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Experience

Learner. Reader. Writer. Lately, a bit of a Dreamer, too. (Retired 2016.)

2017 – present. Volunteer at Oklahoma City Museum of Art and Habitat for Humanity.

1975 - 2016 – Teacher Secondary English, Social Studies, Humanities, Reading, Journalism and seven Advanced Placement courses. Taught over 4000 teenagers to research carefully, to think critically, to read insightfully, and to communicate effectively, in traditional formats, as well as through photography, graphic design, and web construction. Designed, set up, and managed three computer writing and graphics labs, both Apple and PC.

1994 - present – Web Manager. Designed award-winning websites, including *MsEffie's LifeSavers for Teachers*, a slightly profitable website with more than 338,000 hits in the last seven years.

1979 - present – Teacher Consultant/Inservice Provider. Presentations delivered at more than 100 professional development workshops to teachers at the local, state, and national levels (College Board, National Writing Project, National Council of Teachers of English, Oklahoma Writing Project, Oklahoma State Department of Education, OK TechMasters, Quartz Mountain Arts, etc.).

2001 - 2011 – Oklahoma Writing Project Technology Liaison. Maintained Professional Organization website, BLOG (web log), online eAnthology, and listserv. Trained consultants for digital presentations, including email, online communities, PowerPoint, iMovie, Final Cut Pro, DreamWeaver, etc.

1998 - 2003 – OK TechMaster Master Trainer. Taught more than 450 adult learners to re-purpose curriculum and to use technology more effectively – advanced word processing, template and form design, search techniques, evaluation of online information, distance learning, digital photography, video-conferencing, web page design, PowerPoint, etc.

Education

University of Oklahoma, M.A., 1984 (27 hours post M.A.)
Major: English, emphasizing composition and literary criticism.

University of Oklahoma, B.A., 1974.
Major: Journalism, emphasizing advertising and public relations.
Minor: Teacher certification in journalism and social studies.

Additional

Please see my full résumé for more detailed information and examine my website for examples of lessons and student work.

“*And still I am learning.*”

—Michelangelo Buonarroti

See Full Résumé

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Experience: Retired from Teaching as of 30 June 2016

- 2013 - 2016 **Naples American Middle/High School, Naples, Italy** (DoDEA school)
Courses taught: AP World History, AP Literature, Honors World History 9 & 10.
- 2011 - 2013 **Heidelberg American High School, Heidelberg, Germany** (DoDEA school)
Courses taught: AP Literature, AP Language, Language Arts 11, Modern World History, Read 180, Journalism, Yearbook, Speech, Newspaper.
- 2006 - 2010 **Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, Oklahoma City, OK**
Courses taught: English 10, Pre-AP English 10, AP European History, AP Human Geography, Economics, Sociology, Media Productions.
- 2001 - 2008 **Oklahoma Writing Project, University of Oklahoma, Norman OK**
Technology Liaison; e-Facilitator; Workshop Presentations on Technology and Writing; Website and Web Log Designer; ListServ Manager; Board of Directors.
- 2005 - 2011 **Belle Isle Library, Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City OK**
Technology Assistant; assist patrons in use of computer software; answer Inquiries concerning hardware and software; monitor use by children and adults.
- 1997- 2004 **Norman High School North, Norman OK**
Courses taught: AP English 12, English 12, Advanced English 10, AP US History, US History, AP US Government, AP World History, TEAM English/History 10 (Combined Advanced Course), and semester electives (Film Studies, Classical Literature, Science Fiction, Reading for Pleasure).
- 1985-1997 **Central Mid-High School, Norman OK**
Courses Taught: English 10, Advanced English 10; United States History, Oklahoma History; TEAM English/History 10 (Combined Advanced Course); Fundamentals of Communication (elective).
- 1975-1985 **Millwood Junior-Senior High School, Oklahoma City OK**
Courses Taught: English 9, English 11, English 12, AP English 12, World History, United States History, Oklahoma History, Political Science, Civics, Humanities I, Humanities II, Journalism, Newspaper, Yearbook.

Education:

- 1996-1999 **University of Oklahoma, B.A. 1982**
Major: Native American Studies
- 1984-1990 **University of Oklahoma**
Admitted to Ph.D. program, 27 hours post M.A.
- 1979-1984 **University of Oklahoma, M.A., 1984.**
Major: English emphasizing composition and literary criticism.
- 1976-1979 **University of Oklahoma, B.A. 1979**
Major: African and African-American Studies
Emphases: Arts & Aesthetics; Literature & Oral Traditions
- 1968-1974 **University of Oklahoma, B.A., 1974.**
Major: Journalism emphasizing advertising and public relations.
Minor: Teacher certification in journalism and social studies.
- 1963-1968 **Altus High School, High School Diploma, 1967.**
College-bound public high school curriculum.

Oklahoma Teacher's Certification Current to 2016

Language Arts	Social Studies
American Literature	American History
Business English	Democracy
English Literature	Economics
General Business	Geography
Grammar and Composition	Government
Journalism	Sociology
Newspaper	World History
World Literature	
Yearbook	

National Board Certification 2001; renewed 2011-2021

(Adolescence & Young Adulthood/English Language Arts) November 2001

Department of Defense Education Activity Certifications, 2011-2017

Professional Categories: Teacher, English, MS (O210); Teacher, Journalism, MS (O212); Teacher, Social Studies, MS (O220); Teacher, English, HS (O310); Teacher, Journalism, HS (O312); Teacher, Drama, HS (O313); Teacher, Social Studies, HS (O320); Teacher, Humanities, HS (O352)

Specialty Areas: Advanced Placement English Language and Composition (9006); Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition (9007); Advanced Placement US History (9008); Advanced Placement World History (9009); Advanced Placement European History (9010); Advanced Placement Government and Politics (9011); Advanced Placement Human Geography (9021).

Special Activities:

- **Presentations given at more than 100 in-service workshops, teacher-education classes and at state and national educational meetings** (Collaborative Learning, Writing Across the Curriculum, Film Studies, Digital Portfolios, etc.).
- **Advanced Placement Workshops Taught** include *APSI's in Pre-AP English for High School Teachers* at MIE Bridgewater University, University of Alabama, Auburn University, University of Texas at El Paso, SMU Legacy in Plano, Texas Christian University, Arkansas University at Little Rock, University of Texas at Laredo, West Texas University at Canyon, Lawton University, University of Oklahoma. *Pre-AP English for Middle School Teachers* at SMU Legacy in Plano and University of Texas at El Paso. *AP Literature* at Texas Christian University, University of Alabama, Auburn University, and SMU Legacy in Plano. *Pre-AP Two-Day Workshops* at International schools in Kiev, Ukraine, and Bratislava, Slovakia.
- **College Board Consultant**, Advanced Placement Literature, Pre-AP English, Vertical Team Development, and Differentiated Education. Presentations include Middle School and High School level summer institutes, one-day workshops, and hour-long topics (some below); 2005 to 2017.
 - ✓ "All Books Are Either Dreams or Swords: Responses to Reading"
 - ✓ "Anecdote, Imagery, Epiphany and Rant: Voice in the Essay"
 - ✓ "Covers: Using Musical Interpretation to Teach Poetry"
 - ✓ "Doing More with Less: The Short Story"
 - ✓ "Ekphrasis: Allusion & Intertextuality (Oh My!)"
 - ✓ "First Chapters: Passage Analysis and Book Promotion"
 - ✓ "*Heart of Darkness*: Doing It All with a Short Novel"
 - ✓ "iOpeners: Pre-Reading Writing"
 - ✓ "The One-Page Passage for AP Lit & Lang"
 - ✓ "Poem-a-Day: National Poetry Month & Online Resources for Poetry Immersion"
 - ✓ "Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* in the Spotlight"
 - ✓ "Rhetoric for Beginners: Using Advertisements to Introduce Rhetoric"
 - ✓ "Using the Synthesis Prompt: Pre-Reading Writing for Your Novel"
 - ✓ "The Fairy Tale: Literary Analysis for All Ages"

- **“Visions of the Dark Years: World War II and its Legacy in France,”** Summer Seminar, National Endowment for the Humanities, France (Paris , Lyon, Vichy, and Caen), Summer 2007.
- **National Writing Project Electronic Writing Marathon,** August - September 2004.
- **“Photography: Personal Narratives,”** Quartz Mountain Arts Institute, October 2003.
- **“Dante’s *Commedia* in Siena,”** Summer Seminar, National Endowment for the Humanities, Italy, Summer 2003.
- **“Writing to and from Photographs,”** Quartz Mountain Fall Arts Institute, October 2002.
- **“The Reading Writing Connection,”** Presentation, Curriculum and Assessment Conference, Westin Hotel, Oklahoma City, July 2002.
- **“Viewing Films Actively: Written Responses to Motion Pictures,”** Roundtable, National Council of Teachers of English, Baltimore, November 2001.
- **State Department of Education “Road Show” Workshops,** one-day comprehensive English teaching in-services; over 400 teachers attended. Summer 1998 and 1999.
- **OK TechMasters Master Teacher and Lead Technology Trainer,** Oklahoma State Department of Education, Summer 1998 to 2003.
- **Oklahoma Graduation Test,** State Department of Education. Proofread final test items, 1991. Served on Oklahoma Graduation Test Committee, developing objectives for reading and writing, 1989.
- **Teachers’ Institute,** Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities, focused on Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence and its influence on American literature, Summer 1985.
- **Independent Study Fellowship,** National Endowment for the Humanities. Researched novels by black women, Summer 1984.
- **Test Writer,** American College Board (ACT), Language Usage Section, 1982 and 1983.
- **American Partnership: A Handbook for Teaching Citizenship and Leadership, K-12,** State Department of Education. Co-wrote and revised 677-page manual, Summer 1982.

Websites

- **MsEffie’s LifeSavers for Teachers:**
<http://mseffie.com>
The best materials I’ve developed in 40 years of teaching.
- **An Informed Journey: Adjustable Gastric Lapband, Cosmetic Surgery & Costa Rica:**
<http://informedjourney.com/>
Personal Website about weight loss and life changes.
- **2 Words 4 U:**
<http://www.2words4u.com/2Words4U/Welcome.html>
Personal Blog with essays and commentary.
- **Oklahoma Writing Project Website:** <http://owp.ou.edu>
Professional Organization website for English teachers (paid). Archived.
- **Writing Out Loud:** <http://title3.sde.state.ok.us/library/itv/writingoutloud.html>
Instructional Pages for 23 writers and illustrators featured on the public television show, part of the Library Media/ITV website (paid). Archived.
- **Library Media/ITV Website:** <http://title3.sde.state.ok.us/library/> Division of the Oklahoma State Department of Education (paid). Archived.