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Employment

2008-2009 Instructor/Supervisor for the University of Rhode Island School of Education
2005-2008 Literacy Coach for the Fall River Schools: middle school ELA
1974-2005 Teacher for the Westerly Public Schools: secondary English
2000-2005 Cooperating Teacher: supervised student teachers of English for the University of Rhode Island
1990-2008 Writing Lab: Network Administrator
1993-1998 Feinstein Public Service Program Coordinator
1973 Teacher for the Providence Public Schools: prevocational training for the mentally and behaviorally challenged

Experience

University Supervisor- observation, support, evaluation of middle and high school ELA student teachers

University Instructor- Foundations of American Education

Literacy Coach –responsible for middle school ELA teacher training, co-teaching, state MCAS score analysis, School Improvement Plan development and monitoring, school-based and district-wide professional development, modeling instructional strategies and assessment practices in classrooms, pre/post teacher conferencing, Focus Walks- all content areas, instructional materials/book purchasing, computer writing lab administration: 2005-08

Teacher of English- grade 6 Ramp Up to Literacy- focus nonfiction and fiction reading proficiency, writing the open response

Teacher of English- grade 8 honors- literary genres, student-centered project-based learning, emphasis grammar/writing skills

Teacher of English- grade 11, American Literature Honors, critical thinking essay analyses, English grammar, writing skill development, and the research paper/MLA format

Teacher of English- grade 12, Senior English Standards Portfolio, British literature, critical thinking essay analyses, English grammar, writing skills/research papers/MLA format

School Improvement Plan co-author- Morton Middle School 2005-08

RIDE English Language Arts Frameworks co-author- ELA Frameworks evolved into the current Grade Span Expectations required throughout the state for the current Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements

English Language Arts Coordinator for English professionals in eight high schools who participated in a CCRI grant funded initiative to develop a statewide curriculum for contextual learning in “English Applied Communication;” included work as a **Curriculum Design Facilitator for English Applied Communication** incorporated into programs throughout the state of R.I.

Facilitator for Westerly High School **Special Education** staff resulting in an **improved system for IEP dissemination;** additionally facilitated discussions resulting in the current **Resource HUB** for delivery of services, viewed as a model throughout the state

Educational Research and Funding- Designed curriculum and taught an honors level course which facilitated student research for educational grant applications, and happily, successful grant funding for the Westerly Public Schools 2003

Co-author and editor of the *WHS Writing Handbook* 2004

Standards-Based Portfolio Assessment Instructor- junior and senior English, Westerly High School 1998-2005

S.A.L.T Evaluator (School Accountability for Learning and Teaching) - R.I. Dept. of Education review team, Scituate High School 2000

Conference Presentations

“Reaching Students in Online or Hybrid Environments” Association of College Libraries Spring 2010

“Professional Development (ongoing, district and school-based)” Presenter, Literacy, Instructional Pedagogy, Classroom Strategies, Reading Comprehension, Writing Skills, Standards-Based Formative vs. Summative Assessment, Differentiation, Student Conferencing, Fall River, MA 2005-2008

“Essential Question/Planning Backwards” and “Project-based Learning Strategies” Presenter/Facilitator, summer workshop training, Brown University, Providence, RI

“Applied Communication/Project-Based Learning” Presenter, Annual Tech Prep Conference, Providence, RI

“Teaching the Research Paper” Presenter, Westerly Public School Professional Development

“The Student-Centered Classroom” Presenter, NCTE (New England Association of Teachers of English), Nashua, NH

“College/Career Application Process Embodied in a Formal Research Paper” Presenter, NCTE, Boston, MA

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Professional Training, Conferences, and Committees

- Training: “ELA *America’s Choice* Going Deeper” reading comprehension, robust vocabulary instruction, and writing 2007
“Ramp Up to Literacy” focused curriculum and strategies for students reading below grade level
“Coaching Differentiated Instruction” Judith M. Frederick, Ed.D. 2005-06
“Effective Assessment Practices Standard-Based Classrooms” Judith M. Frederick, Ed.D. 2005-06
“Cognitive Coaching” Dona T. Apple, Fall River PS 2005-2006
“Writer’s Workshop Lesson Strategies” author Ralph Fletcher- 2006
“ELA *America’s Choice* Middle School Core” performance standards instructional model 2005
“Writing Workshop and Looking at Student Work” Dr. Lucy Calkins, Columbia University 2005
“Portfolio Development” training - Westerly High School 2005
- Conferences: “Classroom Libraries and Reading Achievement” International Reading Association Conference- Dr. Linda Gambrell, Warwick, RI 2007
“Project-Based Contextual Learning” National Conference- San Francisco 2002
“Senior Year Transitions” Secondary Schools Initiative Network- Providence, RI 2000
“Essential Question/Planning Backwards” Education Alliance Brown University- Providence, RI 2000
“English Tech Prep Conference” Regional Conference- Cape Cod, MA
“Breaking Ranks Summer Institute” Statewide Conference- Providence, RI
- Committees: School Improvement Team member:
Morton Middle School: 2005-present
Matunuck Elementary School: 1999-2001
Westerly High School: 1990-1994
NEASC Chairperson-Statement of Purpose 2000
Writing Curriculum Committee- Fall River Public Schools 2005
District K-12 English Curriculum Committee - Westerly Public Schools 2000-2004
Writing Handbook - WHS English 2003-2004
Curriculum Development Committee- District K-12 English Language Arts 2003
Standards-Based Curriculum Refinement Committee- Westerly High School 2003

Education

1972 B.S. Education University of Rhode Island
1979 M.S. Education University of Rhode Island

References

Fall River:

Sheryl Rabbitt, *America’s Choice* Design Coach Facilitator for Fall River Public School Coaches srabbitt@americaschoice.org
tel. 401 575-7262

Mr. James Murano, Principal, Morton Middle School, jmuranojr@cox.net tel. 401 829-6728

Mr. George Ackley, Vice Principal in charge of ELA, Morton Middle School, gackley@fallriverschools.org tel. 508 675-9688

Judith Frederick Fall River Public Schools Educational Consultant frederick28@comcast.net tel. 508 697-6303

Westerly:

Mr. Ryan Zemanek, English Department Chair, Westerly High School, rzemanek@westerly.k12.ri.us

Mrs. Paula Dinoto, Principal, Westerly High School, pdinoto@westerly.k12.ri.us

University of Rhode Island:

Dr. Diane Kern, School of Education, Secondary Team Leader, University of Rhode Island, dkern@uri.edu 401 782-2389