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*I am interested in pedagogies that center students in the classroom to promote authentic engagement and develop strong collaboration and critical thinking skills while allowing all students to achieve at their highest level.*

### **Consultancy, Mentorship, and Teaching Outside of a Traditional Classroom**

#### **March - April 2022**

*Creative Writing*; Instructor for the American Center Minsk, a public diplomacy project of the Belarusian unit of the US Embassy, in collaboration with PH International, Inc. of Waitsfield, VT. A fully remote, six week session for adult learners, culminating in published work on the American Center Minsk website.

#### **August - September 2022**

*Memoir Writing*; Instructor for The Corner School Resource Center of Granville, Vermont. An three-session seminar for adult learners exploring structures and techniques of personal narratives.

#### **October - December 2023**

*Contemporary Playwriting*; Instructor for the Minsk American Center, a public diplomacy project of the Belarusian unit of the US Embassy, in collaboration with PH International, Inc. of Waitsfield, VT. A fully remote, seven week session for adult learners culminating in a live presentation of work over Zoom.

#### **August 2022 - Jan. 2023**

*Mentor teacher* for Champlain College's Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP). Worked with an aspiring teaching candidate who shadowed my classroom practice and co-curricular activities before taking on those responsibilities under my supervision.

#### **Aug. 2018 - June 2020**

*Mentor teacher* for *What's the Story*, a statewide documentary filmmaking project for middle and high school students. Worked with two separate groups of students who wrote, filmed and edited projects on the foster care system and environmental sustainability.

## **Traditional Teaching Experiences**

### August 2015 - June 2023

*English Teacher, Harwood Union High School, Moretown, VT*

Classroom Instructor, grades 9 - 12.

Courses taught included Global Studies, an innovative 9th grade team-taught English and History curriculum; Sophomore English; American Literature; Advanced Placement Literature and Composition; Journalism; Harkness Leadership, an elective in civil dialogue; and The Iliad and Other War Stories, an upper level elective.

*Other responsibilities:* English Department Head; Co-leader of the Harkness Professional Learning Community; and Adviser of two of Harwood's largest student clubs: the National Honor Society and She's the First.

### August 2011 - June 2015

*English Teacher, Whitcomb High School, Bethel, VT*

Classroom Instructor, grades 7 - 12.

Courses taught included Middle School English; 9th grade English; American Literature; War Stories; Interpreting Dramatic Texts; Creative Writing.

*Other responsibilities:* Drama Coach

### January 2011 - June 2011

*English Teacher, Blue Mountain High School, Wells River, VT*

Long Term Substitute, grades 9 - 12

Courses included 9th grade English Honors, 9th grade English, 10th grade English Honors, 10 grade English, Senior Capstone.

### August 2010 - December 2010

*English Teacher, Spaulding High School, Barre, VT*

Long Term Substitute, grades 9 - 12

Courses included 9th grade English Honors; Junior English; Junior English Honors; Journalism.

*Other responsibilities:* Drama Coach

## **Certifications and Distinctions:**

### June 10, 2023

Commencement Speaker; Harwood Union High School, Moretown VT.

### May 2023

Presenter at the National Harkness Leaders Conference at Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter NH.

July 2017

Participant at The Frost Place Conference on Teaching and Poetry, Franconia NH

June 2017

Harkness Certification; Exeter Humanities Institute, Exeter NH.

July 2016

Critical Explorers Certification; Harvard University, Boston MA.

**Other Professional Pursuits**

1985 - Present

*Writer/Filmmaker*

Clients include PBS, History, National Geographic, ESPN, Showtime/The Movie Channel, Discovery, Wild Logic and Stone House Productions.

**Education**

June 2017 - August 2023

*Masters of Literature*; Middlebury College - Bread Loaf School of English, Ripton, VT

June 2010 - August 2015

*Masters of Arts, English*; Middlebury College - Bread Loaf School of English, Ripton VT and Oxford University, Oxford UK

January 2009 - June 2010

*Teacher Certification*; St. Michael's College, Williston, VT

Sept. 1976 - May 1980

*Bachelor of Arts, English*; Trinity College, Hartford, CT