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// objective

To obtain a position teaching English and related subjects in a high school or middle grades setting.

// education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

May 2008 – present

Master of Arts in Teaching | English

GPA: 4.0

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

August 2005 – May 2008 Bachelor of Arts | English and Creative Writing GPA: 3.894

// teaching experience

Carrboro High School, Carrboro, NC

- :: Fall 2008 and spring 2009
- :: Supervising teachers: Dr. Jeff Carpenter and Mr. Al Donaldson
- :: English I (9th grade honors) and English III (11th grade standard)

Developed and taught units on short stories, *Animal Farm*, *The Great Gatsby*, and *The Crucible*. Acted as teaching assistant in Dr. Carpenter's English I ESL classroom. Assisted the drama club in their production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Developed rapport with students by participating in various extra-curricular events, including the Wii Tennis Tournament and Outdoor Club Ski Trip.

Durham Freedom School, North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC

- :: Summer 2008
- :: Supervising teacher: Ms. Heather Coffey
- :: Middle grades (5-8)

Attended weekly to assist classroom teachers with their lessons and activities. Assist students in the planning and execution of their final showcase, and participate with other master's program students in the event itself.

Newark Valley High School, Newark Valley, NY

- :: Fall and spring 2004
- :: Supervising teacher: Jim Meckley
- :: Middle and 9th grades

Taught drum lessons to prepare select freshmen for jazz ensemble. Mentored middle school students and tutored in writing, math, and other subjects as needed.

// work experience

Lowes Foods, Cary and Chapel Hill, NC

- :: August 2005 present
- :: Dairy Stocker (Aug 05 Mar 06);
- :: Meat Clerk (Mar 06 Dec 06);
- :: Customer Service Leader (Dec 06 present)

Ensure efficient, friendly customer service is carried out on the front end of the store; transact customer exchanges and returns; manage break schedule for cashiers and baggers; carry out store closing procedure, including reconciliation of all registers and cash office.

Stoughton Farm, Newark Valley, NY (www.stoughtonfarm.com)

- :: April 2000 August 2005
- :: Grower

Deal with customers in greenhouse, produce, and retail sale areas; assist in crop planning and harvesting; seed bedding plant plugs; operate farm machinery; maintain, improve, update, and archive computer resources; design and supervise construction of annual corn maze.

// notable projects and activities

Harmute (local Chapel Hill band – www.myspace.com/harmute)

- :: Drummer
- :: December 2006 present

Attend regular weekly practices. Perform shows in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area several times each month. Create new drums parts for original songs. Work with the three other band members to develop song arrangements and create recordings.

Director, *Blackmail* (original student-written play)

- :: Playwriting Studio, UNC Department of Dramatic Art
- :: January 2008

Led the production of a new student-written comedy. Developed an original interpretation of the play and worked with a team to realize that vision. Organized and coordinated the efforts of eight cast members, as well as four designers and various technicians.

Co-Director, Death of a Salesman

- :: Newark Valley High School Student-Run Production
- :: December 2003

With a co-director, led a production of Miller's classic play. Using literary analysis skills, developed an interpretation of the play and worked with other students to put that vision on the stage.

// honors and awards

- :: Phi Beta Kappa Member
- :: **UNC Dean's List**, fall 2005 spring 2008
- :: UNC Honors Semester in London, fall 2006
- :: RIT Presidential Scholar, June 2004
- :: Valedictorian, Newark Valley High School class of 2004

// references

Available on request.