

Section II: Educational History and Professional Development Activities

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Education

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

- Master of Arts in Education (June 2010 – August 2011)
- Secondary Teaching Certification in Mathematics and Biology (September 2006 – May 2007)
- Bachelors of Arts Degree, Mathematics Major and Biology Minor (August 2003 – May 2007)

Lansing Community College, Lansing, Michigan

- General Education Courses (August 2001 – May 2003)

Teaching Experience, Internship and Pre-Internship Field Experience

- **Coats-Erwin Middle School, Dunn, North Carolina**

8th Grade Mathematics, Algebra I/Math I Teacher, Yearbook Editor, Curriculum Leader, Mentor (August 2007 – Present)

- **Dwight Rich Middle School (Internship), Lansing, Michigan**

8th Grade Mathematics Teacher and Honors Algebra Teacher (August 2006 – May 2007)

- **Haslett High School (Pre-internship), Haslett, Michigan**

Algebra II Course for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors (September 2005 – May 2006)

Professional Associations

- **National Council of Teachers of Mathematics**, October 2005 – June 2013

Professional Leadership

- **Learning Focused Lesson Planning Early Adopter**, Spring 2014, Coats-Erwin Middle School
- **Mentor Teacher** for a first-year teacher, 2013-2014 Coats-Erwin Middle School
- **Practicum and Student Teaching Seminars**, September 2013, February and March 2014, Campbell University – Seminars presented to practicum and students teachers on planning research-based lessons that are rigorous and engaging that will support growth of all students

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- **Curriculum Leader**, 2013-2014 Coats-Erwin Middle School – analyzed assessments in vertical alignment meetings and discussed Smarter Balanced Assessments
- **Math I Pacing Guide Development**, Summer 2013, Harnett County Schools – developed year-long pacing guide for the district with weekly objectives, useful resources, and vocabulary
- **Smarter Balanced Assessments**, June 17, 2013 Presented Smarter Balanced Assessments to Middle School Director and Administrators of Harnett County Schools
- **Sandhills Regional Education Consortium Conference**, Fayetteville and Hamlet, NC, Spring 2013 – Represented Harnett County School Middle School Math Department in a Conference on upcoming Smarter Balanced Assessments
- **Textbook Selection Committee**, 2012, Harnett County Schools – assisted in selecting a textbook publisher for middle school math classes
- **Yearbook Editor**, 2008-2013 Coats-Erwin Middle School
- **Route 21 Professional Development**, January 7, 2011 Coats-Erwin Middle School Professional Development: Using iMovie in the Classroom
- **Harnett County Schools Technology Conference**, November 2010 Harnett County School Professional Development: Using iMovie to Teach Geometry and Algebra
- **Harnett County Schools Technology Conference**, January 22, 2010 Harnett County Schools Professional Development: Using the SmartBoard in a Mathematics Classroom

Professional Recognition

Coats-Erwin Middle School Teacher of the Year, April 2011

Target Field Trip Grant (\$700), December 2013

Coats-Erwin Middle School Teacher of the Year, April 2014