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Education

University of Southern California: EdD in Educational Leadership, K-12 Admin, currently enrolled, grad date 2016
San Francisco State University: MFA in Theatre Performance, an integration of writing, acting and directing, 1993
University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN: BA in Theatre Arts with a minor in Political Science, 1988
University of Lancaster in Lancashire, England: Junior Year Abroad, Theatre and Politics, 1986-87

Teaching Credentials

- ◇ Multiple-Subject Teaching Credential (CA)
- ◇ Single-Subject Teaching Credentials in English and Spanish (CA)
- ◇ BCLAD Certificate English/Spanish (CA)
- ◇ Certificate of Eligibility for Administrative Services (CA)
- ◇ Studio Teacher License (CA Dept. of Industrial Relations)

Employment

Teacher and Department Co-Chair at Magnolia Science Academy-3, Carson, CA: 08/13 – Present
Teach English to students in grades 6-12; co-chair the English department; coordinate the Accelerated Reader and Sustained Silent Reading programs; and administer the CELDT at this math, science and technology-focused school.

Teacher at El Rodeo School, Beverly Hills, CA: 06/13 – 07/13
Taught Title I summer-school English to students in grades 6-7 whose reading was below grade level. Over the course of this 21-day, half-day session, 77% of the students nearly doubled the superintendent's goal of 50K Accelerated Reader words per student, and all 13 students together read over 1,000,000 words and raised their reading levels by 20%.

Teacher at Beverly Hills High School, Beverly Hills, CA: 02/13 – 06/13
Taught English, grade 9, and Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition, grade 12. I was asked to come in at the end of February and inspire 93 second-semester seniors who had substitutes all year and who were told they didn't have to take the AP exam to both take and pass the exam. 90% took the exam; 75% passed; and nearly half earned scores of 4 or higher, which is especially notable considering that only 80% had 11th grade CST scores of "Advanced."

Teacher at iO West, Hollywood, CA: 03/12 – Present
Teach adult actors how to craft their own one-performer plays, specializing in the use of metaphor, symbolism, personification and mixed-media to create highly innovative performances. A recent student's one-woman musical "This Life Chose Me: A Ninja Musical" was critics' "top pick" at the 2013 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Intern Marketing Specialist at iO West, Hollywood, CA: 08/11 – 08/12
Wrote blog posts; assigned and edited the blog posts of others to ensure a unified voice; crafted a company-wide style guide; designed and distributed mass emails; and performed other tasks as assigned by the theater's artistic director.

Essay Scorer for Educational Testing Service (ETS), Elwing, NJ: 09/10 – Present
Score EAP essays written by students applying for placement in the California State University (CSU) system.

Writer for Examiner.com of Clarity Media Group, Denver, CO: 03/09 – Present
Write a column regarding the Los Angeles performing arts scene with emphases on comedy and live theater.

Teacher at Aspire Pacific Academy, Huntington Park, CA: 12/10 – 12/11
Taught English, grades 9-11, and created the 3 Dollars 3 Hours project, which paired public officials with high school freshmen to encourage and enhance civic engagement and which has since become a non-profit organization.

Teacher at Glendale High School, Glendale, CA: 08/07 – 08/10
Taught English and ELD, grades 9-12, and Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition, grade 12; encouraged students to develop their unique talents; emphasized meaningful, purpose-infused work; published student writing in a literary journal; tutored Spanish after school; facilitated teacher workshops on SDAIE strategies; and led a team of 30 staff members through the WASC accreditation process.

Teacher, Department Chair and Technology Liaison at Roosevelt Middle School, Glendale, CA: 4/05 – 08/07
Taught English and ELD, grades 7-8; facilitated ELD department and CSC meetings; mentored teachers in the use of technology; managed the EETT tech grant and the use of laptop carts and MyAccess web-ware, resulting in a 15-point rise in test scores: ELA scores among EO and FEP 7th graders rose from 47% proficient to 62% proficient.

Teacher, Department Chair and VP Designee at Anthony W. Ochoa Middle School, Hayward, CA: 1/01 – 6/04
Taught math, Spanish, English, drama and history to students in grades 7-8; taught ESL to parents in the evenings; provided class management guidance to and directed math teachers in the pacing and implementation of lessons; spearheaded a nutrition program; and substituted as Vice Principal, assisting with discipline and community outreach.

Technical Writer, Editor, Narrator and Marketing Specialist for BDG Publishing, Hayward, CA: 1/98 – 8/02
Wrote, edited and narrated over 30 electronic tutorials and crafted print ads for a tech education software company.

Bilingual Teacher, Faculty Council Chair and Co-Designer of the Two-Way Immersion Program at Jefferson Year-Round Elementary School, Oakland, CA: 1/95 – 8/00
Taught English, Spanish, math, science, social studies and PE to students in grades K-5; led Faculty Council meetings, determining important school policy; coached fellow teachers on the use of Math Matters techniques, which are applicable to all subject areas; traveled to NYC to participate in school reform efforts; and chaired the Bilingual Action Committee, which designed the two-way immersion program, which is now a stand-alone school.

Human Resources Recruiting Coordinator for Sybase, Emeryville, CA: 2/94 – 12/94
Coordinated the hiring of project managers and software engineers in a competitive, hi-tech environment.

Founder and Co-Artistic Director of Hyde and Turk Performance Works in San Francisco: 11/95 – 5/2000
Produced, wrote, directed and performed award-winning works of theater and performance art.

Visiting Director in Chiapas, México: 12/92 – 2/93
Directed hand puppet shows for the Mayan theatre troupe Sna Jtz'iBajom, which performed throughout México in Spanish, Tzeltal and Tzotzil for audiences of 3,000 in the streets and plazas, encouraging the positive perpetuation of Mayan culture.

Assistant Accountant and Fundraiser for Greenpeace, San Francisco, CA: 9/89 – 5/92
Co-managed several multi-million-dollar accounts; assisted with AP and AR; canvassed door-to-door across the Bay Area; and toured with Robert Plant and Elvis Costello, raising funds and awareness for Greenpeace.

Campaign Director of Voter Revolt's Proposition 103, Santa Cruz, CA: 8/88 – 8/89
Set up and managed one of Voter Revolt's most successful campaign offices, the territories of which included Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and Monterey Counties; trained and managed over 200 employee fundraisers; spoke at rallies and on television; and orchestrated Ralph Nader's week-long trek through northern California in support of Proposition 103.

Intern Lobbyist in the MN Legislature for MPIRG, Minneapolis-St. Paul: 4/88 – 6/88
Lobbied in the MN Legislature providing information on issues involving consumer and environment protection.

Interests, Skills and Volunteerism

- ◇ Theater, film, comedy, improvisation, music, capoeira and dance (Zumba® and CPR certified)
- ◇ Fluent and literate in Spanish
- ◇ Fluent in technology and social media
- ◇ Former volunteer on Kibbutz Mevo Hama in the Golan Heights
- ◇ PEN Prison Writing Mentor – Mentee won first place in the PEN Prison Writing Contest in 2011 and 2012
- ◇ Volunteer with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Los Angeles

Publications

- ◇ *How to Put On Your Own One Person Show – A Workbook to Help You Map and Present Your Piece*
Used as the central text of solo performance classes in university programs
- ◇ *Overview of English for Newcomers and Native Speakers*
A comprehensive workbook of lessons for students in ELD (ESL), levels 1-5, and English, grades 6-12

Websites

K-12 Classroom: webstacletcourse.com

3 Dollars 3 Hours: 3dollars3hours.org

iO West: west.ioimprov.com

Examiner: examiner.com/performing-arts-in-los-angeles/andrea-kittelson