# Shaun Van Vleck

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#### **Profile**

I am an innovative and experienced English teacher who is dedicated to student learning and a love of literature. With five years of experience in the International Baccalaureate system at the middle and high school level, I am adept at both concept-based and problem/project-based learning. In my classes, students learn through reading great literature, investigating issues and writing both creatively and analytically. Through a rigorous program that I have implemented in the CIEDI school of Bogotá as both English teacher and department leader, students have been able to compete with and even outperform their native speaking age group peers in reading, speaking and both analytic and creative writing. I began my journey as a traditional teacher in NY, but over the past five years have adapted and developed as I have been at the forefront of advances in pedagogy with the IB program. The teacher I am now is still passionate and driven to innovate, but goes armed with international experience that sits astride two cultures.

#### Certification

Current Pennsylvania English 7-12 Teaching Certificate Cambridge English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA) Certificate

#### **Education**

Special Education Post Graduate Courses (9 credits from Grand Canyon University in 2014) Cambridge English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA) Intensive Course and Practicum MAT emphasis in English GPA 3.96 (2008) at Binghamton University BA English and Spanish GPA 3.92 (2006) at Binghamton University

### **Teaching Experience**

CIEDI IB School – English Department Leader, taught grades 8-12 & homeroom teacher (2011-2016)

International House – Teaching business English (2010-2011)

Bainbridge-Guilford – Spanish 6-8 (2008-2010

Student teaching experience at Evergreen Alternative School (2007) & Union Endicott High School (2007)

Substitute teacher in Windsor Central Schools from 2002-2008

## **Awards and Research**

Winner of the 2016 Bilingual School Union Teacher Writing Contest with an essay entitled:

"Problem Based Learning: An Authentic Education"

Researched, designed and helped implement a multifaceted teacher evaluation system with White Paper:

"Effective Teacher Evaluation: A research based proposal for institutional improvement in CIEDI"

Researched, designed and implemented a student reading program with the White Paper:

"The Effects of Student Choice in Reading: How to Kindle a Love of Reading"

## **Primary Teaching Skills**

Adept at concept-based teaching as per the Lynne Erickson model

Skilled and experienced with problem and project-based learning

Possess a deep knowledge of the IB's Middle Years and Diploma Programs

Have curriculum design and department leadership experience

Possess skills for ESL teaching developed both in the US and Colombia

Knowledgeable in both MLA and APA citation formats

Initiated and ran the CIEDI's digital news site: noticiedi.ciedi.edu.co

#### **Additional Skills**

Possess Spanish fluency at a near native level (BA in Spanish and six years working abroad)

Advanced use of Word and Excel (e.g. dynamic content and reference tables)

Have experience with Smart Boards, Wordpress, HTML5 and CSS