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## **Objective**

To obtain a secondary or middle school social studies teaching position. To coach or advise an ultimate Frisbee team, theater club or student leadership organization.

## **Education**

**The College of New Jersey** (formerly Trenton State College), Ewing, NJ  
Bachelor of Arts in History and Secondary Education, May 2008  
Cumulative GPA: 3.538; History GPA: 3.38; Education GPA: 3.72

## **College Honors and Awards**

- Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society Member, Spring 2006 – Present
- Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honor Society Member, Spring 2007 – Present
- Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Member, Spring 2008 - Present
- Dean's List Scholar

## **Certifications**

- **CEAS, Social Studies**, State of New Jersey, Summer 2008
- Praxis Exam – Social Studies: Content Knowledge, Score: 196, ETS Recognition of Excellence, November 2007
- Substitute Teacher, State of New Jersey, Grades K-12

## **Teaching Experience**

**Student Teaching, Ruamrudee International School**, Bangkok, Thailand, January – March 2008

- Taught two tenth grade Asian Studies classes, focusing on Chinese and Thai history
- Taught two ninth grade Modern World History classes, focusing on World War II and the Cold War
- Worked with an extremely diverse student body comprised of students from all over Asia, most of whom speak English as a second language

**Truman High School**, Levittown, Pennsylvania, March – May 2008

- Assumed full teaching responsibilities for four tenth grade American History classes
- Constructed and implemented unit plans for intellectually and culturally diverse students
- Employed differentiated instruction to address different student learning styles and abilities, including student engaged discussion, lecture, cooperative learning, visuals, and modern technology
- Familiarized with the needs and challenges of students in low-income communities

**Junior Professional Experience, Grover Middle School**, West Windsor, NJ Fall 2006

- Instructed three seventh grade U.S. History courses, including one special education inclusion class
- Constructed and implemented unit and lesson plans for approximately thirty ethnically diverse students
- Assisted the cooperating teacher in any additional classroom activities

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**Sophomore Field Experience**, Dunn Middle School, Trenton, NJ and Hopewell Valley Central High School, Hopewell, NJ Spring 2006

- Observed four middle school social studies classes and 2 tenth grade U.S. history classes

### **Related Professional Experience**

**Substitute Teacher**, Kittatinny Regional High School and Marian E. McKeown Elementary School, Newton, NJ, Summers 2006-2007

- Supervised students, assigned work, and performed all the duties of the contracted teacher

**Instructor**, Super Science Programs for Kids, Hackettstown, NJ 07840, Summers 2005-2007

- Instructed elementary level science courses involving hands on, educational, and fun activities which allow enrolled students to learn about various science topics

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Member, The Smithsonian Institution
- Member, National Council for the Social Studies
- Member, American Historical Association
- Member, Organization of American Historians

### **Leadership Activities**

- Team Treasurer – TCNJ Ultimate Frisbee Team, 2006-2007
- Co-Director – Sussex County Ultimate Disc League, December 2006-January 2008. Organize teams for countywide Ultimate league, obtain insurance and playing fields, and create game schedules.
- Team Captain – Sussex County Ultimate Disc League, 2005-2007
- Member, TCNJ Sports Club Advisory Council, 2006-2007. Organize club sports at TCNJ and budgets funds amongst teams.

### **Skills**

- Competent in operating Windows and Mac computers
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Word, Power Point, Front Page, and Publisher.
- Skilled at operating digital and video cameras as well as some video editing experience
- Experience creating websites using Microsoft Front Page
- Proficient in basic Spanish
- Extensive involvement in coordinating, coaching, and organizing a summer league ultimate Frisbee team
- Extensive involvement in theater, musical theater and other vocal music endeavors
- Traveled throughout Italy, Costa Rica, Thailand, Cambodia and China

### **Community Involvement**

- Active Member – TCNJ Musical Theater (formerly Opera Theater). Active participation as an actor and singer in various performances as well as set construction
- Active Member – TCNJ Secondary Education Teachers' Association