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## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND RESEARCH CONSULTANT

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Specializing in school leadership team support, coaching, school improvement planning, teacher leadership team facilitation, and research and evaluation.

## SUMMARY

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- ✓ Seasoned professional who understands the dynamics of urban school leadership.
- ✓ Excellent planning, writing, speaking, and organization skills.
- ✓ A confident communicator with a gift for tact and diplomacy, a sense of humor, and a track record of building productive and accountable teams.
- ✓ Strong background in working with culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, NY**

**Associate Director Urban Education Leaders Collaborative** (2015-present),  
**Research Consultant** (2014-2015), **Teaching Fellow** (2011-2013)

- ✓ Leads professional development program for education leaders in urban school systems, leveraging new technologies and leadership self-assessment tools.
- ✓ Conducts research, analyzes current issues facing urban district leaders, and authors case studies to support the development of urban education leaders.
- ✓ Implements and monitors an online professional learning community for aspiring district leaders utilizing the Edmodo platform.
- ✓ Team-taught masters-level course at Summer Principal's Academy (2011, 2013).
- ✓ Works dependably on projects within budgets and timetables.

### **New York City Department of Education, New York City, NY**

**Education Consultant** (2011-Present)

- ✓ Facilitates school leadership team quality review and school improvement planning and monitoring work.
- ✓ Develops and coordinates training seminars, workshops, and inquiry-based professional learning sessions for teachers and school leaders; creates personalized content and agendas, orchestrates logistics, and facilitates training.
- ✓ Offers trainings and professional learning sessions that are consistently rated as effective or highly effective by participants.
- ✓ Builds cohesive, goal-oriented teams using clarity, humor, well-defined goals, and a positive work ethic to contribute positively to school organizational culture.

### **Areté Education/M.S. 223, New York City, NY**

**Research Consultant** (2011-present)

- ✓ Conducts 5-year evaluation of integrated summer arts program at New York City middle and high school in the South Bronx.
- ✓ Writes annual reports for funders using mixed-methods approach, including student, family, and staff surveys; focus groups, and interviews.
- ✓ Meets regularly with program staff to plan and implement evaluations.

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## **Literacy Support Systems, New York City, NY** **Education Consultant** (2014-present)

- ✓ Collaborates with school leadership team to design and implement strategic professional learning opportunities for elementary and middle school teachers.
- ✓ Offers coaching, training, and planning sessions for all upper elementary and middle school teachers in the content area of literacy

## **AUSSIE Partners in Professional Development, New York City, NY** **Education Consultant** (2011-2013)

- ✓ Trained teachers and school leaders in curriculum mapping, Common Core Standards integration, and data analysis processes across subjects and grades in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Brooklyn.
- ✓ Coached individual teachers and departments in areas of literacy, social studies, and technology integration.

## **Previous relevant experience**

Principal Intern and ESL Consultant, Boston Public Schools, Boston, MA  
District Intern, New York City Department of Education, New York, NY  
Site Director and Mentor, Boston Teacher Residency Program, Boston, MA  
Debate Across the Curriculum Coordinator and Coach, Boston Debate League, Boston, MA  
Choices Program Curriculum Consultant, Brown University, Providence, RI  
Education Consultant and Trainer, Tufts University, Medford, MA  
Social Studies Teacher, Boston Public Schools, Boston, MA  
Social Studies Teacher, Cambridge Public Schools, Cambridge, MA  
Spanish Teacher, Malden Public Schools, Malden, MA  
ESL Instructor, NOVA Group, Saitama, Japan  
Teaching Fellow, Citizen Schools, Boston, MA  
Writing Center Director, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA  
Youth Leader, Woodrock Youth Center, Philadelphia, PA

## **EDUCATION**

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EdD, Urban Education Leaders Program 2014  
Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY

MEd, Urban Education Leaders Program 2011  
Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY

MAT, Political Science/Political Philosophy 2015  
Tufts University, Medford, MA

BA, Special Major in Education/Political Science, High Honors 2000  
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Massachusetts English as a Second Language, 5-12 Teaching License  
Massachusetts Political Science/Political Philosophy, 8-12 Teaching License  
Conflict Resolution and Mediation Practicum, ICCCR, Columbia University