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Five years of college composition instruction experience, including two years in ESL composition classrooms. Experience teaching in multiple modalities, including in-classroom, online, and hybrid approaches. Able to engage undergraduate students through interactive and approachable classroom management while emphasizing critical thinking and engagement. Demonstrated commitment to leadership and professional development.

Education

MA English Literature, 2015

University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO

BA cum laude English Literature, 2012

Metropolitan State University, Denver CO

Experience

University of Colorado Denver

August 2017-Present

Full time English Instructor

Courses Taught:

- ENGL 1020: Core Composition I (online and in person)
- ENGL 2030: Core Composition II (online and in person)

University of Colorado Denver International College Beijing

Associate Program Chair, English

August 2016 – Present

Oversaw UC Denver's English Program at the International College Beijing, which included managing course schedules and course offerings and ensuring instructor adherence to curricular standards. Implemented a peer observation program for professional development and helped create rubrics for program consistency. Provided on-site supervision of the UCD-ICB Writing Center, which included facilitating monthly trainings. Organized interdisciplinary conversations aimed at improving English Department offerings. Oversaw editing and publication of Lynx Literary Journal, a student publication.

English Instructor

August 2015 – Present

Courses Taught:

- ENGL 1020: Core Composition I
- ENGL 2030: Research and Writing (Core Composition II)
- ENGL 2600: Great British and American Literature

Writing Center Consultant

August 2015 – Present

Worked one-on-one with ESL students on a variety of writing issues, both macro and micro. Applied writing center pedagogy to help students identify and fix problems in their writing, including thesis statements, organization, and grammar concerns.

University of Colorado Denver

Upward Bound English Instructor

May 2015 – August 2015

Courses Taught:

- ENGL 1010: Remedial Composition

Taught high school students in an intensive summer learning environment. Exposed students to college academic standards, including reading and writing assignments.

English Instructor

August 2014- May 2015

Courses Taught:

- ENGL 1020: Core Composition I
- ENGL 2030: Research and Writing (Core Composition II)

Cook's Fresh Market Denver, CO

FOH Manager | Head Trainer

April 2012 – August 2014

Sales & Marketing Manager

Created and implemented storewide training manuals designed to standardize employee expectations and experience. Worked one-on-one with employees to ensure customer service and safety standards. Implemented major POS system changes. Designed a potential client database and implemented several marketing methods that increased catering sales 19% over 2011. Designed and implemented a standardized employee review system, fostering a more feedback oriented and professional work environment.

Current Research

"Deconstructing Detectives: A Brief History of the English Detective Novel and Man's Search for Meaning"

"Teaching Critical Thinking in the Chinese Composition Classroom"

Awards | Other Relevant Experience

Rex Burns Graduate Essay Nominee

2015

Pushcart Prize Nominee

2015

Dean's List

2010 – 2012

Assistant Coach – Brave New Voices Slam Poetry Team

2007

National Organizations

National Council for Teachers of English
Conference on College Composition and Communication
Council of Writing Program Administrators