

Amber Marie Ganzelli

Art Educator

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EDUCATION

Cabrini College, June 2013: Radnor, PA
Master of Education

Moore College of Art & Design, May 2009:
Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education, Summa
Cum Laude
Concentration in 3D Fine Art

AWARDS

Dean's List, 2007-2009
Margaret Heilborn Award for Outstanding Artist
in Art Education, 2009
International Sculpture Center Award, 2009
Harriet Glashofer Memorial Prize in Fine Arts,
2008
Haas Art Education Scholarship, 2007
W.W Smith Charitable Trust, 2006
Frieda Fehrenbacher Basics Prize, 2006

SKILLS

Fine Arts: painting in oil and acrylic • printmaking • ceramics • figurative sculpture • mixed media •
woodworking • mold making • life drawing • computer skills including Photoshop and Microsoft Word •
black and white photography.

Education: classroom management • using technology in the classroom • art appreciation •
incorporating art history • positive reinforcement • project-based learning • Blooms Taxonomy • self-
assessment and ongoing assessment strategies • use of rubrics and classroom critiques

EXPERIENCE

Tacony Academy Charter School

Philadelphia, PA, August 2009 – Present

Art Teacher, grades K-8th and 10th (2011-2012 school year):

- Designed the school's first elementary through high school art program and curriculum
- Teach students of varying ages and abilities through full inclusion
- Incorporating historical, social, and cultural components for relevant and diverse material
- Lesson planning to promote multicultural awareness, problem solving, and critical thinking skills
- Consistent adaptations made to accommodate specific student interest and needs; tool and material adaptations for students with physical limitations
- Maintaining a safe and comfortable learning environment that promotes motivation and student success through Caring School Community techniques
- Use of class critiques to increase discussion and self-analyzing skills
- Effective classroom management and discipline
- Modified rubrics and grading based on school's use of Blooms Taxonomy
- Supporting students with emotional, behavioral, and physical needs through therapeutic art activities in *Art Power* program
- After school Art Club
- Involvement in school committees: Bring Someone You Love Dance, Buddy Program, Chinese New Year, Black History Month, Invention Convention, Family Day

Sunrise Philadelphia Summer Camp

Philadelphia, PA, July 2009 – August 2009

Art Teacher, grades K-6th

- Developing and executing a 6-week summer art curriculum
- Responsible for classroom management, organization of materials and artwork, motivation, and creating adaptations and strategies for students who did not speak English.

Russell Byers Charter School

Philadelphia, PA, *January 2009 – March 2009*

Student Art Teacher, grades K-6th

- Began regularly teaching classes the second week of placement
- Responsible for classroom management, motivation, assessment, and curriculum development

Moore College of Art & Design, Photography Department

Philadelphia, PA, *September 2005 – May 2009*

Lab Monitor

- Responsible for assisting Photo I students, managing equipment, and darkroom maintenance.

Moore College of Art & Design, Young Artist Workshop for Special Needs Students

Philadelphia, PA, *September 2008 – December 2009*

Classroom teacher for Saturday art workshops

- Taught students with special needs a variety of art lessons that incorporated art history, allowed for experimentation with materials, and introduced new and exciting techniques.
- Responsible for creating tools and modifications within projects for individual students as well as creating a safe, accommodating classroom environment.

Moore College of Art & Design, Continuing Education Department

Philadelphia, PA, *June – July 2007 and June – July 2008*

Teacher and Studio Assistant grades 10th-12th

- Responsible for assisting professors and students during the annual Summer Art and Design Institute for high school.

Moore College of Art & Design, Resident Life Staff

Philadelphia, PA, *May 2006 – August 2006*

Resident Assistant for summer session

INVOLVEMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Curator of Tacony Academy Charter Schools first independent solo show for graduating 8th grade art students, *2014*
- Co-creator of community garden at Tacony Academy Charter School, *2012-Present*
- Co-curator of first art exhibition at Memphis Street Academy, *2013-Present*
- PECO Energizing Education Grant to implement a new 6th grade Science unit on energy, *2012-2013*
- Youth Leadership Summit at the Poconos Environmental Education Center, *2013*
- Collaborated with 10th grade students on public art exhibition *Wheat Paste Your Heart Out*, *2011*
- Attendee of the annual National Art Education Association Convention, Seattle, WA *2011*
- Student Orientation Staff at Moore College of Art & Design, *2006 – 2008*
- Mural painting for Interim House women's shelter, *2007*
- Assisting Mr. Robert Rigby with annual Ridley High School Health Awareness Day, *2005-2006*