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My desire is to help students gain an increased knowledge and appreciation for the social studies. It is essential for students to study social studies because it connects them to a common past and puts present events into context. Social studies not only exposes students to their own culture and heritage, it also stimulates them to think about different people, places, and processes. Likewise, social studies education tells us where we came from as a human race and helps students to become informed global citizens.

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TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

- Michigan Professional Teaching Certificate
- Highly Qualified to teach History and Social Studies

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

- Master of Arts in History
Central Michigan University, August 2007
GPA: 3.97
- Bachelor of Science in Education
Major: History (CC) Central Michigan University, May 2000
Major: Social Studies (RX) GPA: 3.96 (summa cum laude)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Social Studies Teacher.....Shepherd High School, Fall 2000-Present
 - Taught many classes including, but not limited to: American History, World Studies, Michigan History, Current Events, Civics, Practical Law, and History of American Wars
 - Created and implemented lessons designed to prepare students for the Michigan Merit Exam
 - Integrated State standards and benchmarks into daily lesson plans and unit designs
 - Designed lessons and units incorporating multiple intelligences and various learning styles
 - Incorporated various materials such as music, art, and primary documents into daily instruction
 - Integrated technology into lesson plans and student assessments
 - Incorporated simulations into instruction to engage students in the learning process
 - Role played famous historical figures to motivate students and engage their interest
 - Planned and incorporated virtual field trips into the study of history
 - Planned long-term student trips to New York City, New York; Boston, Massachusetts and Domitz, Germany
 - Exposed students to authentic learning opportunities in their community including Teen Jury
 - Planned annual Veteran's Day Assembly to connect students to their community and to honor local servicemen and women

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- Social Studies Department Chair.....Shepherd High School, Fall 2002-Present
 - Headed Social Studies Curriculum Review
 - Updated curriculum in accordance with the High School Content Expectations
 - Presented Social Studies curriculum to District School Improvement Team and School Board

- Oversaw the development of common assessments
- Created curriculum for Michigan History, Current Events, and History of American Wars electives
- Acted as a liaison between Social Studies staff and administration
- Managed High School Social Studies budget
- Faculty Council Member.....Shepherd High School, Fall 2002-Present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

- Response to Intervention/ High School Improvement Team.....Shepherd High School, Fall 2011-Present
- High School Social Studies Content Area Advisory Committee Member, Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educational Assessment (Spring 2005-Present)
- Michigan Council for the Social Studies Member (Spring 2000-Present)

AWARDS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

- Michigan High School Educator of the Year, awarded by the Michigan Council for the Social Studies (Spring 2009)
- A Tour Through History, awarded by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (Fall 2008)
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CONFERENCES ATTENDED (SELECTED)

- Reading Apprenticeship, Gratiot-Isabella RESD, Shepherd, Michigan (Fall 2010-Spring 2012)
- Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference, Kalamazoo, Michigan (Fall 2010)
- Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference, Grand Rapids Michigan (Spring 2009)
- Michigan Council for the Social Studies Roll Out of High School Contention Expectations, Lansing, Michigan (Fall 2007)
- Native American Culture and Heritage Conference featuring James W. Lowen, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (Fall 2006)

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- German Exchange Advisor.....Fall 2009-Spring 2011
- Advisor, Class of 2011.....Fall 2007-Spring 2011
- Advisor, Varsity and Junior Varsity Quiz Bowl.....Fall 2002-Spring 2006, Fall 2008-Spring 2011
- Advisor, Youth in Government.....Spring 2000-Spring 2002, Spring 2012

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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