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EDUCATION

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
World Learning SIT Graduate Institute Certificate
December 2018
Northampton, MA

Whitman College '15
B.A. in Environmental Humanities GPA: 3.8
Walla Walla, WA

SUMMARY

Experienced ESOL teacher, student advocate, and freelance journalist focused on the intersections of language education, race, and class in programs that primarily serve undocumented migrant students. Skills include:

- Writing & Editing
 - Adult Education
 - Bilingual - Spanish
 - Content for Workplace ESOL
 - Student Mentoring
 - Curriculum Planning & Development
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EXPERIENCE

Vermont Migrant Education Program, University of Vermont Extension

Virtual ESOL Instructor & Mentor for Out-of-School Youth

September 2017 - December 2019

- Virtual teach ESOL classes in English & Spanish to 30 Mexican & Guatemalan youths a week
- Write and pilot educational content such as: lesson plans, performance tasks and project-based assessments, student satisfaction surveys, official program communication
- Co-develop curriculum focused on English for dairy workers and new-arrival life skills, expand online learning systems, and manage website & online referral portal
- Mentor and support students in the creation of personal learning plans and aid in general problem-solving

Health Promoter, Recruiter & Family Mentor

- Identify & enroll new eligible migrant agriculture farm workers through educational and agricultural networks in Windham, Windsor, and Bennington counties
- Visit families and workers regularly, mentor them as they begin the program and select services, assist in problem-solving and interpretation on workplace, health care, and school issues
- Teach small-group English and life skills lessons to LEP children and worker adults
- Promote access to health care, coordinate health care appointments and payment methods for uninsured Latino workers on Brattleboro & Bennington area farms
- Administer monthly behavioral health conversations and self-care and stress reduction activities in Spanish to workers and worker families

Lead Teacher, Blueberry Harvest School, Mano & Mano and Maine Migrant Education Program,
August 2019

- Plan, write, and teach inquiry-based lessons in English Language Arts and STEM
- Coordinate with assistant teacher and instructional support specialists to customize and differentiate lessons for varying strengths and abilities
- Augment lesson content for a multilingual and multicultural classroom: Mi'kmaq, Spanish, and English
- Use trauma-sensitive teaching and mentoring approaches in relationships with all students and staff

ESOL Teacher, Center for New Americans, Greenfield, MA
January 2019 - June 2019

- Plan, teach, and reflect on ESL lessons to an adult classroom group of varying levels
- Coordinate weekly curriculum delivery that adheres to Massachusetts DOE CCRS with supervising teacher
- Personalize learning and social supports for immigrant and refugee students with diverse educational backgrounds and goals
- Build and maintain close relationships with students and career advisors to help students identify, track, and meet their educational and professional objectives

PUBLICATIONS

Modern Farmer, Documented NY, Trinity University Press, The Shoestring, Library Journal, School Library Journal, Barrelhouse, Brevity, Adroit Journal, Literary North

VOLUNTEER

Free ESOL Program Teacher, Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, VT	2019
Campaign Manager, The Committee to Elect Emilie Kornheiser ,	2018
Steering Team Member, The Women's Action Team, Brattleboro, VT	2017 - 2018

CERTIFICATIONS

The Professional Adult Educator, SABES	2019
Mental Health First Aid 8 hours, National Council for Behavioral Health	2018