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Education

Doctor of Education (Higher Education Leadership), Maryville University, 2022

Master of Business Administration, National University, 1994

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), Principia College, 1989

Formal Teaching Experience

Associate Professor

July 2023 – Present

Educational Studies, Principia College, Elsah, IL

Assistant Professor

July 2017 – July 2023

Our program offers co-constructed, relevant, theory-based, and experiential learning opportunities for undergraduates. It is a privilege to work with a team that advances educational knowledge and practice through exciting venues, relevant discussions, correlated research, and experiential leadership!

- Teacher of the Year, 2021-2022
- Interim Department Chair, Fall 2019

Courses Taught

EDST 101: Pathways to Success

GEN 101: FYE ILC A Forest of Voices

EDST 184: Children and Society

EDST 210: 21st Century Learning

EDST 260: Interpersonal Communication

EDST 287: Character Education

EDST 388: Philosophy of Education

EDST 420: Capstone

Committees

Faculty and Administration Coordination Team (current)

Faculty Leadership Team (current)

Faculty Council (current)

Committee on Committees (current)

Scholastic Committee

Chair, Director of Faculty Development Search Committee

Chair, Director of Financial Aid Search Committee

Faculty Search Committee Member (Educational Studies x3, Math x2, Business, Dance)

Staff Search Committee Member (Academic Technology x2, Assistant Registrar)

Adult Education Instructor

State of Colorado Department of Corrections, Buena Vista, Colorado

2008 – 2017

Taught incarcerated adults all subjects of the GED exam, cognitive education, and parenting classes. Implemented two virtual job fairs with 4500 registered attendees.

Successful collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor and Employment, the U.S. Air Force, Army, and Air National Guard which earned State-wide recognition and awards.
Served as a member of the FBI trained and certified Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT).

Other Experiences

Assistant Women's Soccer Coach

Principia College
2022 - Current

Co-Leader

National Leadership Council (NLC), Discovery Bound
2018 - 2023

Youth Soccer Coach

Chaffee County United, Salida, CO
2017

Buena Vista Youth Soccer Association

2014 – 2016

Stingers Soccer Club, Evergreen, CO

2004 – 2007

Board of Directors

The Link School, Buena Vista, CO
2008 – 2011

Equities Trader

Inertia Investments, Inc., Evergreen, CO
2002 – 2006

Licensed Investment Representative

Janus Capital Group, Denver, Colorado
2000 – 2002

Teen Activities Coordinator

Princess Cruises, Los Angeles, CA
1996 – 2000

Eagle Scout

Presentations and Publications

The Christian Science Sentinel: "Divine Mind and Academic Success;" August 21, 2023

Maryville University Higher Education Leadership Doctoral Residency, Alumni Panelist; June 2022

Dissertation Defense: "Perceptions and Experiences of Happiness, Self-Authorship, and Flow: Undergraduates and Social Media;" January 2022

Decision and Dilemmas: "Design Thinking to Become Better Decision Makers," 2021 (3 times)

National Leadership Council Leader Retreat Workshop: "Interpersonal Communication Skills;" November 2021

The Center for Teaching and Learning's, "Organization for Work-Life Balance," panelist; 2021

Christian Science Sentinel (cover story): "Foster Good Habits, Develop Moral Courage;" February 3, 2020

The Buck Man Lecture Series: "Why Can't We All Just Get Along?" March 12, 2019

Resident Counselor Workshop: "Communication and Facilitation;" 2018

Virtual Job Fair Employment Summit: "A Virtual Job Fair for the U.S. Military;" 2014

The CAEPA/CDE Rendezvous Conference: "Inside the Correctional Education Classroom;" 2012

Professional Development

BerkeleyX: "The Science of Happiness," The University of California, Berkeley; January-March 2023

Education Now: "Transition from High School to College for the Pandemic Generation;" March 2022

40th Annual Conference of The First Year Experience; February 15-19, 2021

ITLC Lilly Conference; November 30-December 2020

Educating with Empathy; Cultivating Kindness, Compassion, Cooperation, and Good Behavior; Feb 15-17, 2019

The Science of Innovation Conference (Learning and the Brain); February 15-17, 2018

Focus on Teaching and Technology Conference (UMSL); September 28, 2018

The Association for Experiential Education Annual Conference; November 9-11, 2017

Crisis Negotiation: "Debriefs by Dr. Andy Young" and "Solo Negotiations;" April 11, 2017

Courage to Risk Collaborative Conference for Special Education; January 27-28, 2017

Rendezvous Conference: "Empowering Learners through Partnerships & Innovation;" October 13-14, 2016

Crisis Negotiation: "Anti-defamation League, Cell Phones, and Active Listening;" October 11, 2016

Crisis Negotiation: "Scenarios;" July 12, 2016

Parents on a Mission Leader Training; February 3, 2016

Courage to Risk Collaborative Conference for Special Education; January 23-24, 2016

Rendezvous Conference: "Moving Forward with Innovation, Opportunity, & Action;" October 23-24, 2015

Crisis Negotiation: "Stop the Psychobabble, Negotiating with the Mad, the Bad, and the Sad);" October 13, 2015

Crisis Negotiation: "Analysis of Hostage Negotiations and Scenarios;" July 14, 2015

Crisis Negotiation: "3rd Pty Recordings" & "Neg. thru Suicide by Cop" & "Mindset for the Fight;" April 14, 2015

Courage to Risk Collaborative Conference for Special Education; January 30-31, 2015

Crisis Negotiation: "Negotiations in Corrections, ALS, & 5 Techniques for Asking Questions;" October 14, 2014

Crisis Negotiation: "Interactive Scenario Based Training;" July 8, 2014

Courage to Risk Collaborative Conference for Special Education; February 7-8, 2014

Crisis Negotiation: "Hostage Survival" & "Intelligence Gathering for the Hostage Negotiator;" January 14, 2014

FBI Crisis Negotiation Course; November 17-22, 2013

Rendezvous Conference: "Imagine the Possibilities;" October 18-19, 2013

Crisis Negotiation: "Mental Toughness" & "Hostage incidents;" October 8, 2013

Thinking for a Change 3.1 Facilitators Training; September 2013

Crisis Negotiation: "Dynamic Interactive Crisis Negotiation Scenarios;" July 9, 2013

Professional Development Institute; April 23, 2013

Courage to Risk Collaborative Conference for Special Education; January 25-26, 2013

TABE Assessment Training; January 24, 2013

Rendezvous Conference: "Gearing Up for Change;" October 12-13, 2012

CEC Conference; April 11-14, 2012

7 Habits of Highly Effective People; March 2011

CEA Region IX Fall Conference; November 5-6, 2009

Storytelling for Teachers: Passionate Facts; November 20, 2008

State of Colorado Corrections Basic Training Academy: 40 hours Extended Training; 2008

FEMA Emergency Management Institute National Incident Management System; August 11, 2008

Former Memberships and Associations

Rocky Mountain Hostage Negotiators

Colorado Adult Education Professional Association

Colorado Association for Career and Technical Education

Commission on Adult Basic Education

Mountain Plains Adult Education Association