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## ■ Education

### ■ University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communication with a business journalism certificate and a minor in chemistry; graduation with honors  
May 2005

- Academic Honors: William C. Whitaker Academic Scholarship, Dean's List, National Dean's List, selected to National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Gamma Sigma Alpha Scholastic Society
- Research: honors thesis, independent study in public policy, research assistant for Brookings Institution project

### ■ University of Missouri - St. Louis

Master of Education in secondary education administration; graduation with honors and principal certification eligibility expected May 2009

- Academic Honors: selected to Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Research: independent study on school district legal expenses, developed original analysis of per-pupil-expenditure compared to school district median income levels

## ■ Work Experience

### ■ St. Louis Public Schools

August 2006 to present

Eighth grade science and science team leader (2007-present)  
Ninth grade science (2006-07)

- School Leadership
  - designed and led whole-staff and group professional development
  - co-authored school improvement plan for state accreditation review
  - mentored a student-teacher and interns
  - designed and implemented block scheduling for school
  - developed digital classroom initiative
  - member of principal's leadership team
- District Leadership
  - developed and presented proposal to pilot NWEA as an alternative, standardized achievement assessment (2008)
  - textbook selection for Earth and environmental sciences (2007)
- Grants
  - independently secured more than \$3,900 for classroom projects
  - implemented after school program in partnership with federal Upward Bound program (2007)
- Honors
  - Amgen Fellow for National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) (2008)
  - Pettus Foundation Award of Excellence for Teaching (2008)
  - NSTA national-conference session presider (2008)
  - Pfizer Outstanding St. Louis Science Teacher finalist (2007)

▪ **Teach For America**

**June 2006 to present**

Learning Team Leader (2008-present)

Corps Member (2006-2008)

- one of 2,500 from an applicant pool of 19,000 selected to the national teacher-corps dedicated to teaching in under-resourced public schools
- design monthly instructional-support sessions for science teachers in the St. Louis region
- plan and execute professional development workshops for Professional Saturday trainings

- Regional Leadership

- developed corps-member giving campaign that met national giving target
- customized regional instructional materials used by all teachers
- founding participant of local alumni club, edAction St. Louis

- National Leadership

- advisory panel for intranet redesign providing resources to entire corps of teachers and alumni
- review team member for internal resource exchange

▪ **Missouri Department of Education**

**Jan 2008 to June 2008**

Consultant

- one of five from teachers selected from across state to serve as head grader and trainer for standardized science test
- trained and managed two teams of teacher-graders during live scoring
- reviewed and revised grading rubrics used for statewide scoring
- worked directly with test company and secure testing information

▪ **TeachFor.Us**

**July 2006 to present**

Site Creator and Manager

- established and maintain the independent blog-community for Teach For America teachers
- support more than 200 bloggers
- cultivated an official partnership with Teach For America (2008)

▪ **Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity**

**July 2005 to May 2006**

Executive Fellow

- second-in-command for operations of one of the largest fraternities
- designed and implemented programs for leadership training and alcohol education serving more than 6,000 students on 134 campuses
- planned six educational weekends drawing a record number of attendees
- developed risk management responses and educational sanctions in coordination with university officials

■ **Community Involvement**

**Genesis Home** - facilitated structured tutoring system in a homeless shelter (2004)

**UNC Admissions Office** - developed and contributed to on-line recruitment projects seen by hundreds of thousands of prospective students (2004)

**Journalism Jumpstart** - helped middle school students produce a newspaper (2004-05)

**Other interests** - kickball league, SCUBA, rock climbing, and sky diving