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Education

West Virginia University
Ed.D. in Educational Leadership Studies, 2009.
Dissertation topic: The Best Leadership Practices of Principals in High Performing and High Poverty Schools in Ohio.
Minor area of study: Instructional Technology Design

Franciscan University of Steubenville
M.S. in Educational Administration, 1999

The Ohio State University
B.S. in Education, 1990

Slippery Rock University
B.S. in Psychology, 1987

Relevant Work History

Franciscan University of Steubenville:
Assistant Professor (2011 – Present)
Director of Graduate Education (2014 – present)
Director of Online Education for Education Department (2014 – present)
Instructional duties include: Instruct classes in the M.S. Education and M.S. Educational Administration departments. Teach both face to face and online courses; advise students; active in university committee work; online course development.

- *Courses taught*
  - *EDU 510 Instructional Leadership*
  - *EDU 511 Curriculum (both face to face and online formats)*
  - *EDU 512 Curriculum Leadership*
  - *EDU 513 Models of Teaching (face to face and online)*
  - *EDU 536T Web Based Materials and Instructional Design (100% online)*
  - *EDU 540 Advanced Computers in Education*
  - *EDU 570 Masters Project (both face to face and online formats)*
  - *EDU 603 Elem. And Middle School Administration (100% online)*
  - *EDU 605 Secondary School Administration (both face to face and online formats)*
  - *EDU 723 Contemporary Issues in Education (100% online)*

Director of Graduate Education duties include: Responsibility for scheduling, institutional reports, budgeting, marketing, community outreach, and other miscellaneous duties affiliated with graduate education program.
Director of Online duties include: oversight of scheduling and direction of online programs.

Superintendent, Indian Creek Local School District (2010-2011).
Duties included: Coordination and supervision of instruction; supervision of the operation and maintenance of all buildings and equipment; assist in the preparation of the budget; coordinate district publicity and represent the school among community agencies and institutions

Assistant Superintendent, Indian Creek Local School District (2009-2010).
Duties included: Title I Coordinator, Director of Special Education Programs, District Test Coordinator, Curriculum and Instruction Supervisor for grades K-6, District Consolidated Continuous Improvement Plan contact, Professional Development Coordinator.

Adjunct Professor, Franciscan University of Steubenville (2009).
Instructed master's level courses in curriculum leadership and instructional leadership.

Junior High Principal, Indian Creek Local School District (2000-2009).
Duties included: Typical overall management and leadership of the instructional program.

Assistant Principal, Southern Local School District (1997-2000).
Duties included: Discipline, attendance, and other matters as delegated by the administrative team.

Social Studies Teacher (1992-1997).
Secondary level social studies teacher in four different school systems.

Current Professional Affiliations/Activities/Committees

Director: Graduate Education, Franciscan University of Steubenville
Provide oversight and direction for budget, scheduling, programming, and strategic planning associated with the Department of Graduate Education

Program Reports: Graduate Education, Franciscan University of Steubenville
Responsible for preparing program accreditation reports to ELCC and CAEP

Participant*:* Faculty Search Committee, Franciscan University of Steubenville
Involvement includes screening of applicants, interviewing candidates for the education department, and collaborating to submit group recommendation.

Institutional Representative: Ohio Council of Professors of Educational Administration
Attend semi-annual meetings pertaining to licensure requirements for educational administration programs; share pertinent information with department faculty.

CEO/Consultant: 2020 Leadership Consulting
Provide grant writing, professional development, principal mentoring, and program development for local school districts.

Other Competencies and Qualifications

Certified Course Designer:
Completed training and earned certificate for application of Quality Matters Course Design Rubric for the development of online courses.

Online Instruction and Course Development:
Responsible for development and subsequent revisions of fully online graduate courses via Blackboard learning management system. Experienced online course instructor.

Superintendent Licensure:
Currently hold an active Ohio Superintendent's license.

Ohio Teacher Evaluation Credential:
Currently hold an Ohio certificate as a credentialed teacher evaluator.

Scholarly Presentations/Workshops

Time Management Tips for School Administrators (October 2013)
Jefferson/Harrison County Ohio Principals Leadership Academy

Mentor Processing Skills (May 2013)
Jefferson County Ohio Beginning Principals Mentoring Program

Social Media for School Administrators: Pitfalls and Promises (April 2013)
Jefferson/Harrison County Ohio Principals Leadership Academy

The 11%: Strategies for Improving Dropout Rates and Meeting AYP (Nov. 2012)
Hancock County Schools, West Virginia

A Web 2.0 Toolbox for School Administrators (October 2013)
Jefferson/Harrison County Ohio Principals Leadership Academy

Research Based School Leadership (April 2012)
Jefferson/Harrison County Ohio Principals Leadership Academy

Creating Supportive Work Environments for Generation Y Teachers (April 2012)
Jefferson/Harrison County Ohio Principals Leadership Academy

Past Career Related Activities/Awards

School of Promise Winner, 2006-2007 Academic Year
Awarded to schools with over 40% of students meeting low income criteria which still succeed at high levels on the Ohio Achievement Test.

Ohio Middle School Association Award Winner, 2006.
Indian Creek Junior High School was awarded a component award by the OMSA for innovative work in the area of staff development.

Learn and Serve Ohio Grant Awardee, 2001-2002 , 2002-2003, and 2003-2004.
Responsible for writing and being awarded three competitive grants administered by the Ohio Department of Education.

Participant, Harvard Change Leadership Group Seminar, April 2002.
Part of a four member district cohort which attended this four day seminar by the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Participant, Harvard Institute For School Leadership, July 2001.
Member of district cohort which was awarded a competitive grant via the Ohio Department of Education to attend this fourteen day program presented by the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Current Professional Memberships and Activities:
Member: Phi Delta Kappa
Member: National Association of Secondary School Administrators
Member: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.
Member: Buckeye Association of School Administrators

Former Professional Associations and Activities:
Chairman: Learning Technology Committee, Franciscan University of Steubenville
Board of Directors Member: Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency
Treasurer: Eastern Ohio Special Program Coordinators Association

Community Service Related Activities

Vice President of Governing Board , Utica Shale Academy of Ohio (2014)
School board member for start-up charter school with a curriculum focused on employability skills in gas and oil industry.

Beginning Principals Mentoring Program (2013-2014)
Partner with county Educational Service Center to mentor first and second year building level school administrators. Met weekly to advise, support, and provide direction.

Board of Directors, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Jefferson County Chapter (2011-2013)
Serve as an advocate and provide direction, guidance, and support for this child-centered organization.