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SUMMARY

- TESOL M.Ed. licensure track candidate & English 5-12 license holder
- Expertise in the intersection of ESL, literacy, and urban education
- Seeking ESL or SEI English high school position in greater Boston

EDUCATION

Boston University | Master of Education | TESOL

Expected August 2021

Boston College | Bachelor of Arts | Secondary Education | English

May 2015

CERTIFICATIONS

Initial Massachusetts Certification | pending | **English as a Second Language** | Grades 5-12 | passed MTEL

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Additional MTELEs | Foundations of Reading | Early Childhood | General Curriculum

Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certificate | 120 hour course | i-to-i TEFL

Basic Japanese | Japanese-Language Proficiency Test | Listening | Reading | N5

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

English Language Teacher

July 2018-July 2020

Ominato High School | Aomori, Japan

- Taught academic and communicative English to over 400 students learning English as a foreign language
- Assess students' English proficiency and progress in all 4 language domains quarterly
- Awarded grant funding from the U.S. Embassy to promote English literacy through the project "Multicultural & Multilingual Manga Library Collection"
- Organized events and activities that showcase American culture and English language as supervisor of the English Club

Co-Teacher

July 2016-June 2018

KIPP Academy Lynn Elementary | Lynn, MA

- Differentiated daily instruction for a class of 24 kindergarteners with a co-teacher through parallel teaching, targeted small groups, and one-on-one coaching
- Collaborated with families and the Special Education and ESL departments to ensure students reached their individual RTI, IEP, and ELD goals
- Achieved average growth of 4.5 levels (38% above grade level) on the University of Chicago's STEP literacy assessment
- Oversaw the implementation of Lucy Calkins' standards-based Writers Workshop across the grade level through weekly collaborative planning and data analysis meetings

Student Services Coordinator

June 2015-June 2016

FLS International School | Boston, MA

- Liaised between school administration and a student body of 150+ international students
- Managed daily community building activities that promoted English language development
- Hired, trained, and monitored the performance and growth of a team of 4 Activity Guides
- Administered monthly TOEFL tests including computer lab set up, check-in, and troubleshooting

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MENTORED TEACHING

ESL Student Teacher

September 2020-present

Brighton High School | Boston, MA

- Design and implement culturally sustaining curriculum for ESL II classes
- Collaborate with Supervising Practitioner to monitor classroom progress
- Maximize student engagement in a remote setting by utilizing educational technology

Teaching Fellow

August 2017-June 2018

KIPP Academy Lynn Elementary | Lynn, MA

- Improved teaching practice through daily mentorship with a lead teacher, weekly observations by the Vice Principal, and monthly professional development with a teaching fellow cohort

Student Teacher

September 2014-December 2014

North Quincy High School | Quincy, MA

- Taught a 10th grade English class and a 12th grade honors British literature class for a full 14 week term
- Developed and administered an action-based research project on student-centered vocabulary instruction

Pre-Service Practicum

Supported whole group and small group instruction in the following classrooms:

- **Arlington High School** | 9th grade English | 12th grade creative writing Spring 2014
- **Dedham Middle School** | 6th grade English Language Arts Fall 2013
- **Brighton High School** | 9th grade English | ESL II Fall 2012

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Tri-Alpha National Honor Society

April 2021-present

Member

- Recognition and support network for high-achieving first-generation college students

MA Association of Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages (MATSOL)

September 2020-present

Member

- Participate in professional enrichment for ESL teachers across the state

Asian Pacific Islander Assoc. for Japan Exchange and Teaching (API AJET)

September 2018-July 2020

President

- Cultivated a network for 700 expatriates in Japan by facilitating discussions, events, and resources

Boston University Poetry Institute for Educators

August 2017

Participant

- Attended professional development on effective methods for teaching poetry led by poets and educators

Tutor

September 2014-May 2017

- Worked with students & families to set and achieve academic goals. Areas of focus included SAT prep, college counseling, critical reading, and persuasive writing