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SUMMARY

English language, literature, composition, ESL/EFL teacher. Proficient in Spanish, use of information technology to enhance classroom instruction. Currently completing Master of Arts degree program in linguistics through Arizona State University.

EXPERIENCE

Amphitheater Public Schools, Tucson, Arizona, January 2007-present.

English Language, Literature, and Composition Teacher, August 2007-present.

- Currently Advanced Placement English Language and Composition and English 9 at Canyon del Oro High School.
- Developing English curriculum content, established reading and writing assessment benchmarks, and designed departmental instructional calendars.
- Adapting existing resources and developed new materials for students and colleagues.

Substitute-Teacher, January 2007-May 2007.

- Long-term substitute-teacher for Advanced Placement Literature and Composition and 12th grade English classes Canyon del Oro High School for the third quarter of 2007.
- Substituted for secondary classes throughout Amphitheater school district.

Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, Arizona, October 2002-May 2005.

English Language, Literature, and Composition Teacher, October 2002-May 2005.

- Taught English language, literature, and composition, and Academic Literacy (Reading Apprenticeship) at Pueblo Magnet High School.
- Taught and coached Academic Decathlon at Pueblo Magnet High School, October 2002-May 2005.
- Taught freshman English language, literature, and composition, as part of the "Warrior Welcome" program (8th grader introduction/orientation to high school) at Pueblo Magnet High School, June 2004.
- Created www.RobGirard.net for use as an online classroom resource for students and colleagues.
- Developed English curriculum content, established reading and writing assessment benchmarks, and designed departmental instructional calendars.
- Adapted existing resources and developed new materials for students and colleagues.
- Trained school-wide faculty in writing assessment methods, particularly the six-trait/six-point rubric, and led scoring sessions of student writing.

Substitute-Teacher, February 2000-November 2002.

- Long-term substitute-teacher for 7th grade social studies and science classes at Safford Engineering and Technology Magnet Middle School during fourth quarter of 2002.

- Created websites www.geocities.com/saffordsocialstudies and www.geocities.com/saffordscience as online classroom resources for students.
- Substituted for Kindergarten through 12th grade classes throughout Tucson Unified School District.

The Bernard Language School, Tucson, Arizona, July 2000-December 2003.

ESL Teacher.

- Taught English speaking, listening, reading, and writing to non-native speakers including university students, adults, professionals, and elementary, middle, and secondary school children.
- Adapted existing resources and developed new materials for students and colleagues.

Unidad Educativa Modelo Tomás de Berlanga, Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz, Galápagos Islands, Ecuador, March 1999-December 1999.

EFL Teacher and Music Director.

- Created and implemented a comprehensive speaking, listening, reading and writing English language curriculum for 2nd through 4th grades.
- Taught music to 2nd through 7th grades and directed the school choir.
- Adapted existing resources and developed new materials for students and colleagues.
- Organized and conducted EFL teacher training workshops for Ecuadorian English teachers from schools throughout the community.

Pagoda Foreign Language Institute, Inchon, South Korea, October 1997-December 1997.

EFL Teacher.

- Taught English speaking, listening, reading, and writing to university students, adults, professionals, and elementary, middle, and secondary school students.
- Adapted existing resources and developed new materials for students and colleagues.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Master of Arts in English (Linguistics). Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (anticipated completion spring 2010).

Arizona State Board of Education Teacher Certificate. Secondary Education, English, grades 7-12, January 2002.

Post-Baccalaureate Professional Teacher Preparation Program. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, December 2001.

Arizona State Board of Education Substitute-Teacher Certificate. February 2000.

University of Cambridge/RSA CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults). Columbia College, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, December 1998.

Bachelor of Arts in English (minor in history). University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, May 1997.

CONFERENCES & TRAINING

Career Ladder, Participant. Through Amphitheater Public Schools. Entry to Student Outcomes, 2008-2009; Entry to Instructional Skills, 2007-2008.

Project CRISS (Creating Independence through Student Owned Strategies) Level 1, Participant. Through Amphitheater Public Schools, Tucson, Arizona, February 2009.

Advanced Placement Conference, Participant. Phoenix, Arizona, December 2008.

Phoenix Desert AP Summer Institute, Participant. Phoenix, Arizona, July 2007.

Language at the Borders Spring Conference, Co-presenter/participant "Preparing Teachers for a Diverse Classroom." University of Arizona, March 2004.

Reading Apprenticeship, Participant. Through Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, Arizona, February 2003.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

European Capitals Group Leader. Will lead student travelers on twenty-five day educational tour through England, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain; through EF Educational Tours, May-June 2011.

European Showcase Group Leader. Led student travelers on twenty-one day educational tour through England, France, Switzerland, Italy, and Greece; through EF Educational Tours, May-June 2009.

SAT Proctor. Assist in administration of the College Board test, Tucson, Arizona, 2002-2005, 2007-present.

ASU Writing Center Tutor. Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, October 2005-December 2006.

European Panorama Group Leader. Led student travelers on thirty-one day educational tour through England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, and Greece; coordinated through EF Educational Tours, June-July 2005.

HONORS & AWARDS

Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Tenth edition, 2005-2006.

Arizona Technology in Education Alliance Exemplary Web Site Award. Secondary classroom teacher winner for www.RobGirard.net, 2005.

Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Eighth edition, 2003-2004.

Eagle Scout. Troop 739, Boy Scouts of America, Tucson, Arizona, 1990.