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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Curious. Caring. Creative. Committed. These describe me, both professionally and personally. In my career as a teacher of elementary, middle, and college students, I model a love of and belief in learning, understanding that, as current research supports, relationships underpin enduring growth experiences. Openness to new ideas is the start of growth, but the ability to see beyond what exists and imagine the possibilities and then to realize them in practice is essential. This ability distinguishes me from the crowd and makes me a leader among my peers. I love what I do, and it shows!

EDUCATION

- Educational Technology Certificate, Rutgers University, 2016.
- Summer Literacy Institutes, University of New Hampshire, credits toward MA +30.
- MA Ed, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University, 1999.
- Certification and post-graduate credits, Florida International University, Barry University, University of Florida, 1978-1989.
- BA, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, 1973.

EXPERIENCE

- Lincoln County School District, certified substitute teacher, February 2019-present.
- Brielle Elementary School: 605 Union Lane, Brielle, NJ, Language Arts teacher, grades 6-8, 1999-2017; grades 1-2, 1991-1999.
 - Lead teacher and mentor, grade 8
 - Interdisciplinary curriculum development, focus on social justice (2015-16) and environmental justice (2016-17)
 - Pilot program: Lucidpress (student publishing)
- Ocean County College: 1 College Drive, Toms River, NJ, Introduction to College Reading and Writing; Freshman Composition (required introductory course), 2005-2016.
- Point Pleasant Borough and Beach Schools, Toms River Schools, Berkeley Township Schools, substitute teacher, 1989-1991.
- The Cushman School: 592 NE 60th St., Miami, FL, grade 1, 1982-1988

- Florida International University, Miami, FL, "Introduction to Teaching" Lab Instructor, 1987.
- Miami-Dade Community College, "Report Writing," instructor, 1983.
- Colegio Bolivar, Cali, Colombia, S.A., AA#4875, grades 2-3, 1979-1982.
- Colegio Jefferson, Cali, Colombia, S.A., AA#6621, grade 2, 1978-1979.
- Brentwood School: 1111 NW 55th St., Gainesville, FL, teacher assistant, grade 1, 1977-1978.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Writer, Creator: Young Adult Literature Video Blog, [Shelf Life](#)
- Profiled in [Coast Star](#), June 2017 (blogged by author).
- Editorial staff, *New Jersey Council of Teachers of English Journal (NJCTE Journal)*, 2015-present.
- Teacher-Trainer for Rutgers University South Africa Initiative (SAI), Amstelhof Primary School, Paarl, South Africa, "Introduction to the Writing Workshop," summer 2007, *Truth in Translation* digital storytelling cross-cultural collaboration.
- New Jersey School Boards Award, "Three Strand Curriculum for Study of South Africa," 2006.
- Founder, Brielle Teen Charity Organization/ Be the Change Organization, collaboration and fundraising for the Amy Biehl Foundation, So. Africa, 2005-2008.

AFFILIATIONS

- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), 2007-present.
- Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE (ALAN), State Representative, 2017-present.
- Oregon Council of Teachers of English (OCTE), 2017-present.
- New Jersey Council of Teachers of English, 2013-present.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "That Was Then; This Is Now: Teaching Climate Change in the English Language Arts," OCTE Spring Conference presenter, 2018
- "Intergrade Book Clubs with Young Adult Literature," NJCTE Spring Conference presenter, 2015; Sending District In-Service, 2016.
- "Using Multi-genre Response to Literature," NJCTE Spring Conference presenter, 2016.
- ["Jump Off; Find Wings,"](#) blog, current.
- *NJCTE Journal*, "Through His Eyes," reflection, 2015.
- ["RAW 151,"](#) professional blog, retired.
- ["Wordswork,"](#) professional blog, retired.

REFERENCES

- Christine Carlson, Superintendent/Principal, Brielle Elementary School, ccarlson@brielleschool.org
- Maria Geiger, Professor, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ; Professor, The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA, marialeegeiger@gmail.com
- Liz deBeer, EdD, editor-in-chief *NJCTE Journal*; retired: Rutgers Graduate School of Education; Middlesex County College; Point Pleasant Beach High School, ldebeerwardell@gmail.com