

Personal Profile

10+ years as an educator

Expert in STEAM and project-based learning

Designer of arts & technology infused curriculum for grades 3-12

Unique ability in project management and team collaboration

Education

Edinboro University

PA Teacher Certification

Grades 4/5/6 All Subjects

Grades 7/8 Science

Anticipated Spring 2020

GPA: 4.0

M.Ed. Teacher Leadership

Anticipated Spring 2021

Allegheny College

2007

B.A. Political Science

magna cum laude

Environmental Policy Focus

Art & Environment Minor

American University

2006

Washington Semester

Transforming Communities

Urban Public Policy Seminar

Cornell Cooperative Extension

2012

Permaculture Design Certification

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Artist - PA Council on the Arts

2013-Present

Design learning experiences that integrate arts into core curriculum

Collaborate with classroom teachers for 20-60 days

Teaching Sites Include:

East Middle School

Edison Elementary

Charter School of Excellence

Titusville Main Street Elementary

Erie RISE Leadership Academy

Harding Elementary

Villa Maria Elementary

Cambridge Springs Elementary

SafeNet

Erie SD GEARS Program

Girl Scouts of WPA

Erie County Library

Artist Media:

Garden-Based Learning

Environmental Education

Clay Sculpture

Glass Tile Mosaics

3D Printing

Vinyl Cutting

Cel Painting

Coding

Stop-Motion Animation

Electronics & Circuitry

Video Production

LEGO Robotics

Box of Light Studios - Co-Director, Erie Studio

2012-2018

Create and teach STEAM programs for youth ages 6-16

Oversee day-to-day operations; manage staff and volunteers

Maintain annual budget and billing; write grants and secure funding

Design 3,000 ft² maker space for hands-on learning

Wild Winds Farm CSA - Farmer/Owner

2009-2011

AmeriCorps *VISTA - Booker T. Washington Center

2008-2009

Smokey House Center - Environmental Education Intern

2008

Anacostia Watershed Society - Education Intern

2006

Meadville Market House - Davies Leader

2006

LEADERSHIP

Instructor, Erie Arts & Culture, Teaching Artist Training & Orientation (2019)

Erie's 40 Under 40, Class of 2016

Panelist, Young Nonprofit Leaders (2016)

Coach, First LEGO League - Animal Allies (2016)

Nominee, Innovation Erie Awards (2017 & 2015)

Member, Board of Directors, Whole Foods Cooperative (2013-2015)

Member, Erie County Healthy Foods Policy Council (2009-2012)

SELECTED PROJECTS

Edison Elementary | Grade 3

- 2018-2019 students create digital stories from favorite children’s literature, a garden fence mural, animal cel paintings, and character mandalas
- 2017 students create stone garden mosaics, clay animal habitat sculptures

East Middle School | Grade 6

- 2019 students create spoken word poetry videos and paintings with the theme of character strengths
- 2018 students animate claymation movies about the states of matter and create paintings of chemical elements

Charter School of Excellence Skills Center | Grades 9-12

- 2019 *Digital Fabrication* – students learn 2D and 3D design to create projects with 3D printing, vinyl cutting, and paper circuitry
- 2017 *Garden Design* - students design and build a school garden and create media arts around food and environmental issues
- 2015 *Kids as Curators* - students create an exhibit for the Erie Art Museum with the theme of board games and video games

Titusville Main Street Elementary | Grade 3

- 2018 students research animals and create their own multimedia “virtual pet” using Scratch coding software

Erie Rise Leadership Academy | Grades 2 - 8

- 2018 *Summer/Afterschool* – Scratch coding game design, claymation movies, and digital storytelling projects
- 2017 *Kids as Curators* - middle schoolers create an exhibit for the Erie Art Museum with the theme of paper: found word poetry, origami, and papermaking

Harding Elementary | Grades 3 - 4

- 2015 students create claymation tall tales and movies about the water cycle, plant and animal science

MEDIA

Erie Reader, May 2016

“Box of Light: Creating an Innovative Mindset” <https://bit.ly/2rjBRIs>

Erie Times-News, June 2015

“Children Learn About 1915 Millcreek Flood” <https://bit.ly/2IsY1CT>

Erie Times-News, February 2015

“Q&A: STEM and the Arts with Annie Schmitt” <https://bit.ly/2GqI0dA>