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Education

2007	Master of Education	K-12 Literacy Specialist	University of Maine
1999	Bachelor of Science	Elementary Education Literature Concentration	University of Maine at Farmington

Work Experience

2009 - Present	Skowhegan Area Middle School - Reading Interventionist
2010 - 2015	Skowhegan Area Middle School - Summer School Lead Teacher
2007 - 2009	University of Maine – Instructor - ERL 320 Teaching Language Arts in Grades 4 - 8
2007 - 2009	Skowhegan Area Middle School - Grades 7/8 Language Arts Teacher
2002 - 2007	Margaret Chase Smith School, Skowhegan, Maine - Grades 5/6 Multiage Language Arts Teacher
1999 - 2002	Margaret Chase Smith School, Skowhegan, Maine - Grade 6 Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher
1998 - 2001	YMCA Camp Tracy – Oakland, Maine - Kindercamp Director

Special Achievements and Nominations

2016	National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Consultant Teaching and Learning Conference, Washington DC
2016	Move the Needle Learning and Technology Summit (Invitation Only)
2015	Classroom practice/photos featured in <i>Teaching Children's Literature in an Era of Standards</i> (McClure, A., Garthwait, G., Kristo, J., 2015, New Jersey: Pearson)

2015	National Board For Professional Teaching Standards - Early Adolescence/English Language Arts Renewal Certification
2011	Maine Association for Middle Level Education: Janet Nesin-Reynolds Outstanding Middle Level Educator Award
2007 - 2008	International Reading Association's National Board of Professional Standards Committee
2007	Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
2005	National Board of Professional Teaching Standards - Early Adolescence/English Language Arts Certification

Professional Development Lead

Date	Workshop	Sponsor/Location
2015	Core Values: Teaching/Learning/Assessing	Skowhegan Area Middle School
2015	Vocabulary: Root Word Investigations	RSU 54
2014	Using Data to Set Reading Goals	RSU 54
2011	Implementing RTI at the Middle Level	Maine Association of Middle Level Educators (MAMLE), Sugarloaf, ME
2009	Research-Based Reading Interventions	Skowhegan Area Middle School
2007	Creative Content Area Instruction is Not an Oxymoron	NCTE – New York - National Writing Project
2006	Rebecca Sitton Spelling	MSAD 54
2006	Media and Literacy	Seamless Transitions K-12 Literacy Conference – U ME
2006	Writers' Notebooks and Storyboarding	Thomaston, Maine- School Inservice - Maine Writing Project
2005	Media and Literacy	Maine Association of Middle Level Educators (MAMLE), Sugarloaf, ME
2005	Integrating Picture Books, Read Alouds and Poetry Across the Curriculum	U Maine Seamless Transitions K –12 Literacy Conference
2005	Media and Literacy	Center for Educational Transformation (CTE: Promising Futures), Colby College, Waterville, ME

2005	Writing with the Muse: What Happens When Teachers of Writing Write?	MSAD 54, Skowhegan, ME
2005	National Board Certification	MSAD 54 School Board, Skowhegan, ME
2004	Reader's Theater	MSAD 54 Skowhegan, ME
2003	Putting Together the Literacy Block Puzzle: All the Pieces Matter	Maine Writing Project's Effective Practices Literacy Conference, Bangor, ME
2003	Beyond Text Books and Term Papers: Making Literacy Connections Across the Curriculum	Maine Association of Middle Level Educators (MAMLE), Sugarloaf, ME
2002	Technology Connections Across the Curriculum	MSAD 54 Skowhegan, ME
2002	Tri-fold Brochures	MSAD 67 Lincoln, ME
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2001	Reader's Theater	MSAD 54 Skowhegan, ME

Publications

Ranger, T. (2007). Our voices. *Maine Writes*. March 2007. p. 4.

Ranger, T. (2006). Improving learning by connecting with home. *Mainely Middle 15*, 1. 4-6.

My Initiatives in the District

2015	Anthem Health Trails Challenge
2012	Digital Tools for Vocabulary Instruction (MLTI)
2007	Writing Inservice (facilitator): <i>Write Source</i> Training
2003	Take Action Assembly: Encouraging students to take positive action in their community and world. Presentors: <i>Kids Can Free the Children</i>
2002	Embracing Cultures: Diversity Training: Presentors: <i>Kids Can Free the Children</i>
2001 & 2002	Author/Illustrator Visit: Roger Essley: Using Storyboards as part of the Writing Process

Other Professional Activities

2010, 2016	Delegate to the MEA Representative Assembly
2015 - Present	RSU 54 ELA Proficiency-Based Education Curriculum Committee
2015	Stand Up For Students Campaign
2015 - Present	Maine Learning Technology Initiative: iLearnMaine Design Team
2012 - Present	RSU 54 Teacher Evaluation Steering Committee/Pilot Teacher
2011- Present	Skowhegan Area Middle School PLC- Co-founder and Co-leader
2010, 2013	National Board Candidate Support
2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016	Maine Education Association Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee
2006 - 2007	University of Maine at Farmington: Teacher Advisory Panel
2003 - Present	Maine Writing Project Teacher Consultant
2003 - 2006	MSAD #54 Writing Curriculum Committee
2001	Featured in “But How Will I Teach With Those Laptops?” Video
2000 - 2006	Supervised four student teachers and three practicum students
2000 - 2002	MSAD 54 Technology Committee

Additional Courses Taken

Summer, 2013	EDT 500 Summer Technology Institute
Summer, 2007	ERL 590 Narrative Analysis

Professional Development Attended

2016	Maine Writing Project Book Study: <i>In the Best Interest of Students: Staying True to What Works in the ELA Classroom</i> . Gallagher, Kelly (2015)
2016	ConnectEd Coast: Modified EdCamp Model focus on technology- S. Portland HS
2016	Micro-credential 101 MDOE – Thomas College
2015- 2016	MDOE Cross Disciplinary Literacy Network: Text-Dependent Questions - Dine and Discuss: University of Maine at Farmington
2015	ACE (Advocates for Children and Educators) Training: MEA Fall Conference – Rockport, ME

2015 Teachings In Mindful Education: Chewonki Foundation - Wiscasset, ME

2015 ECET2 Conference: Connect, Collaborate, and Celebrate: Developing Teacher Leaders in Maine, Colby College

2015 MSAD 54 Technology Lab

2015 MDOE Mentor Training

2014 Maine Association for Middle Level Educators: Annual Conference -Point Lookout, ME

2013 Maine DOE: Summer Literacy Institute

2013 Association for Middle Level Education: Annual National Conference - Minneapolis, MN

2013 Maine Writing Project Memoir Workshop with Monica Wood, University of ME

2012 Maine DOE: Summer Literacy Institute

2011 Maine Association for Middle Level Educators: Annual Conference - Sugarloaf, ME

2011 Scholastic Read 180 Next Generation Training - Skowhegan, ME

2011 Maine DOE: Summer Literacy Institute - Augusta, ME

2009 Content-based Argument Writing – Skowhegan, ME

2009 RTI Training – Skowhegan, ME

2009 Maine Writing Project – Writing Ourselves – Hallowell, ME

2009 Read 180, Enterprise Edition Training – Skowhegan, ME

2008 NCTE National Conference– San Antonio, TX

2008 University of Maine Nonfiction Institute

2007 Maine Writing Project Technology Workshop – Pittsfield, ME

2007 International Reading Association’s Annual Convention - Toronto, Canada

2007 New England Writing Project Retreat - Freeport, Me

2007 American Association of University Women’s Pathways to Educational Leadership Conference, Colby College - Waterville, ME

2006 Response to Intervention Conference (RTI) - Augusta, ME

2006 MSAD 54 Rebecca Sitton Spelling Workshop

- 2006 Assessing Writers: Carl Anderson – University of Maine
- 2005 Maine Writing Project: Professional Development Day – University of Maine
- 2005 Lucy Calkins Writing Workshop - Boston, MA
- 2005 MSAD 54 Lynne Plourde Writing Inservice - Skowhegan, ME
- 2005 National Writing Project Online Book Discussion: Place Conscious Teaching of Writing
- 2005 MSAD 54 Diagnostic Reading Assessment (DRA) Training - Skowhegan, ME
- 2004 National Education Computer Conference (NECC) - New Orleans, LA
- 2004 Rebecca Sitton Spelling Workshop - Portland, ME
- 2003 Seamless Transitions Literacy Conference - Bethel, ME
- 2003 Summer Literacy Teaching Academy -Bethel, ME
- 2002 Georgia Heard Poetry Workshop - Orono, ME
- 2002 National Conference on Multiage and Looping Practices - Indianapolis, IN
- 2001 National Middle School Conference - Washington, D.C.
- 2001 MSAD 54 Technology Lab - Skowhegan, ME
- 2001 MSAD 54 Write Traits Training - Skowhegan, ME
- 2001 Maine Association for Middle Level Educators: Annual Conference - Sugarloaf, ME
- 2000 New England Reading Conference - Portland, ME
- 2000 Staff Development for Educators (SDE) Conference -Manchester, NH
- 2000 SEED (Spreading Educator to Educator Dissemination) Technology Summer Workshops: Hyperstudio and Assessing Technoogy Projects University of Maine at Farmington
- 2000 Maine Education Association: You Can Do It: Classroom Management Workshop - Augusta, ME
- 2000 Anne Davies Assessment Training, University of Maine
- 1999 Maine Association for Middle Level Educators: Annual Conference, Sugarloaf, ME
- 1999 MSAD 54 Technology Course - Skowhegan, ME

Professional Memberships

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

Maine Association for Middle Level Educators (MAMLE)

Association of Middle Level Educators (AMLE)

Community Involvement

2016	Waterville Library Board Trustee
2016	New Balance Factory Yoga Teacher - Norridgewock
2015 - 2016	School St. Yoga Teacher - Waterville
2015	Maine Children’s Home for Little Wanderers: Lobster Lunch Fundraiser Waterville and Skowhegan
2015	AOS 92 Mid-Maine Adult Ed Yoga Teacher - Waterville
2012-2013, 2015 - Present	Evening Soup and Sandwich Program Volunteer - Waterville
2014 – 2015	RSU/MSAD 54 Adult Ed Yoga Teacher - Skowhegan
2015	AOS 92 Mid-Maine Adult Ed Yoga Teacher - Oakland
2013 - Present	Woodlawn Nursing and Rehab – Yoga Teacher - Skowhegan
2013 – 2015	School St. Yoga: Community Class Yoga Teacher - Waterville
2013 - 2014	RSU/MSAD 54: District Yoga Teacher
2009 - Present	Waterville Congregational Church: Deacon (chair in 2013) and Lay Reader
2013	Co-facilitator of Community theology discussion group (Faith on Tap) Mainely Brews, Waterville
2002 - 2005	Co-advisor of Skowhegan Chapter of <i>Kids Can Free the Children</i> (guided students to learn about child labor issues and to raise funds to build a school in Kenya).
1993 - 2000	Fairfield PAL soccer coach, Fairfield PAL cheerleading coach, Benton Elementary PTO, Benton Elementary classroom volunteer