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## **EXPERIENCE:**

### **Heritage Hall School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

**2011-Present**

#### Teaching Responsibilities

Ethics and World Cultures, Western Civilization

#### Other Responsibilities

Coordinator of online learning, Lead teacher to model and assist faculty as the school moves to 1:1 laptop program for 2012, Leader of summer wilderness orientation program for new student leaders

### **St. Margaret's School, Tappahannock, Virginia**

**1992-2011**

#### Dean of Faculty, 2005 to 2011:

Oversaw professional development for faculty to include off-campus opportunities as well as monthly all-school faculty meetings and smaller faculty working groups, coordinate hiring and orientation of new staff, oversee weekly academic administrative group, coordinate curriculum and work closely with Department Chairs.

#### Teaching Responsibilities:

World History II (since 1300), Women and Leadership, Introduction to Leadership

Other courses taught: Multimedia Design, Advanced Web Design, Eighth Grade English, Eighth Grade History, World History I, United States History, AP United States History, Twentieth Century History, Current Events, ESL American History and Culture, Music Theory and Guitar

#### Developer and Director of the Women and Leadership Program, 1994 to 2011:

Taught the Women and Leadership class with Head of School, and direct Peer Leadership Program, coordinated all other campus leadership and service programs, planned and led semiannual retreats with student leaders

#### Director of Minimester Program, 2003 to 2011:

Oversaw two-week intensive experiential learning program in February and March for both on-campus and off-campus extended learning opportunities; coordinate curriculum, staffing, and scheduling; Courses taught: Power of Cinema, History of Rock and Roll, The Art and Culture of Walt Disney, The Da Vinci Code; Led academic trips to Egypt, China, Peru, Greece and Italy, Spain and Morocco, London and Paris.

#### Academic Technology Coordinator, 1998-2004:

Oversee integration of technology into classrooms and curriculum; train and assist faculty use of technology through presentations, workshops, and individualized sessions during the school year and summer, assisted with school wide network and intranet, manage technology budget with Network Administrator, acted as department head for technology and supervised course development to meet the changing needs of students and society

#### Other Responsibilities:

Coordinated after-school activities program, coached Softball, developed and oversaw school-wide summer reading program, Creator and coordinator of school River Program, Co-Chair of Steering Committee for VAIS Re-Accreditation 2010 and 2006, Director of the Diversity Committee, Director of the school Writing Center, Led student music ministry program in our Chapel, Dormitory counselor, Weeknight school administrator on duty, Student advisor

### **St. Margaret's Summer School**

**1992-1997**

#### 1996 and 1997 Director:

Developed and directed a new enrichment approach for the Summer School. Responsibilities included creating and planning new curriculum, hiring faculty, administering budget, planning daily and weekend activities, and supervising discipline.

#### 1992-1994 Assistant Director and Teacher:

Courses taught include 9th, 10th and 11th grade English, United States History, Computers, and SAT Math and Verbal Preparation

**Selwyn School, Denton, Texas****1991-1992****Coed, Boarding and Day, Pre-K through 12**

Teaching Responsibilities: Ninth and Tenth grade English, Modern European History, AP United States History, Minimester travel course to Washington, DC and colonial Virginia

Other Responsibilities: Dormitory counselor in boys' dormitory, Student advisor

**Heritage Hall School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma****1989-1991**

Teaching Responsibilities: Ninth Grade English, United States History, AP United States History

Coaching and Extracurricular Responsibilities: Middle School and Upper School Wrestling, Middle School Football, Assisted with Drama and Music programs

**EDUCATION:**

M.Ed. Education, Michigan State University, to be completed Spring 2014

MA, History, University of Texas at Austin, 1992

BA, History, Washington and Lee University, 1986

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AWARDS:**

Rice Award for Excellence in Teaching, St. Margaret's School, 2010\*

Wellford Faculty Award, St. Margaret's School, 2009\*\*

Supervisory Board of the Online School for Girls 2010-2011

Presenter: VAIS Administrators Group on "Developing a School Curriculum Guide", 2000

The Association of Boarding Schools "Developing a Co-Curriculum", 2004

VAIS Accreditation Visiting Team for Stuart Hall, Staunton, VA, 2002

Awarded NEH Summer Grants 1992, 1993, and 1999

Klingenstein Summer Fellowship, Teachers College, Columbia University, 1993

Klingenstein Institute on Professional Development, Columbia University, 2004

Who's Who of American Teachers

Member NCTE, NCHE, ASCD

\* John T. Rice Award for Excellence in Teaching is selected by juniors and seniors and is awarded annually to a faculty member who "embodies a true love of teaching and a commitment to motivating and inspiring students, both inside and outside the classroom, to stretch their intellectual boundaries and expand their personal horizons." In addition, the recipient should "promote positive life skills through her personal example in our community."

\*\*The Robert Carter and Toole Rotter Wellford Faculty Prize is selected by faculty and is awarded every two years at Commencement to a gifted teacher who is knowledgeable in his or her content areas, promotes positive relationships with students, innovates in the classroom, demonstrates professionalism and models "service above self."