

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Philosophy (major), Geneva College (2002)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in Higher Education, Geneva College (2007)
- Doctoral (Ph.D.) Coursework
 - Rhetoric Ph.D. program, Duquesne University (2007-2008)
 - Social and Comparative Analysis in Education Ph.D. program, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh (2009-2010)
- Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Secondary English Teaching, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (2012)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant (Higher Education)

- *Humanities: Western Cultural History, Ancient Greece through Romantic Period*, Geneva College, Fall 2006 - Spring 2007
- *Free Speech and Responsibility and Events Planning*, Duquesne University, Spring 2008
- *Intercultural Communication and Public Relations*, Duquesne University, Fall 2008

Instructor (Higher Education)

- *Public Speaking*, Duquesne University, Fall 2007 - Spring 2008
- *Business and Professional Communication*, Duquesne University, Fall 2008

Student Teaching (K-12)

- 11th Grade English, Lawrence County Career and Technical Center, New Castle, PA (Spring 2012)

Classroom Teacher (K-12)

- 6th and 7th Grade English, Warren County Middle School, Front Royal, VA (Fall 2012-Present)

PUBLICATIONS

- *Digital Me (A Squirrel Hill High Novel)*, November 2013 (Independently Published)
- *Mister Teacher Person (A Squirrel Hill High Novel)*, August 2014 (Independently Published)
- *Michael Payne (A Squirrel Hill High Short Story)*, August 2015 (Independently Published)

SELECTED ACADEMIC PAPER TITLES

- *'Practical Wisdom' in the Core: Survival at the Intersection of Language and Meaning*
- *'Evita': A Rhetorical Analysis*
- *Towards a Philosophical Understanding of Music*
- *Language and Education in the People's Republic of China: Towards National Unity Through a Common Language*
- *Open-Source Education: A Humanist Educational Alternative to the Functionalist Structures of Schooling*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *Mid-Atlantic Popular / American Culture Association* 2008 conference in Ontario, Canada
 - *"Dramatizing Popular History: A Rhetorical Analysis of 'Evita'"*
- *Council of Graduate Students in Education (CGSE)* 2010 conference in Pittsburgh, PA
 - *"Open-Source Education: A Humanist Educational Alternative to the Functionalist Structures of Schooling"*

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Language

- English (US): Native fluency in all modalities
- Chinese (Mandarin): Conversationally fluent; Basic reading (Traditional and Simplified characters) and typing (Hanyu Pinyin) skills

Work Experience

- Intern - Administrative Assistant, *Uniplan Beijing*, Beijing, China (2001)
 - Administrative assistant intern for Uniplan office located in the Chao Yang district of Beijing
- Assistant in Marketing & Convention Management, *Uniplan Taiwan*, Taipei, Taiwan (2001-2002)

- International Registration Coordinator interfacing with *AdASIA 2001 Taipei* conference participants from various international locations (e.g. India, Mongolia, Singapore)

INTERESTS

- Integrating Technology and Pedagogy to Create Student-Centered, Blended Learning Environments
- Parenting / Fatherhood
- Writing: Fiction and Non-fiction
- Independent Publishing / Author Entrepreneurship
- Relationship Marketing
- Family Walking Treks Through Town
- Cricket (Sport)
- Chinese-language (Mandarin & Cantonese) Karaoke