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EDUCATION

University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Ph.D. in Curriculum, Instruction, and the Science of Learning

Present

-Elementary Education

SUNY College at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

M.S.Ed. Childhood Education

2019

University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

M.M. Vocal Performance

Concentration in Choral Conducting

2017

SUNY College at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

B.A. Music Performance

2014

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Gordon Institute of Music Learning

PDLC Level 1 Elementary General Certificate

2021

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

New York State Teacher Initial Certification

Childhood Education (1-6)

Early Childhood Education (B-2)

Music (K-12)

2020-Present

FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Felix Infausto Scholarship

2021-2022

Dean's Scholarship for Academic and Inclusive Excellence

2021-2022

Kappa Delta Pi – First Year Teacher Grant

2020-2021

University at Buffalo Opera Scholarship

2016-2017

Baird Scholarship	2015-2016
Harold Rosenbaum Scholarship	2015-2016

PUBLICATIONS – PEER REVIEWED

- Smigielski, K. (2021). *Commentary on "The 90/90/90 schools: A case study."* *LAI 615: Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning*, 1(4). Retrieved from <https://cisljournal.net/issues/4/index.html>
- Smigielski, K. (2021). Critique of Salvador's (2015) research: "Music instruction for elementary students with moderate to severe cognitive impairments: A case study." *LAI 615: Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning*, 1(4). Retrieved from <https://cisljournal.net/issues/4/index.html>
- Smigielski, K., Bartlo, L., & DeMaio, I. (2021). In search of silver linings: Could the response to COVID-19 lead to positive changes in how children are educated post-pandemic? *LAI 615: Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning*, 1(2). Retrieved from <https://cisljournal.net/issues/2/index.html>

NATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCES – RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Coming Soon!

SERVICE

University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY – Graduate School of Education
Student Research Symposium Committee Member 2021-Present
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Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY
Oishei Children's Hospital of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
Kevin Guest House, Buffalo, NY
Volunteer Musician 2018-Present

- Provided music to patients and families being cared for at the hospitals, interacting with patients and families

West Buffalo Charter School, Buffalo, NY
Pen Pal Club 2018-2019

- Provided students outreach opportunities to interact with teacher candidates from Buffalo State College
- Interacted with diverse student population, assisted with student development of writing skills

Global Literacy Project, Buffalo, NY
Global Book Hour 2018

- Planned and taught lessons based on world cultures to community children from diverse backgrounds
- Assisted with the development of literacy skills, interacted with parents on a regular basis to provide literacy interaction opportunities at home, played ukulele and taught children songs from different cultures

TEACHING EXPERIENCE – HIGHER EDUCATION

University at Buffalo – Graduate School of Education; Department of Learning and Instruction

Instructor – LAI 350 Intro to Education

Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant – LAI 600 Elementary School Curriculum Integration and Assessment

Summer 2021/22

- Teaching assistant in graduate-level curriculum course taught by Dr. E. Etopio

SUNY College at Buffalo – Music Department

Teaching Assistant/Coach for MUS 171 Freshman Vocal Seminar

Fall 2014

- Teaching Assistant and Coach in undergraduate level vocal seminar taught by Dr. H. Bewlay
- Independently led vocal lessons and coaching sessions

TEACHING EXPERIENCE – K-12 EDUCATION

Heim Elementary School, Williamsville, NY

4th Grade Long Term Substitute

2021-Present

- Worked with grade level team to plan and implement lessons and assessments
- Co-taught math and reading with push-in Special Education teacher.

PS 37 Marva J. Daniel Futures Preparatory School, Buffalo, NY

Music Teacher – (K-8)

2020-2021

- General Music Teacher (grades K-8th), taught remote learning classes online and concurrent hybrid, directed a virtual musical across three Buffalo Public Schools, translated the music department and instrumental lessons into a remote learning format, differentiated instruction both in person and online to meet the needs of students with all ability levels.
- District Curriculum Writing, created and translated standard based scope and sequence, assessments, and district curriculum learning goals for K-8th general music

Nichols School, Buffalo, NY

Music Teacher and Choral Instructor Long Term Substitute – (5-8)

2020

- Middle School Music Teacher (grades 5-8), directed choirs, facilitated after school music club, prepared students for All-County Choir and NYSSMA vocal solos, taught piano, guitar, ukulele, theory, and composition, member of Senior Thesis Committee, and worked with parents for school events

- Taught distance learning classes online (3/20-6/20), created and produced virtual choir concerts

Orchard Park Central School District, Orchard Park, NY

Per Diem Substitute – (K-5) 2019-2020

- Instructed students in a variety of K-5 educational settings, implemented long-term lessons and goals

Smallwood Elementary, Amherst, NY

Music Teacher Long Term Substitute – (K-5) 2018

- Instructed students in a variety of K-5 educational settings, implemented long-term lessons and goals
- Co-teaching and co-planning with department head during long-term position, and assisted with musical

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Graduate Mentoring Program Mentor 2021-Present

- Goal setting and planning, developing strategies, making recommendations, and offering advice and guidance

PROFESSIONAL & GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Gordon Institute of Music Learning 2021-Present

New York State School Music Association 2020-Present

National Association for Music Education 2020-Present

Kappa Delta Pi – International Education Honor Society 2019-Present

Erie County Music Educator Association 2017-Present