

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

M.A. in Theatre Administration, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

B.A. in Theatre, English and Secondary Education, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington

A.A. Theatre and Humanities, Olympic College, Bremerton, Washington

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

West Sound Academy	IB Language & Literature, IB Theatre, Art History, ELL	2013-present
George School	IB Art, English, Journalism, ELL, Religion,	2006-2013
Lawrence High School	Theatre and English Instructor 9-12	2004-05
Olympic High School	Theatre and English Instructor 10-12	1997-2002
Olympic College	Theatre and Communications Instructor	1989-95
Sehome High School	Theatre and Speech Instructor 9-12	1984-1986

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

West Sound Academy	IB Coordinator	2023-present
West Sound Academy	CAS Coordinator	2023-present

ADVISOR & SUPERVISOR

West Sound Academy	Advisor	2013-2024
West Sound Academy	Extended Essay Supervisor	2013-present
George School Student	Advisor	2007-2013

DRAMA DIRECTOR

West Sound Academy (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor	2014-present)
Central Kitsap High School (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor	2013-14
Lawrence High School (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor	2004-05
Olympic High School (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor	1997-2002
Olympic College	Director of Theatre Program	1990-1996
Seattle Children's Theater Summer Program (teacher)	Director	Summer 1995
Sehome High School	Drama Coach	1984-86

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Washington State Continuing Teacher Certification K-12

Endorsement in English & Theatre

Issued: June 1983

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Teacher Certification – Secondary

Endorsement Language Arts 7-12

Issued: November 1987

Pennsylvania Teacher Certification

Level I Certification in English 7-12

Issued: February 2006

New Jersey Standard Certificate

Teacher of Theatre

Issued: March 2005

Teacher of English 7-12

Issued: February 2008

COMMITTEE WORK

WEST SOUND ACADEMY

Curriculum Mapping	2017-present
Accreditation Renewal Team for AdvancedEd and IB	2017-18
Fall Gathering Committee	2014-present

GEORGE SCHOOL

Junior/Senior Peer Leadership Coordinator	2007-2013
QCore Team	2007-2008
Peer Leadership	2006-2008
Foundational Skills Committee	2008-2013
Essentials of a Friends Community Curriculum Team	2007-2013

OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL

Fine and Performing Arts Curriculum Committee	1997-2002
Writing Across the Curriculum Team	1997-2002
Problem Based Learning Project	2000-2002

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION – WASHINGTON STATE

Member Theatre Endorsement Advisory Committee	1987
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SEHOME HIGH SCHOOL

Interdisciplinary Arts Course – Curriculum Design Team	1984-86
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CONTINUING EDUCATION/TRAINING

ISTA

IB Theatre Continuing Education	
Solo Project, Director's Notebook, Research Presentation, and Collaborative Theatre Project Assessments	
	Virtual 2020 - present

NIBA

IB Language and Literature - IB for All Workshop	2017	NIBA Conference Beaverton, OR
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IBO

IB Theatre Cat 2 (new curriculum)	2024	Poulsbo, Washington
IB Theatre Cat 3 (registered)	2022	Vancouver, British Columbia
IB Language and Literature CAT 2	2014	Albuquerque, New Mexico
IB Theatre CAT 2	2015	Atlanta, Georgia

Columbia University

Columbia Scholastic Press Association Summer Institute	2008-2012	Columbia University, New York, NY
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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

International Schools Theatre Association - Individual Member.	
2020-present	
Washington State Thespian Association, Past - Board Member	
Educational Theatre Association - Association Member	2010-present
- National Adjudicator for Screening of Festival Main stage Plays	
Theatre Communications Group - member	2006-present
Bucks County Montessori Charter School, past member Board of Trustees	
Bucks County Performing Arts Center – past Board member	
(previously known as the Lower Makefield Performing Arts Society)	
Washington Alliance for Theatre Education – past Board Member	
- past Vice President	
Washington State Education Association, past member	1984-2002
Central Kitsap Education Association, past member	1997-2002
Kitsap Children's Visual and Performing Arts Board, past President	1990-1995

PUBLICATIONS

HOW THE WEST SOUND ACADEMY PANDEMIC THEATRE COMPANY WAS BORN

WEST SOUND ACADEMY STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE ONLINE CLASSROOM

SOLVING THE IB PUZZLE - BY LEAPING IN THE DARK

AWARDS and HONORS

Recipient of

REGINALD AND ESTHER PRICE TEACHING CHAIR FOR YOUNG FACULTY stipend 2007 and 2008

MIRANDA FUND stipend

2007 and 2008

For outstanding teaching and dedication to students.
George School, Newtown, PA

ROTARY TEACHER OF THE MONTH May 1997

For Promoting Communications in our Schools
East Bremerton Rotary, Bremerton, WA

PROFESSIONAL THEATRE PROGRAM FELLOWSHIP 1983-84

Professional Theatre Program
University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI

REFERENCES

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