

Personal Information

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Education

M.Ed. Colorado St. University, Ft. Collins CO
1990 Instruction
B.S. St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer IN
1978 History

Major Course Work or Training

Data Driven Instruction and Making Standards Work [Certified Trainer from the Center for Leadership and Learning](#), [Gilder-Lehrman Seminar: Visions of the American Environment](#), [Classroom Assessment Conference](#), Picturing America NEH Seminar, Law Related Assessment Writing Conference, Training of Trainers, Great Books, Research for Better Teaching, Colorado Writing Project.

Teaching Experience

2010- University of Colorado – Senior Instructor, School of Education,
5355 Social Studies Methods and Materials, 5316 Nature of Social Studies, practicum coordinator
2000-10 Silver Creek High, Longmont CO
Planning Team, Teacher, & Instructional Coach for a brand new Standards-Based High School
1979-00 St. Vrain Valley Schools, Longmont CO
Social Studies and Interdisciplinary Teacher at three socio-economically different schools.
1987-88 Teacher on Special Assignment Social Studies. St. Vrain Valley Schools. Curriculum Coordinator
1985-86 Bahrain School. Department of Defense Schools, Manama, Bahrain. I.B. Economics teacher.

Staff Development Experience

Colorado Municipal League 2009-2019 Curriculum Writer and Trainer

Wrote Local Government [Lessons on Local Government](#) curriculum for use by K-12 teachers in Colorado. Conducted trainings on how to use the curriculum.

*Co-Director [Boulder County Latino History Teacher Workshop](#) 2014-2018

Organized and led four day summer programs for k-12 teachers focused on learning local Latino history and developing lessons for use in classrooms

edTPA 2011-2019

Supervisor for teams of certified and calibrated scorers for the national student teacher performance assessment.

Silver Creek High School 2000-2010

As a teacher, instructional coach, department leader and member of the school planning team I was responsible for developing and helping others implement; Power Standards, Essential Questions and Tasks, Standards-Based Grading, Data Examination and Planning, Student Work Examination Protocols, Training New Teachers, Professional Study Teams and Book Talks.

Archdiocese of New Orleans, - [Benchmark One](#) 2001- 2011

I was responsible for helping to plan week-long summer SBE and Assessment training, presenting the Key Note Address to 1600 high school teachers kicking off their SBE program, and creating and presenting training in – Classroom applications of Standards-Based Education, Standard Analysis, Grading, Media Literacy, Socratic Seminars and other Alternative Assessment Methods.

Significant Staff Development Consultations and Presentations

- *Guest Teacher, CU School of Law, Constitution Day in Area High Schools 2019
- *Co-Director Boulder County Latino History Teacher Workshop 2014-2018
- *Local Government in 35 Objects, Presentation Colorado Council for Social Studies Conference 2019
- *Presentations to St. Vrain, Boulder Valley and other districts on local government and Latino History
- *Program Director, Doing Democracy Day, St. Vrain Valley Schools, 2011-2019.
- *American Dream in Film, Presentation at NCSS National Conference 2014

- *CSAP Social Studies Item Review Panel 2014
- *Murals: A Window into Multi-Cultural America, Teachers of Color and Allies 2013 & NCSS 2019
- *Member, Colorado State Social Studies Standards Writing Team 2009.
- *Teacher Trainer, [Representative Democracy in America](#) curriculum methods and materials.
- *Differentiated Instruction - St. Thomas More High School Lafayette La. All day workshop 2008.
- *[Strengthening Civic Ed.](#) Planned and presented multi-district, workshop using best practices in Civic Education with the Center for Education in Law and Democracy and Colorado Dept. of Ed. 2006-2008.
- *Online Instructor, Standards Based Education and 9 Effective Teaching Strategies. CBOCES 2005-.
- *Media Literacy and the News and Integrated Curriculum, National Social Studies Conference 2006.
- *Building a Body of Evidence and Alternative Assessment, National Social Studies Conference 2000.
- *Presentations and coaching for teachers writing classroom assessments, NCAC Summer Assessment Writing, 1997-99.
- *Cooperating teacher for fourteen student teachers and dozens of practicum students.

Publications

Academic Profiles – Connecting Kids, Data and Practice. [Teaching Social Studies: A Methods Book for Methods Teachers, Information Age Publishing, 2017.](#)

[Maybe the Great American Eclipse Can Save 2017.](#) Op.Ed Times-Call 8.21.2017

[First Person: How Teachers Should Navigate the Classroom Debate During a Polarizing Election Year](#) Op-Ed. Chalkbeat and Times Call 8.12.2016.

[Boulder County Latino History is American History.](#) Op.Ed. Daily Camera, 7.11.2015

[Of Education, Patriotism and Censorship.](#) Op.Ed. Denver Post, 9.29.2014

[Knowledge Now. Importance of Civic Education, Colorado Municipal League 2012.](#)

Editor and co-author, [Lessons on Local Government.](#) Colorado Municipal League, 2011.

Article co-written and published on-line with ASCD. [“Making the Results Matter: The Power of Student Reflection.”](#) [Classroom Leadership](#) August 2000 | Volume 4 | Number 1 Online Edition

I contributed lessons and ideas for a teacher handbook titled: *Preparing Citizens: Linking Authentic Assessment and Instruction in Civic / Law Related Education* published by Social Science Education Consortium, this was the culminating publication from a 2 year multi-state project.

Lessons Published Online

[Boulder County Latino History Project](#) – Lessons developed and reviewed, 2015-2019.

[Lessons on Local Government](#) – Lessons developed and reviewed 2010-2019.

Communication as a Catalyst for Change

An interdisciplinary unit written for the Colorado Digitization Project incorporating online primary sources.

C-SPAN Lessons: Written as part of the Campaign 2004 election coverage one on polling and the other on comparing leaders and politicians.

Using NPR in the Classroom: A Beginner's Guide

An online “lesson” that helps teachers learn to use NPR programming in the Classroom. It was part of the **PBS Series Slavery in America** web site. I also reviewed web links and lessons for the site.

The American President: Principles, Politics and Practicalities

A lesson, more precisely a series of lessons, written to accompany the **PBS series The American President**.

Public Service

Testimony Colorado State Board of Education Civics Curriculum 2019
Testimony Colorado State Legislature – Teaching Competent History Bill 2019
Mentor, Policy and Practice Fellowship Colorado Education Association 2016-2019
CDE ESSA Curriculum Review Spoke Committee 2016
[Colorado Educator Voice Fellowship](#), America Achieves 2014-2016
Committee on Documents, Colorado Education Association 2012-2019
Board of Directors Colorado Council for the Social Studies 2008-2019
Board of Directors Silver Creek High Education Foundation 2010-2014
Vice President St. Vrain Valley Retired Educators 2012-2015
Board of Directors Colorado Education Association 2010-2017

Awards & Grants

CU Outreach Grant, Boulder County Latino History Teacher Workshop, 2013-2019
WISE Grant, Teacher Resource Galley Boulder County Latino History, School of Education 2017
The Best Should Teach Award-University of Colorado School of Education, 2010.
CU Outreach Grant - Political Science Experiments in High School. Partnered with CU Political Science Department Head Ken Bickers on a series of lessons designed to prepare all high school students for college level political science. 2007-2009.
CSPAN Curriculum Advisory Team 2004 Selected as one of 8 teachers nationwide to provide lessons and other assistance for C-SPAN’s election coverage.
Colorado Outstanding Social Studies Educator, Colorado Council for the Social Studies, 1992
Master Teacher Award, Frederick Jr. Sr. High 1991
Commencement Speaker, Frederick High 1984, Erie High 1989, Silver Creek High 2008,2010

References

Helen Ryley, Vice President, [Educational Programs and Services Benchmark One](#)
Sam Mamet, Executive Director, Colorado Municipal League
Sherri Schumann, Former principal Silver Creek High.
Barb Miller, Executive Director Center for Education in Law and Democracy
Dr. Ken Bickers, Department Chair Political Science University of Colorado
Cara Luchies, English Teacher Trail Ridge Middle School

Member: ASCD, NCSS/CCSS, NEA/CEA

Judge - Senior Scholastic Writing Contest, National History Day, Citizen Bee, Mock Trial, Mock Congressional Hearing.