**Ben Wolinsky**

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**Education**

New York University, BFA in Fine Arts, May 2000

Touro College, MS Special Education June 2005, NY State teaching license

Teachers College Columbia University, additional coursework in Art Education

**Skills**

\*Special Education teacher: reading instruction, writing improvement, social studies on all grade levels, adapting learning methods to suit needs of students.

\*Writing skills: grant writing for non-profits, journalism, editing thesis papers

\*MS Word, Illustrator/Photoshop/InDesign, Powerpoint

\*Art skills include painting, life drawing, ceramics, and sculpture

\*Languages: Hebrew (speak, read, write), French (semi-fluent), Spanish (limited)

**Work History**

May 2008-Present **Waverley Management**

Interior decorating and home remodeling, showing the property to potential buyers.

September 2007-April 2008 **Oppenheimer Retail Brokerage**

Program for trainee brokers, where we contacted potential clients to introduce services, promote financial products, researched sales leads, responded to inquiries on securities.

January 2005- June 2007 **New York City Public Schools**

Began teaching social studies to students with special needs, moved on to suspension site, placed students in jobs, taught skills for transition to post-school independent living. Supervised students on learning life skills, worked with substance abuse counselor on drug abuse prevention and gang avoidance.

January 2001-June 2005 **Substitute Teacher**

Worked as substitute in charter schools, Rice High School, and NYC public schools. Taught full-time after September 2005.

**Freelance Work**

I tutor students with special needs in reading and math skills, and I’ve written for *Nearsay,* *City Limits*, and *White Nile Book Reviews*.

**Volunteering and Community Service**

*New York Cares/LSA* homework help program, *West Side Community Garden*, gardening and litter collection, providing locally-grown fruit for the community.

**References:**

Jackie Bukowski (West Side Community Garden) 917-414-1950

Sarah Diament (Waverley Management) 201-387-1925

Eric Frost (supervisor at Oppenheimer, now at Joseph Gunnar Ltd) 212-440-9600