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EDUCATION

Boston University College of Fine Arts

Master of Arts Degree

Thesis: "Integrated Learning: Fourth Grade Students Address Local History Using Stop Motion Animation"

Concentration

Art Education, May 2012

Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA

Bachelor of Arts Degree

Summa Cum Laude

Majors & Certification

Art Therapy, May 2007

Art Education (K-12), May 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Union City Middle/High School, Union City, PA

Art Teacher (August 2014 - Present)

- Instructor of Visual Arts in grades Sixth through Twelfth.
- Grant Recipient: Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Project Stream Grant: Focusing on Photography: Building a Sense of Place, \$1,016.00.
- Grant Recipient: Union City Community Foundation: Digital Cameras in the Classroom, \$2,000.00
- Grant Recipient: Erie Arts and Culture: Focusing on Photography: Building a Sense of Place, \$2,646.00
- Designer of dynamic digital media curriculum, including Animation, Architecture, Photography, and Graphic Design.
- Organizer of Talent Show fundraiser "Uc's Got Talent" for Student Council.

Boston University College of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Course Facilitator (March 2014- Present)

- Facilitator for graduate level courses in Art Education: Teaching Art to Special Populations
- Overseer of assigned student groups.
- Assessment and grading of student assignments.

Union City Elementary School, Union City, PA

Art Teacher (August 2008 - Present)

- Instructor of Visual Arts in grades Kindergarten through Fifth.
- Designer of dynamic curriculum units that connect to the common core and PA art standards.
- Member of the Restructuring Committee to facilitate positive change in student achievement with the use of writing initiatives that cross disciplines.
- Curated a student art show at the Tall Ships Erie event which was used to educate students as part of the Erie County school tours program.
- Organized a restroom restoration project consisting of eight student designed murals to combat vandalism within the school.
- Designed and implemented an interdisciplinary community themed mural project for the intermediate grades to help foster a sense of place within students.
- Curated a Battle of Lake Erie art show at the Erie Maritime Museum that consisted of over 100 pieces of artwork created by Union City fourth graders.
- Received a grant from the Union City Community Foundation to develop the Art Avengers Art Club for the creation of public art to help make the elementary school a better place.
- Received a grant from the Union City Community Foundation to develop and coach a "Dance Camp" after school dance program for fourth and fifth grade girls.

- Implemented a therapy dog program for the art room and the autistic classroom.
- Produced and directed Union City Elementary's February Follies Variety and Talent Show for six consecutive years.

Art in Action, Union City, PA

Union City Elementary Building Coordinator (August 2011 - June 2012)

- Selected by Arts Erie to help coordinate an Art in Action grant within Union City Elementary that placed resident artists in the classroom.
- Coached classroom teachers to implement the creative arts in regular content areas.
- Conducted a two hour arts integration inservice with elementary school staff.
- Organized and designed an integrated art and history sail on the U.S. Brig Niagara for teachers to earn Act 48 credit.

Gannondale Residential Center for Girls, Erie, PA

Art Teacher (Summer 2010, 2008, 2005)

- Provided one-to-one art support for adjudicated delinquent residents.
- Provided positive role modeling for impressionable teens.
- Created and implemented a therapeutic art program.
- Learned techniques to interact with socially & emotionally maladjusted female adolescents.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, PA

Elementary Art Student Learning Objective Development Team (March 2013)

- Received training in PA's Student Learning Objective process and assessment development.
- Created appropriate assessment models that would be used to address elementary art content learning.
- Developed student learning objectives that reflect teacher effectiveness for the PA teacher evaluation.

Children's Behavioral Health, Erie, PA

Therapeutic Staff Support (TSS) (October 2007 - August 2008)

- Provided individualized, supervised, recreational and cultural opportunities to assist client in developing age-appropriate self-management skills.
- Provided one-on-one mental health interventions to a child or adolescent under the age of 21, with a serious emotional disturbance.
- Facilitated the development of therapeutic support skills in parents and family members responsible for the client.
- Redirected challenging behaviors and implemented specific interventions as defined in the treatment plan.

Edmund L. Thomas Dependent Shelter, Erie, PA

Art Therapy Intern (Staff Member), (Spring 2006)

- Constructed art therapy lesson plans.
- Coordinated First Annual Resident Art Show.
- Utilized art therapy techniques during group sessions.
- Recognized for creativity and professionalism by staff.
- Attended and participated in daily/weekly staff meetings.
- Counseled socially and behaviorally maladjusted adolescents.
- Documented residents' behavior in Daily Observation Reports.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

Mercyhurst University Art Education Department, Erie, PA

Research Assistant (July 2006 - May 2007)

- Participated in qualitative research projects.
- Assisted faculty member with research and conference presentations.
- Conducted faculty research in finding, “How professors can balance work and home life.”

CONFERENCES**National Art Education Association Conference**, Fort Worth, TX, March 2013

Co-Presenter: “Successful K-12 Community Based Unit Plans”

Published Work in NAEA Online Archives: “Creating a Sense of Place: Community-Themed Murals”

Pennsylvania Art Education Association Conference, Harrisburg, PA, October 2008

Presenter: “Art Education Against the Odds”

Pennsylvania Art Education Association Conference, Scranton, PA, October 2007

Scholarship Recipient: Clyde McGeary Scholarship

National Art Education Association Conference, New York, NY, March 2007

Co-Presenter: “Taking Charge as a First Year Professor: the Development of an Art Education Program.”

Pennsylvania Art Education Association Conference, Erie, PA, October 2006

Presenter: “The Establishment of the Student Chapter in the NAEA”

Co-Presenter: “Pop-up Art”

Steering Committee: Student representative, Painted a mural for Gala event: Art Nuevo/“Art for Life”

EXHIBITIONS**Mercyhurst University Permanent Art Collection**: “Friends of Mercyhurst”

- “Erie Bayfront Boathouses” Woodblock, 2012
- “Departure” Woodblock, 2011

Mercyhurst University Senior Art Thesis Group Exhibition: “Something for the Fridge” 2008

- “Fishing Industries of Erie, PA and Eastern Massachusetts” Documentary Photography, Hand Printed

Mercyhurst University Juried Art Show

- Third Place Winner- “Second Mate” Analog Photography Hand Printed, 2008
- “Captain and First Mate” Woodblock, 2006
- “The Queen Anne’s Revenge” Lithograph Plate, 2006
- Calligraphic Line Drawing, 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Pennsylvania State Education Association, 2008-Present
- National Art Education Association, 2005-Present
- Pennsylvania Art Education Association, 2005-Present

SCHOLARSHIPS/HONORS

- Phi Eta Sigma, National Honor Society, 2003-2008
- Mercyhurst University Dean's List Scholar, 2003-2008
- Sr. Angelica Cummings Creative Excellence Award, 2007
- Mercyhurst University Service Honor Society, 2007
- Kappa Delta Pi, International Education Honor Society, 2005-2007
- Mercyhurst University Presidential Scholarship, 2003-2007

REFERENCES

- **Linda Bolla:** Education Director, Museum Curator
Erie Maritime Museum, 150 East Front Street Erie, PA 16507, (814) 452-2744 x219
- **Gwyn Horner:** Union City Elementary Principal
Union City Elementary School, 91 Miles Street Union City, PA 16438, (814) 438-7611 x3407
- **Mary Elizabeth Meier:** Assistant Professor of Art, Program Director of Art Education
Mercyhurst University, 501 East 38th Street Erie, PA 16546, (814) 824-2000 x2673
- **Melissa Tomcho and Adam Shrout:** Union City Middle/High School Principals
Union City Middle High School, 105 Concord Street Union City, PA 16438, (814) 438-7673 x5400