**David Witoslawski**

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**BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

Dedicated, flexible, and motivated Social Studies Educator, with an ability to plan efficiently and organize effectively. I am determined to provide a safe, challenging, learning environment that excites students while preparing them to be thoughtful, informed, analytical, and positive contributing citizens in society.

* Ability to bring a personal perspective to history due to extensive travel to historic sites and national parks throughout the continental United States and Alaska.
* Extensive knowledge of government developed through Speech and Debate Team participation, coaching and judging.
* Genuine lifelong enthusiasm for history, economics and government.

**EDUCATION**

**Social Studies Certification Level 1, PA Dept of Education, May 2012**

University of Pittsburgh, Graduate Program: Professional Year, **GPA 3.72**, Pittsburgh, PA

**B.A., History, Communications Minor, April 2010**

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

**A.A., Liberal Arts, April 2008**

Lehigh Carbon Community College, Schnecksville, PA

**Notre Dame High School, May 2006**

Easton, PA

**EXPERIENCE**

**Substitute Teacher, Special Education Aide: May 2012**–**Present**

McKeesport Area (primary district served), West Mifflin, West Jefferson Hills and Allegheny Valley School Districts

* Per-diem substitute K–12, all subject areas.
* Create a well-managed, safe, educational environment in a wide variety of classroom settings.

**Life Skills, History Educator, and Counselor: Oct 2015**–**Dec 2015**

Summit Academy

* Teach life skills and history to adjudicated youth
* Counsel the students in moments of crisis to cope and adjust back into society

**Youth Work Preparation Coordinator, Americorps Service, Summer 2014**

Braddock, PA

* Mentoring youth in job readying skills such as professionalism, integrity, punctuality, and work ethic.

**Author and Website Curator**

* Wrote book with my wife about historical Pennsylvania Amusement Parks called “Great Pennsylvania Amusement Parks Road Trip,” which was released in December of 2013. A newspaper book review can be found here in addition to access to the book and an interview with NPR: http://www.greatpennsylvaniaparks.com
* In 2014 I founded Interesting Pennsylvania and Beyond, a travel blog that focuses upon destinations and history throughout Pennsylvania. It now gets over a hundred thousand views a month.

**Voices Across Time NEH Workshop, Summer 2013**

* A workshop organized by the University of Pittsburgh, Heinz History Center and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to integrate the use of music as a medium in class instruction. Interview by NPR regarding the program: http://wesa.fm/post/help-teach-subjects-teachers-learn-look-music

**Part Time Social Studies Educator, November 2012**–**April 2013**

Pittsburgh City Schools, Pittsburgh, PA

Grades 6–8: Sixth Grade Geography, Seventh Grade World Cultures, Eighth Grade US History

* Emphasis on adhering to PA Standards, cross-curricular integration, differentiation, research techniques, technology, cooperative team activities, classroom management, all within a positive, safe, and non-threatening classroom environment.
* Creation and management of a Student Council focused upon resolving student conflicts, fundraising and organizing school related events

**Student Teaching, August 2011–May 2012**

McKeesport Area High School, McKeesport, PA

Grades 9–12: US Cultures, Military History, AP US History: World War I through 1960s, including the 1920s, Great Depression, World War II, Post-War Boom, Cold War to Vietnam War.

* Assisted the McKeesport Forensics team in tournaments, imparting knowledge of Speech & Debate from previous personal involvement on H.S. Speech & Debate Team, Coaching, and Judging experience.

**Assistant Speech and Debate Team Coach and Competition Judge, August 2006– May 2011**

Notre Dame High School Speech and Debate Team, Easton, PA

* Post-graduate volunteer position: mentoring both communication skills and confidence in high school team members. Organized tournaments and judged competitions.

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Campus Security Officer, August 2011–Present** (part-time employment)University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

* Maintain order and security in University of Pittsburgh campus community.

**Field Sales Representative & Local Business Specialist, October 2009–January 2011**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh, PA

* Customer subscriptions and business advertising sales.

**Theme Park Ride Operations Associate, 2004–2006**

Dorney Park – Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, Allentown, PA

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Numerous national, state and local awards for excellence in Public Speaking including:

* *Eleanor S. Wise Memorial Award* for *Excellence in Speech & Debate*
* *Dr. Martin Luther King Open Speech & Debate Tournament, Student Congress First place*
* *A.D.F.L. 3rd Place-Student Congress*
* *Pennsylvania State Semifinalist award in Radio Announcing*
* *National Catholic Forensics League National Tournament, Chicago, Illinois*
* *Phillipsburg Forensics Invitational, Second Place in Student Congress*

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

* ***“FORGE” Organization***: Providing necessary support to refugees from places suchas Sudan, Somalia, and Burma, while transitioning into American Life. Activities include tutoring children and adults with limited and/or no English language abilities.
* ***Habitat for Humanity:*** Assist in building homes for the less fortunate.

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Promethean Board Technology, including the use of Activote, Edline, Pinnacle. MS Office: Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook, Publisher, and Photoshop.