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## **Career Objective**

As a mid-career professional, my primary objective is to facilitate and support learning and capacity building in traditional academic and informal settings. Committed to developmentally appropriate practice largely based in guided inquiry, I welcome the challenges and rewards inherent in teaching multiple disciplines. I partner with students, families and colleagues to promote positive change and growth through education. I also maintain, with my wife, a coaching and consulting practice through which we provide a complementary suite of products and services to support optimal human development.

## **Employment History**

*2008 – Present. Teacher/Coach. Northwest R1 School District. Cedar Hill, Missouri.*  
Certificated position with primary responsibility for teaching secondary level classes in Biology. Participating in Secondary Cohort to enhance teaching skills with emphasis on how students best receive classroom instruction. Member of Freshman Team 4. Charged with ensuring the achievement of student performance goals as measured by required standardized tests. Boys' JV and Girls' Freshman Volleyball Coach.. (See [www.nwr1biology.com](http://www.nwr1biology.com))

*2003 – 2008. Teacher/Coach. Bayless School District. St. Louis, Missouri.*  
Certificated position with primary responsibility for teaching secondary level classes in Conceptual Physics, Biology and Environmental Science. Charged with ensuring the achievement of student performance goals as measured by required standardized tests. Girls' Volleyball Coach. Student Council and Freshman Class Sponsor. (See [www.bayhicoach.com](http://www.bayhicoach.com))

*1999-2003. Teacher. South County Opportunity for the Purpose of Education (SCOPE). St. Louis, Missouri.*  
Certificated position in an alternative school, serving a consortium of nine school districts and over 450 students. Providing continuing education for students who were removed from their local districts. Specific teaching focus was on science. Other responsibilities included the development and maintenance of a comprehensive database tracking information including attendance, grades, and discipline reports.

*Summer 2000. Training Specialist. United Way of Greater St. Louis. St. Louis, Missouri*  
Provided training in numerous software applications. Classes were organized in skill levels to more fully address the diverse needs of the staff and to help users progress in their knowledge and utilization of these products. Specific engagement with Success By 6® regional early childhood initiative.

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*Summer 1999. Teacher / Computer Specialist. Summer Reading Academy at Barbara C. Jordan Accelerated Elementary School. University City, Missouri*  
Facilitated program to assist At Risk students in developing successful reading strategies.

*January – June 1999. Substitute Teacher. Bayless School District, University City School District and Maplewood School District. St. Louis, Missouri*  
Completed diverse teaching assignments; varied subjects and grade levels.

*1997 to Present. Technology Director and Consultant. DRW2~Coaching and Consulting Group. St. Louis, Missouri*  
Responsible for the design and maintenance of company web portfolio. Products and services include keynote speaking, retreat facilitation, specialized early childhood and nonprofit organization training, professional development modules and ontological coaching.

*1997 – 1998. Teacher Assistant. Barbara C. Jordan Accelerated Elementary School. University City, Missouri.*  
Primary responsibilities included technology instruction for 400 students,

*1993 – 1998. Executive Director. Hostelling International/Gateway Council, St. Louis, Missouri.*  
Responsibilities included comprehensive administrative, management and supervisory functions. National technology training consultant and Outstanding Service Award recipient.

## **Education and Training**

2006 – present Southeast Missouri State University – Graduate Degree Program; Secondary Administration (expected to be completed 2009)

2010 – Planting Sciences Institute in College Station Texas  
2010 – New Developments with Brassica Rapa in Madison, WI  
2010 – Paul Williams Rapid Cycling Brassica Workshop in Madison WI  
2010 – Tools for Maximum Engagement – San Antonio, TX  
2007 – Datastreme Atmosphere – SUNY  
2006 – Intel Teach to the Future – Lindenwood University

Summer 2005 & 2006 – Rutgers University, DIMACS Graduate Institute. New Jersey.  
Integration of Discrete Mathematics, Biology and Technology.

2005 – St. Louis Community College – Meramec Campus. St. Louis, Missouri.  
Basic Chemistry.

2002 - Praxis II Biology: Content Knowledge (20235) 169/150 and General Science: Content Knowledge (10435) 181/154

1999-2000 St. Louis Community College – Meramec Campus. St. Louis, Missouri

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Microsoft Visual Basic Certification Program.

1997-1998 Harris-Stowe State College. St. Louis, Missouri.  
Teacher Certification Program / Secondary Education / Social Studies Focus.

1967-1971 Kansas State University. Manhattan, Kansas.  
Bachelor of Science Degree. Political Science Major.  
Member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

1967 - Shawnee Mission South High School. Overland Park, Kansas.  
High School Diploma/College Preparatory Program.

### **Professional/Community Affiliations**

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
Missouri State School Board Association  
Bayless School District Board Member (retired) / Certified Level III  
National Education Association  
Missouri Affiliate Member/Bayless Education Association/2005 Negotiator  
National Science Teachers' Association  
National Association of Biology Teachers  
St. Louis Herpetological Society  
Salt Water Enthusiasts of St. Louis  
United States Volleyball Association  
Coaching Certification

### **Volunteer Services**

Association for the Education of Young Children – Missouri  
Bayless Consolidated School District  
First Night St. Louis  
Success By 6® Early Childhood Initiative

### **Special Skills**

Character Education Methodologies  
Coaching – Swimming, Volleyball, Bicycling  
Technology - IBM Operating Systems, Programming, Desktop Publishing, Web  
Publishing, Word Processing, Database Management, Troubleshooting

### **Personal and Professional References –**

Available upon request