

# TEACHING PERSONAL STATEMENT

Geographically, my life is all “over the map,” quite literally. As an adult, I have chosen desirable/interesting location over suitable employment, close distance to family, or any other factor. As a youth, I was subject to my parents’ own wanderlust ways. In order to make sense of it all, I am forced to think of my life in three segments: youth, young man, and adult life.

I was born in Montgomery, Alabama, where my father was receiving his training to fly helicopters during the Vietnam War – I was only there for three months. When my father was deployed, my mother and I lived with my Aunt Tita in Hartford, Connecticut, for the next 18 months. When my father was released from the U.S. Army (gunshot wound), he moved the family to Lynchburg, Virginia, where we lived for the next seven years. A career change for my father took us to Dayton, Ohio, where I found some stability, living for ten years and graduating from high school. I attended the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida, earning a Journalism degree in four years. Not keen on a career, I moved for one year to Vail, Colorado, to pursue the life of a “ski-bum.” I spent another year skiing in Telluride, Colorado (it was a steeper mountain). I then moved to Bend, Oregon, where I spent a decade combining skiing with career intentions – finally finding my niche with secondary teaching.

I became interested in education at least partially for the travel opportunities, and what a ride it’s been. I have taught two years on the North Slope of Alaska (Eskimos), three years in Guatemala City, Guatemala, three years in Beirut, Lebanon, one year in Hokitika, New Zealand, and one year in Casablanca, Morocco.

I arrived three days ago on Amorgos Island, Greece. The plan is to stay a while.

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*The Practice of Assessment in Music Education* Frank Abrahams, 2010      **The Inspirational Teacher** Gary McGuey, Lonnie Moore, 2015-09-07 Become a teacher who truly inspires students to learn and grow This bestselling book from Routledge and Franklin Covey the company that brought you *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* is filled with practical and heartfelt advice that will resonate with teachers at all stages of their careers The book will guide you through a simple four step process to building high trust relationships and unleashing the greatness within all students This timely new edition includes updated references and inspirational quotes throughout as well as chapter reflection questions to help you make the most of what you read In addition several of the questionnaires and reflection tools from the book are also available on our website as free eResources so that you can easily print and use them in your own classroom <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9781138906242>      Research Handbook on Classroom Observation Sean Kelly, 2025-03-12 This comprehensive Research Handbook offers cutting edge insights into classroom observation systems for teacher evaluation and professional development with an emphasis on both applied and discovery oriented inquiry      **Equipped for the Future Assessment Report** Sri Ananda, 2000 Equipped for the Future EFF is a standards based system reform initiative aimed at improving the quality and outcomes of the adult literacy and lifelong learning delivery systems It is predicated on the concept that the skills adult learners need for success as parents workers and citizens go beyond the basic academic skills traditionally targeted by adult education programs Performance based assessment is an approach to assessment that is congruent with EFF s emphasis on real world performance This paper introduces instructors who are using the EFF Standards to specific performance based assessment methods that show promise for measuring progress Following an introduction that explains EFF and the use of performance based assessment the report contains five additional sections Section 2 describes the key characteristics of effective performance based assessment methods Section 3 provides specific examples of performance based assessment methods Section 4 describes how to evaluate or score student performance on performance based assessment tasks and how to explain results to adult learners and others Section 5 describes how to develop performance based assessment tasks and prepare students for them Finally Section 6 discusses the role of performance based assessment for purposes of instruction and accountability KC      **A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO USING LEARNING STYLES IN MATH INSTRUCTION** Ruby Bostick Midkiff, Rebecca Davis Thomasson, 1994-01-01 Although much attention has been given to the use of learning styles in the general curriculum and in teaching students to read the use of learning styles based instruction in the mathematics classroom has received limited attention Therefore the purpose of this book is to address the improvement of mathematics instruction through the use of learning styles based instruction Its goals are to give the reader an understanding of learning styles based instruction in mathematics of effective use of manipulatives in teaching various concepts at all grade levels of ways to develop spatial reasoning skills in students of different activities which accommodate a

variety of learning styles and of authentic assessment in mathematics The book presents the use of learning styles based instruction as a powerful strategy which teachers can and should use with the result that teaching will be more effective less remediation will be necessary and the overall mathematics curriculum will be enhanced

**Writing Personal Statements and Scholarship Application Essays** Joe Schall,2006

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**The ESL Writer's Handbook, 3rd Edition** Janine Carlock,Maeve Eberhardt,Jaime Horst,2025-01-06 Continuing fifteen years as the handbook for international students to build confidence in English for academic purposes

**Argument Writing, Teacher Guide, Grades 9-12** PCG Education,2016-06-07 Argument Writing Paths to College and Career Jossey Bass and Public Consulting Group Inc PCG are proud to bring the Paths to College and Career English Language Arts ELA curriculum and professional development resources for grades 6 12 to educators across the country Originally developed for EngageNY and written with a focus on the shifts in instructional practice and student experiences the standards require Paths to College and Career includes daily lesson plans guiding questions recommended texts scaffolding strategies and other classroom resources The Paths Writing Units Argument Writing Informative Writing and Narrative Writing complement the full instructional program and can also be used independently providing in depth writing instruction to support all students in grades 9 12 in meeting grade level standards To emphasize the relationship between reading and writing each Writing Unit includes accessible model texts that exemplify key elements of each text type and source texts that provide a topic for the unit writing assignment Individual lessons guide students through the writing process providing instruction on grammar and conventions and highlighting collaboration and reflection as key elements of effective writing Students final essays are assessed using a checklist developed by the class over the course of the unit The organization and distinctive content of the model and source texts in each unit afford teachers the flexibility to implement each unit independently of the others and at any point during the curriculum For example a unit may be implemented to assess students writing prior to implementation of the standard curriculum to scaffold writing instruction leading into a writing assessment or to support struggling writers by addressing

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Villanueva, Douglas Charles Forbes Eacersall, 2024-01-09 This book assists research students supervisors practitioners and associated others to successfully navigate their research journey by highlighting research student experiences leading to student success It reveals the research journey through an auto ethnographic study based on the research student s narratives accompanied by digital artifacts It also includes commentary from the perspective of a researcher development specialist who assisted this researcher throughout this journey This book provides insights into research journeys through layered accounts and meanings which include the first author s life events spanning almost two decades alongside higher education pursuits It presents the perspective of a K 12 teacher researcher moving into higher education in her local

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**Writing Year-End Teacher Improvement Plans-Right Now!!** Cornelius L. Barker, Claudette J. Searchwell, 2001 This book is a ready reference guide that will allow the busy administrator to compose detailed year end improvement plans and professional improvement plans in half the time Forms are provided which allow administrators to Identify demonstrated strengths in teaching performance Pinpoint areas requiring improvement Provide salient suggestions for strengthening areas of weakness and improving performance Utilize a coded method of recording selected benchmark areas Complete year end teacher improvement plans quickly and easily Review the achievements made by teachers during the previous year Chart ongoing progress as teachers work toward meeting objectives In the ever evolving classroom there

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