

# Shani L. Feyen

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## SPECIALIZATION PROFILE

- Initiator and developer of high quality, engaging, and creative programming for and within learning organizations
- Enthusiastic coach and teacher of students, clients and colleagues with a focus on improved self-awareness and outcomes
- Promoter of full-capacity, gift-based work, toward improved individual contributions and valued collective outcomes in an organization

## EDUCATION

### **Masters Degree in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education/Administration**

Michigan State University, December 2008

### **The Coaches Training Institute (CTI): Co-Active Coach Training**

Washington, D.C. Fall 2012

### **Western Washington University Graduate Student, English as a Second Language Endorsement**

Bellingham, WA 2003

### **Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education**

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI December 2001, Semester Abroad in Denia, Spain, Spring, 1999

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Disability Specialist, Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD)**

Michigan State University      December 2008- Current

- Empower students and employees toward success by building personalized plans of reasonable accommodations
- Coach students toward increased self-awareness, self-advocacy, and effective learning practices, such as time management and communication
- Increase retention and graduation efforts by bridging RCPD into MSU Neighborhoods project
- Initiate, develop, and supervise Project Venture, a transition program for high school students with disabilities
- Valued facilitator of Disability in a Diverse Society study abroad program, Dublin, Ireland
  - Ensure impactful experiences by planning accessible excursions, transportation, and service-learning for full inclusion by participants with disabilities
  - Develop and implement highly-focused program budget for a maximum student experience

### **Faculty, Adjunct, Stern Tutoring and Alternative Techniques for Education (STATE) Program**

Michigan State University      August 2012- current

- Developed study skills and learning-based curriculum with targeted skills development for college students with learning disabilities.
- Implemented coaching skills for increased student self-awareness and improved academic performance

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## **Graduate Intern, Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities**

Michigan State University      May-December 2008, part-time

- Increased knowledge and use of assistive and adaptive technology, including screen readers, magnification software, and e-text production for MSU students, faculty, and staff who experience learning, visual, or mobility disabilities
- Guided undergraduate student workers on e-text and Braille transcription project in Spanish

## **Graduate Intern, Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE)**

Lansing Community College      August- December 2008, part-time

- Integrated knowledge of research-based practices for postsecondary learners by participating in 12-week workshop, *Transforming Teaching through Learning*
- Bolstered future workshops by assessing current workshop format, instructional techniques, and assessment strategies

## **Research Assistant, Michigan State University**

Counseling, Educational Psychology, Special Education Department

Under Dr. Cynthia Okolo      September 2007- December 2008

- Partnered on research project (National Center for Supported e-Text in Assistive Technology); study concerns students with learning disabilities and preference for screen reader use ([http://ncset.uoregon.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=180&Itemid=73](http://ncset.uoregon.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=180&Itemid=73))

## **Third grade teacher, ESL teacher, Palmer Elementary (Grand Rapids Public Schools)**

Grand Rapids, MI January 2004- August 2007

- Facilitated creative and successful learning experiences for classrooms of 27-31 third grade students from diverse backgrounds
- Linked student data in all curricular areas to inform and direct classroom, grade-level, and school-wide learning initiatives
- Sought and attained increased opportunities for school-wide leadership in curriculum development, data collection, and assessment

## **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

### **Michigan Association on Higher Education and Disability (Mi-Ahead) Member**

December 2008- current

### **School Data Review Team Member and Math Leader**

Palmer Elementary School      Academic year 2005-2007

### **Edgewood Youth Volunteer, Edgewood United Church of Christ, East Lansing, MI**

Worked with K-12 children in spiritual development, civic engagement, and service-learning, 2009-2012

### **Professional Teacher Certification, Michigan, current**

Endorsements in English as a Second Language, Spanish, and Language Arts