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EXPERTISE

- Accomplished education professional with extensive experience overseeing all aspects of teaching and cross curricular program development.
- Participates in continuing education to keep timely methodology and content.
- Empowers students to achieve their potential through the evaluation of their unique abilities, interests and goals.
- Utilizes fine arts expertise to create and facilitate original workshops for all ages.
- Achieves maximum utilization of resources through budget management and personnel training.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- M.F.A. Ed., Studio Concentration: Printmaking – Kean University, Union, NJ
- B.A., Major: French / Minor: Fine Art – University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
- New Jersey State Certified Teacher: Art and Elementary Education
- Praxis Certification: Art
- Praxis Certification: French Content Knowledge
- ACTFL French Oral Proficiency: Intermediate High
- Certified Yoga Instructor: 1,000+ Teaching Hours / 500+ Hour Training

EXPERIENCE

- Fine Artist, Studio 100
 - Foggy Bottom, Washington, DC 2019-Present
- Lead Art Teacher Horizons DC June 2019-Present
- Fine Artist, Egbert Street Studio, 2000-2019
- Enrichment Teacher, Rumson Country Day School, 2015-2019
- Egbert Street Studio, After school and summer program teacher: Art/Fashion Design/Textiles, 2006-2019
- Teacher for Horizons Program: STEAM Classes
- Other Teaching Positions, 1992-2019
 - Substitute Teacher K-12: Wall Township District 2012-2019
 - Interim French Teacher: Wall High School January 2013-April 2013
 - Art and French Teacher/Curriculum Designer: Manasquan Day School 2009-2013
 - Art Teacher: Emma Havens Young Elementary School 2008-2010
 - Art, Elementary Education and Enrichment Teacher: Pope John XXIII Regional Catholic School 1994-2010

- Art, French, and Yoga Teacher: Chrismont Montessori Academy
1999-2004
- Assistant to the Education Department Director: Newark Museum
1992-1994

BUSINESS AND RETAIL

- Visual Merchandising Manager, Various Major East Coast Retailers 1978-1991
 - Created seasonal merchandise presentations consistent with corporate brand.
 - Managed, hired and trained staff.
 - Implemented departmental supply orders and budget maintenance.
 - Designed displays for buyers' showcases - May Company Corporate HQ.
- Designer/Owner/Marketer, 2005-2010:
 - The Kitchen Yogi - Cookie Cutters, Recipes, and Workshops
- Creator/Product Designer of multi-media exhibits and pop up shops:
 - PILLOW TALK: From LA to NJ - Home décor, 2014-2017
- Private Lessons:
 - Portfolio preparation/mentoring
 - Printmaking, drawing and painting instruction
 - French Language instruction
- Yoga Durga Studio Owner: Asbury Park, NJ
- Yoga Instructor, 2005-Present:
 - The Rugby School at Woodfield, NJ
 - Therapeutic Fitness, Point Pleasant, NJ
 - Sacred Om Yoga Studio, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
 - Private Instruction

SELECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Published Articles
 - Asbury Park Press - 2010, 2013
 - SchoolArts magazine – 2012
 - Yoga Journal – 2007
 - Om Yoga (UK) – 2005
- Author
 - The Studio & The Storm – 2013
 - Yoga: Art in Motion – 2006
 - Looking at Art in a Modern Way – 2005
- Original Workshops
 - Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) - 2003-2011
 - Monmouth Festival of the Arts - 2004-2008
 - Art and Yoga Program Designer/Director - 2005-present
- The Egbert Street Studio
 - Facilitated classes and workshops at various off site venues throughout NJ, NY, PA