
- Revitalize instructional coaching for teachers at SCS

Co-Founder/Co-Director, Middlebury College's *What's the Story? The Vermont Young People Social Action Team*, **2014 - Present**

- Design and direct a program for youth across the country to become informed, strategic, and empathic change agents on topics of social concern. More here: www.whatsthestoryvt.com

Principal & Digital Learning Leader, Champlain Valley School District's Virtual Learning Academy (VLA), **2020 - 2021**

- Codesigned a virtual K-8 school on an emergency-timeline
- Created and delivered differentiated professional learning for teacher/school/student success
- Promoted mid-year from VLA Digital Learning Leader to VLA 5-8 Principal

Digital Learning Leader, Shelburne Community School, **2018 - 2021**

- Collaborated with a district-wide team to draft and begin to implement a CVSD Digital Literacy Skills Scope & Sequence and Digital Learning Plan, modeled on one I created in ACSD
- Awarded a \$100,000 Rowland Fellowship aimed to grow capacity, equity, and coherence in Computer Science learning opportunities across CVSD

Technology Innovation Specialist, Addison Central School District, **2016 - 2018**

- Hired as the first district leader focused on the integration of technology, pedagogy, and content knowledge
- Co-led transition to a 1:1 Chromebook environment from multiple platforms over 9 schools
- Led the creation of the district's digital learning plan and digital skills scope and sequence

English Teacher, Middlebury Union High School, **2001 - 2004 & 2006 - 2016**

- Co-chaired the department for 8 years
- Taught a full range of courses that included *AP English* to one designed for 9th-graders at risk of dropping out
- Co-taught Biology courses for three years to scaffold reading and writing for all learners to access developmentally appropriate content

Special Educator, Middlebury Union High School, **2004 - 2006**

- Case-managed and advocated for learners on IEP, 504, and EST plans.
- Designed and instructed intervention groups in Reading Fluency and Reading Comprehension

Presentations/Publications

"Designing a K-12 Computer Science Program & Reinvigorating CSTA Vermont." **May 2020**

- VITA-Learn and the Vermont School Library Association's Dynamic Landscape Conference. *Presentation*

"It Takes a Village: Navigating Together Towards Digital Citizenship." **Nov. 2018**

- VITA-Learn's Vermont Fest Conference. *Presentation*

"The Story of 'What's the Story?': The I-Search as a Political Act." **Jan. 2018**

- Bread Loaf Teacher Network Journal. *Publication*

"Digital Learning Plan - A-Side: Sharing our Journey - Why, How, What / B Side: Mashup of ideas and Conversation." **Nov. 2017**

- Vermont Fest, Killington, VT. *Presentation*

"Blended Learning, Blended Social Activism, and Self-Reflective Learners." **June 2017**

- June Forum, Middlebury College: Middlebury, Vermont. *Presentation & Panel Discussion*

"Blended Learning, Blended Social Activism, and Self-Reflective Learners." **June 2017**

- Domains 2017 Conference, University of Oklahoma: Norman, OK. *Presentation*

"Hybrid Learning and Narrative Research to Build Empathy and Agency." **May 2017**

- Dynamic Landscapes, Burlington, VT. *Presentation*

"Empowering Civic Engagement with Digital Storytelling." **April 2015, 2016, and 2017**

- Workshop designer/leader for Navajo youth: Navajo Community Health Outreach - in conjunction with Partners in Health/COPE and Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English, Gallup, NM. *Teaching & Presentation*

"The Very Best of Personalized and Proficiency-Based Learning." **November 2016**

- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) annual conference, Atlanta, GA. *Presentation*

"A Live Performance: Sharing Video Skills with NCHO (Navajo) Youth." **October 2015**

- Bread Loaf Teacher Network Journal. *Publication*

"Video Documentaries to Impact Social Change." **October 2014**

- Vermont Fest, Killington, VT. *Presentation*

Education

Master of Arts, English, Middlebury College Bread Loaf School of English, 2006

Bachelor of Science, Major: Secondary Education; Minors: Special Education & English, University of Vermont, 2001

Licensure

K-12, Principal

Secondary Education, English

Honors, Grants, Certifications

2020 Rowland Foundation Fellowship - Writer/Recipient; \$100K grant, 2020 - 2022

- Focus: Increase equity in opportunity for female and non-binary students by building a districtwide Computer Science program

SNAVE Foundation Grant - Writer/Recipient; \$105K grant, 2020-2022

- Focus: Connect youth leaders across differences and distances and engage educators across 6 regional sites: Atlanta, GA; Lawrence, MA; Louisville, KY; Navajo Nation; Santa Fe, NM, and Vermont

Bay & Paul Foundations Grant - Writer/Recipient; \$85K in grants, 2019-2022

- Focus: lead professional development across Vermont with individuals and teams of teachers interested to adopt and adapt principles and practices of *What's the Story?*

VT-AOE Grant - Writer/Recipient; \$40K grant, 2018-2019

- Focus: "Building Skills and Agency through a PK-12 Approach to Personalized Learning and Flexible Pathways."

Ford Foundation Grant - Co-Recipient, \$500K grant shared across six sites, 2015-2018

- Focus: Develop the Next Generation Leadership Network (www.breadloafnextgen.org)

Multiple Supporting Grants - Writer/Recipient, 2014-2015

- Focus: "Student Films: Civic Engagement, Community Partnerships, and Authentic Audiences."
- Grants were awarded from the Addison Central Education Endowment Fund, Vermont-NEA, Vermont Community Foundation, and Write to Change.

Project Ignite Recipient, 2014

- Recognized Vermont-wide for innovative use of technology in the classroom by VT-ASCD and VITA-Learn

Related Affiliations

Founding Co-Director: *What's the Story? The VT Young People Social Action Team*, 2014 - Present

Board Member: Vermont Learning for the Future, 2018 - 2021

Board Member: VITA-Learn, 2018 - 2021

Co-Founder/Partner: Arts education partnership between district and local acting company, 2009 - 2018

Board Member: Middlebury Community Television, 2017 - 2018

Coordinating Committee Member: New England Young Writers' Conference, 2013-2015

Board Member: Otter Creek Child Center, 2012-2014