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JESSICA ESPINOZA

Cobb County School District | July 2019- Present

Fine Arts Professional Learning Specialist

* Design/ facilitate K-12 professional learning support in the area of STEAM and Arts Integration
* Provide curriculum and resources for the schools K-12 across the district in the area of arts education and integration
* Observe and provide feedback to teachers in their curriculum design and facilitation of student learning
* Lead an arts integration cohort of teacher leaders in our district’s Teacher Leadership Academy
* Design and manage the implementation plan for various cohorts of teachers in their arts integration practice
* Monitor and support teachers’ digital teaching portfolios and district resources
* Design/ facilitate professional learning support for fine arts teachers (Visual Arts, Music, Theatre, Dance, Instrumental)
* Collaborate with partnering arts organizations to provide arts education and arts integration programs in Cobb schools

University of North Georgia | August 2022- Present

Course Instructor

* Facilitated *Curriculum Methods & Materials*, the elementary education course examining application of standards-based curriculum and research-based developmentally and culturally appropriate methodologies for diverse students P-5
* Facilitated *Child Development*, the elementary education course examining the roles played by heredity, maturation, culture, and experience in development of social, intellectual, emotional, physical, and language development of children from birth- adolescence

Woodruff Arts Center – Atlanta, GA | September 2013- Present

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Consultant/ Youth Family Series Producer (January 2022- present)

* Design and facilitate professional learning workshops for teachers
* Design and write ASO educational resources that are integrated into K-12 general classroom instruction
* Adapted the picture book *The Day the Crayons Quit* into a script and produced the Family Series Concert (spring 2022)
* Playwright, director, and producer for the *Spooktacular Halloween* Family Series Concert (fall 2022)
* Ongoing education consultant, collaborator, and serve on their Education Advisory Committee

Alliance Theatre Teaching Artist/ Consultant (2013- present)

* Teaching Artist and curriculum developer on various residencies K-5 teaching projects: *Bringing Historical Figures to Life, Drama Partners: STEAM, SmArt StArt Early Literacy*
* Developed a TYA STEAM show that workshopped at Alliance Theatre Family Arts Day March 2016
* Woodruff’s Educator Conference presenter (5 years)
* Ongoing collaborator and serve on their Education Advisory Committee

Young Audiences Consultant (2014- 2015)

* Evaluated the Young Audience teaching roster of +100 programs- including performances & residencies
* Created an instrument to objectively evaluate the programs' quality and relevance in schools
* Crafted changes to programs to target key elementary concepts and standards
* Trained & supported teaching artists on effective teaching strategies in their school programs

**Harvard’s Project Zero- Atlanta, GA | 2019**

Conference Teaching Faculty

* Harvard’s Project Zero Conference Teaching Faculty member presenting on arts integration research and practice
* Integrating visual arts & drama-based strategies in the classroom with an emphasis on formative assessment

ArtsNow Learning– Atlanta, GA | October 2013 – June 2019

Arts Integration Specialist

* Design/ facilitate professional learning services for teachers in school communities in over 20 counties in Georgia
* Instructional coach for ongoing district-wide education projects focused on arts integration & STEAM
* Work collaboratively with Atlanta organizations: GA Tech CEISMC, SCAD, Alliance Theatre, Young Audiences, High Museum, Atlanta Coalition for the Arts, Zoo Atlanta, Cobb Energy Centre’s Arts Bridge, & multiple school districts
* Encourage & train teachers on innovative best practices in the classroom
* Support & author the development of STEAM Modules and units
* Develop & lead trainings on topics such as STEAM, Differentiation, Project-Based Learning, & Artful Thinking Routines
* Create workshops for adult learners around the various art forms: Theatre, Dance, Visual Arts, Music & Digital Arts
* Work with school instructional coaches & administrators to create professional learning implementation plans
* Document the research in teacher growth & analyze/ share how this impacts student achievement data
* Presenter for annual Foundational Training seminar for ArtsNow participating school teams
* Lead Instructional Coach for the following grant projects:
  + Arts in Education Model Development Dissemination (AEMDD)- 4-year, Federal grant serving Cherokee Co., STEAM & arts integration training model with 5 participating schools, grades K-5
  + GOSA KickstArt Cobb- 2-year, state grant serving 4 Cobb Co. schools, Early Literacy focused grades K-2
  + GOSA Math Innovation- 1-year, state grant serving 2 Clayton Co. schools, Math focused grades 3-5

DreamBox Theatre – Atlanta, GA | September 2013- Present

Founder, Curriculum Developer

* Presenter at TYA USA Conference on “Bilingual Theatre with Classroom Students”
* Playwright & lyricist for over 10 Educational Theatre STEAM Musicals (addressing K-5 science & ELA standards)
* Design the STEAM curriculum that accompanies each educational musical
* Manage the drama enrichment K-5 programming that produces the piloting productions of each new musical
* Partnerships in the following schools: Midtown International School, World Language Academy, International Charter School of Atlanta, Spout Springs School of Enrichment, Chestnut Mountain Creative School of Inquiry
* Designed and direct an international Summer Arts Program in San Miguel Allende Mexico (July 2018 & upcoming 2019)

Midtown International School – Atlanta, GA | February 2014- Present

Artist in Residence/ Arts Integration Support

* Teach weekly Fall playwriting courses with junior high students around student-centered topics and ideas
* Direct and produce an original musical with K-4th grade student performers each Spring
* Weekly visits to K-4 classrooms to provide arts integration support in the form of planning, sharing resources, modeling arts-based strategies, and co-teaching with classroom teachers

Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic School PK- 8 – East Harlem, NY (2011- 2013)

First Grade Classroom Teacher

* Developed first grade curriculum meeting both the 1st Grade NY state standards & Common Core curriculum
* Monitored progress of students through ongoing formative assessments & teacher- created summative measures
* Designed curriculum and projects for 1st Grade Units for ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies
* Integrated the arts, promoted literacy and engaged students through multiple modes of learning

Middle School Theatre Teacher

* Crafted and implemented middle school theatre curriculum
* Facilitated casting, rehearsals and drama-skill building activities
* Artistic and Technical Director for school’s Spring musicals

**Flowery Branch High School – Hall County, GA (2008- 2009)**

Theatre Teacher- Grades 9- 12

* Artistic & Technical Director/ Choreographer for +220 student performing arts program
* Developed curriculum for following classes: Playwriting, Children’s Theatre, Production, & Fundamentals
* Directed/ produced A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Anything Goes, 56 students
* Managed collaboration between the school departments: Choral, Band, English, Drafting
* Directed/ produced playwriting festivals that showcased student writing
* Launched a Children’s Theatre ensemble that produced new works for elementary schools of +2000 students

**EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS**

**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction (Ed. D)- all but dissertation, completion December 2023

**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction 2022- Honors Student- Magna Cum Laude

**CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK (C.U.N.Y system)**

Master of Science in Theatre Education 2013 - Honors Student – Magna Cum Laude

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI**

Bachelor of Fine Art in Theatre Arts (Acting & Directing) 2007- Suma Cum Laude

Georgia State Certified in Elementary Education (K-5)

Reading Endorsement (K-5)

New York State Teacher Certified in Theatre (PK- 12)

Georgia Teacher Certified in Theatre (PK- 12)

RELEVENT EXPERIENCE

HIGH MUSEUM- Education Advisory Committee Member (2020- present)

Serve on the Education Advisory Committee providing support of visual arts education programs serving schools across the state

ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA- Education Advisory Committee Member (2021- present)

Serve on the Education Advisory Committee providing support of symphony education programs serving schools across the state

ALLIANCE THEATRE- Education Advisory Committee Member (2019- present)

Serve on the Education Advisory Committee providing support of theatre education programs serving schools across the state

ARTSBRIDGE- Education Advisory Committee Member & Adjudicator for Shuler Awards (2013- 2017)

Serve on the Education Advisory Committee providing support of theatre education services in greater Atlanta schools

Adjudicate high school musical theatre productions and provide drama departments with evaluations and feedback for growth

NYC TOUR DE CURE- Development Manager (2010- 2011)

* Directed a 100-mile bike ride for 620 riders that fundraised over $650,000 benefitting American Diabetes Association
* Hosted and planned recruitment events on the implementation calendar leading up to ride

**BAY AREA CHILDREN’S THEATRE- National Tour Performer/ Educator (2009- 2010)**

* Traveled to 50 cities starring in a musical based on the book series *Strega Nona* by Tomie DePaola
* Led workshops designed for 2nd graders after each performance

DIABETIC YOUTH FOUNDATION- Development Manager (2007- 2008)

* Managed annual gala & walk that fundraised over $170,000 helping children & families affected by diabetes
* Directed a “Send a Kid to Camp” Scholarship Fundraising Event showcasing DYF summer camp art programs