

Experience

Laur Educational Consulting: Independent Contractor

September 2008 – Present

- ISTE 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
- TCEA 2013, 2014
- Extra Learning Opportunities 2014
- ASCD Conference on Teaching Excellence 2014
- PBL World: Napa, CA 2012, 2013, 2014
- PBL World: Sydney, Australia 2013
- PBL World: New York 2014
- Seamless and Sustained: Arts Integration 2012
- Standards Aligned System Institute for Higher Education: Model Teacher 2010
- PETE & C: 2009, 2010, 2012
- York County Social Studies CFF Keynote Speaker 2009
- CFF Boot camp 2008 and 2010
- County CFF Workshop Leader 2008, 2009
- Lincoln Intermediate Unit: New Teacher Induction Presenter 2006-2008
- Milestone Documents: Advisory Board Member
- Fantasy SCOTUS for Classroom Use: Teacher Advisor for Development
- Independent consultant for various PA, MD, NJ, CT, IN, CA, TX, NC, and OH schools

Buck Institute for Education

March 2010 - present

National Faculty Member

- Consultant and Presenter on the implementation of Project Based Learning and 21st Century Technology Integration
- PBLU online course facilitator, developer, and manager

Central York School District, York, PA

September 2000 – January 2013

Social Studies Teacher, Career Academy Coordinator, District Presenter

- Classes taught: AP U.S. Government and Politics, Law, American Studies, Global Studies
- Co-Teacher in Law with Learning Support Colleague
- Classrooms for the Future Grant Funded Teacher
- Health and Human Services Academy Coordinator: Responsible for weekly leadership meetings for Academy teachers and technology trainings
- Mock Trial Advisor, Academic Competition Team Coach
- Curriculum Writer
- New Teacher Mentor
- Cooperating Teacher for Millersville University and York College student teachers
- Former Department Chair
- In-Service and Summer Workshop Presenter
- Feature Classroom Teacher for visiting guests - Guests have included state legislators, PA Department of Education representatives, PA Governor's Staff, Edutopia, and Vicki Phillips from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Committee member: Future's Committee, Career Academy Committee, 1-1 Technology Integration Committee, Model Schools Committee

Baldwin-Whitehall School District, Pittsburgh, PA

September 1998 - June 2000

Social Studies Teacher

- Classes Taught: American Studies, Regional Studies, Civics
- Curriculum Writer
- National Honor Society Advisor

Education

VA Tech, Blacksburg, VA

1992-1995 (Finished degree in 3 years)

BA, History

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

1996-1998

M.Ed., Curriculum and Instruction

Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA

2008-2010

MS.Ed., 21st Century Teaching and Learning

National Board Certified Teacher

2003, 2012

Social Studies Adolescent and Young Adult

Awards, Features, and Publications

- 2013 Author of: *Authentic Learning Experiences: A Real-World Approach to Project Based Learning* from Routledge publishers
- 2013 *How to Use Edmodo in the Classroom* from PACKT Publishing
- 2012 Fall article on the *8 Essential Elements of PBL* in *Tech Edge Journal*
- 2011 Spring and Fall published articles in *EARCOS International Journal*
- 2011 Featured teacher in Schools that Work Series by Edutopia
- 2011 Featured panelist “*Can We Talk? A Conversation on Civility & Democracy*” – National Constitution Center
- 2010 PA Civics First Curriculum Contest: 1st Place Recipient
- 2010 Outstanding Teacher Award Shippensburg University
- 2007 Model Teacher Authentic Based Instruction Series for Learning Sciences International/eMBEDDED Learning for Wilkes University
- 2007 ACE Educator Award: Youth Leadership Initiative, University of VA
- 2007 National Constitution Center Lesson Plan Contest Winner
- 2006 Annenberg Classroom Lesson Plan Contest Winner

Educational Interests

- Authentic Learning Experiences through Project Based Learning
 - 21st Century Technology Immersion in the Classroom
 - Collaborative Opportunities Between Districts/States/Countries
 - Professional Development
 - Social Networking to Increase Personal Learning Networks
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