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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

City College CUNY, New York, NY. 8/2010-Present

Director of Graduate Program with approximately 100 graduate candidates and 8 adjunct instructors; Full time Faculty responsible for Creative Play Workshops, Harlem Children's Theatre Festival, Arts Integration Residency Program, and Readings on the Road. Managed partnerships with local schools, parent groups and community-based organizations including budget and development.

Arts Education Consultant, New York, NY. 10/2014-Present

Collaborate with various organizations to create professional development opportunities for participants including teachers, principals, teaching artists and community members based on the needs of the participants and the mission of the organization. Organizations include: Tectonic Theater, Center for Arts Education, Urban Arts Partnership, Lifetime Arts, Apollo Theater, Theater Development Fund, and large Wall Street company.

New York City Arts in Education Roundtable, New York, NY 7/2016-Present

Chair Emeritus (2022-present) Co-Chair (2017-2022) Vice Chair (2016-2017) of Board of Directors collaborate with Board on development, budgeting, membership, strategic planning, fundraising, and development of programming. Responsible as Co-Chair of the annual Face to Face Conference and on planning committee for professional development and networking events.

Arts Committee Panel on Educational Policy 7/2018-Present

Collaborate with committee to advocate for arts education in the New York City Department of Education serving approximately 1800 schools and 1.1 million children.

HIGHLIGHTED SKILLS

Highly accomplished in the field of Arts Education. Mastery knowledge of arts integration and applied theatre working with birth – adult ages, demonstrating solid skills in teacher and teaching artist training specifically with curriculum writing focusing on social emotional learning, culturally responsive pedagogy, digital theatre and distance learning. Solid analytical and team management skills with proven track record of generating new ideas through strategic planning for multiple organizations while cultivating new relationships with key decision makers.

CORE STRENGTHS

Innovative
Relationship Building
Leadership
Visionary
Strategic Planning
Mentorship
Manager
Commitment to Quality
Collaborative
Creative spirit
Reliable
Organized
Time management
Team player
Fast learner
Motivated

EDUCATION

MASTERS OF ARTS, EDUCATIONAL THEATRE

New York University | May 2003

BACHELORS OF ARTS, COMMUNICATIONS/JOURNALISM

Fordham University | May 1996

AWARDS

Fulbright Specialist Award – Awarded by United States of America Embassy
2017

Citation from City of New York Council Mark Levine for Community Service
2017

Citation from American Alliance in Theatre and Education
2016

Byram Hills High School Achievement in the Arts for Alumni Award
2016

Rees Evans Theatre In Our Schools Award (Planning Committee)
2015

Colin Powell Fellowship for Service Learning
2011